

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



Hindustani Jesus, *probably 'Bollywood'.*

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COVID & FLU: Please take all normal precautions,
Weobley Mass will continue to be Zoomed.
Zoom ID:768 558 1521 and Password:1rZ7LU

FIFTH ORDINARY WEEK OF THE YEAR.

Sat. Feb.03 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00
Sun. 04 5th.ORD.SUNDAY Mass Weob. 10.30Z
Mon. 05 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z. *St. Agatha*
Tues. 04 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z –*S.Paul Miki & Co*
Wed. 05 Mass, K'ton.10.30 –*feria*
Thur. 06 NO Mass
Fri. 07 Mass, Weob. 3.00pm. – *feria*
Sat. 08 Mass of Sun. K'ton. 6.00pm.
Sun. 09 6th. SUNDAY IN ORDIN.TIME.
Mass, Weob 10.30

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND GAZA
Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change of the
Russian mind.

PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN
struggling for humane government and basic rights for
women, especially Afghanis seeking sanctuary in Britain.
For Peace in the Arabian Gulf.

ALLBOAT MIGRANTS that they may have love, justice
and shelter according to their real needs.

**For the recovery of those who are suffering from the
floods which have afflicted our country at this time.**

We pray for those of our parish or known to us who
are sick or in need of special prayers: John and
Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro,
Vivian Brooke, Pat Walls, Ashleigh Harley, **Louise
Wright, Sheila Mundy**, Catherine Williams, Claire
Burrows, Betty Price, Sarah Murkin, Diane Howells.
**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Pat Buckley

**We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time:** Christine Pickstock
(S.'96), Kenneth Lamm (F,2008), Bill Burns (Sa.2012)

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For King Charles III, that he may always set the
highest standards of leadership for our country. We
also pray for our government, especially our Prime
Minister, Rishi Sunak. May they govern with integrity
following the religious beliefs of our country. And we
pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the
world, esp. President Zelenski of Ukraine **and for
conversion of the Russian leadership.**
For the people and leadership of Gaza and Israel.

COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU...
ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT.
MASS OF ASHES: KINGTON 12.00, WEOBLEY 4.00

DON'T YET HAVE A RED BOX? PLEASE ASK ANDY
THINK FOOD BANK, THINK CLOTHES (ESPECIALLY
FOR PEOPLE LIVING ROUGH IN THE COLD) AND
TOILETRIES (ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN).

The next presentation in our deanery series,
"HORIZONS OF HOPE" will be at Belmont Abbey
on Saturday morning February 17th. 10.30
Fr. Brendan of Belmont Abbey and SFX will speak
on the gospel of the year, St. Mark, entitled
"Good News in dark times"

*Don't forget the parish charity shop on the High
St., Kington, Wed.Feb.14 –Tues.20.*

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

*will be held at SFX church, Broad St., Hereford.
On Friday February 16th. from 9.00am.to 9.00pm.
See the poster or take a copy.*

St. Thomas's church now has a **Card Reader**, that will
accept both debit and credit cards. We are aware that
cash is becoming a rarity! It can be used for regular
Sunday collections and also for special collections.
There will be someone on hand to help you use it.

**LENT DISCUSSIONS: Churches Together in
Weobley.** Wednesdays from Feb. 21st – March
20th. 2.30 in St. Thomas' parish room, led by Fr. Simon
*I apologise to parishioners and others who have been
trying to 'phone me during the past week. The system
went 'down' inexplicably but is not mostly up and
running, much thanks to Tricia and to Keith.*

SERMONETTE – 5th ORDINARY SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

FIRST READING from the Book of Job (*Ch.7, vv.1-7*)

The Book of Job, like several others in the bible, is not history but an allegory. There may have been a man named Job but this story is principally part of mankind's enquiry into the problem of evil and reward. Job is a good man but he is suddenly beset by lie-changing punishments which his 'friends' attribute to God because Job 'must have sinned'. Throughout the book of 50 chapters Job protests his innocence before God and before his friends. Today's passage shows Job at his lowest. The prevailing theology of the day was that suffering was punishment from God on the wicked. "The one who sins, the same shall die", declares God through Jeremiah. So Job is very bold to protest his innocence but, in the end, Job is vindicated by the recovery from God of all his goods and happiness.

SECOND READING from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (*Ch.9, vv.16-23*)

There are always mean and bitter people in every congregation, sadly. Obviously there were people in the Corinthian community who were accusing Paul of only preaching for money – a phenomenon quite well-known in our own day. Paul feels constrained to put the record straight: that he only preaches because it is a duty given him by Jesus Christ, so that if he did not preach he would be rightly punished for it. Indeed his reward is not money but the sheer joy of spreading the Good News. So precious is his preaching mission that he has made himself "all things to all men", whatever the cost. His reward is simply to share in God's blessing.

GOSPEL according to Mark (*Ch.1, vv.291-39*)

Today, Jesus with his youthful vigour and his mission from His Father, sets out to meet and convert his local 'world'. He might have been expecting someone more exciting but His Father send Him first of all Peter's mother-in-law who was sick with a fever. Then came the crowd: the blind, the sick and the lame, and those afflicted by diabolical possession. Understandably, he is quickly exhausted so he tries to go off to a lonely place for a few hours of quiet. But even the apostles won't let Him off the hook so that he is surrounded again wherever He is. These are all people sent by His Father so he takes a deep breath and sets out even further afield "because that is why I came".

MARRIAGE CARE have notified us that their next local sessions for those proposing to get married will

be: Abergavenny – Saturday 10th of February

Caerphilly - Saturday 20th of April 2024

Merthyr Tydfil - Saturday 15th of June 2024

You may not be experiencing critical differences in your marriage but listen for the many who are. Marriage care, though, started by Catholics, is non-denominational in its outreach and is reported to be very positive, so why not suggest them.