

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
ST.BEDE THE VEN. KINGTON, HR5 3DW**

5th. WEEK OF THE YEAR C



The miraculous draught of fishes. James Tissot 1886-96

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COVID & FLU: Please take all normal precautions,
Weobley Mass will continue to be Zoomed.

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FIFTH ORDINARY WEEK OF THE YEAR'C

Sat Feb. 08 **Mass of Sunday,**
Kington 6.00pm.

Sun. 09 **5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass, Weobley 10.30
Int. Catharine Williams

Mon 10 **Mass, Weob.10.00 – S.Scholastica**

Tue 11 **Mass, Weob.10.00–O.Lady of Lourdes**

Wed 12 **Mass 10.30, Kington – Feria**

Thur 13 **NO Mass**

Fri 14 **Mass, 3.00pm, in church at Weobley**

Sat. 15 **Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.**

Sun 16 **6th. ORDINARY SUNDAY**
Mass Weobley 10.30am.

**A FEW MORE NEW MISSALS STILL
AVAILABLE,**

SERMONETTE

PRAYER INTENTIONS

That the people of Gaza may have freedom and the means to decide their own future,

For the remaining Israeli hostages that they may be released immediately .

For the extinction of Hamas as a political organisation.

That our young people will be drawn away from the cult of knife-crime.

For Prince William and Princess Kate in their initiatives for the homeless and the deprived of our country.

PARISH INTENTIONS

For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers: John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Sheila Mundy, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Alethea Lavington, Sarah Williams, Gaytree Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Kath Morgan, Graham Simpson..

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:

Pat Walls, Catharine Williams.. John Richardson

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Stoller, (S.'61), Daisy Violet Caldicott (M.'68), Herbert Leslie Hayward (W.'91, Vergilia Peruzza (W.2006), Frances Morgan (W.2006), James Kerrigan (F.), Dorothy Edith Byrne (F.2913). Don Emery (Sa. 2002), Wanda Armstrong (Sa. 2012), Margaret Neill (Sa.2020).

For King Charles III and Princess Kate at this time of concern over their health. May our King always set the highest standards of leadership for our country.

We also pray for our new government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. 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.**

COMING UP (this week) Wed.12th – Tues.18th.

THE COMMUNITY SHOP IN KINGTON

All your saleable goods wanted. Empty the wardrobes, garden shed, garage, kitchen, etc. It is surprising what people want and what you can do without!

HUGE THANKS to our decoration and restoration team, principally Joanna, Kerry and Frank, for their work in getting St. Thomas' church so beautiful Also to the men of S.C. Joseph, decorators from Hereford for their excellent work.

From Thursday of this week the relics of Bl. Carlo Acutis , the Italian teenage boy from London (1991-2016) will be on tour around Britain. He was subject to several miraculous cures due to his intense faith. He will be canonised on Divine Mercy Sunday, after Easter. Further details to come.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER . March 7th. Details to follow.

FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Isaiah *(Ch.6, vv.1-8)*

Over the course of the liturgical year we find the theme of 'calling by God' almost more common than anything else. A big issue is made of the callings of Noah, Abram, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David and all the prophets. In the New Testament we can think of John the Baptist, Jesus Himself, the 12 apostles, Zacchaeus up his tree, Saul and so on. "Vocation" has become a "churchy" word seeming to apply to clerical vocations or to religious nuns and sisters. Among the prophets their accounts of their calling serves as their ordination to ministry: they have no other document. The more transcendental the calling, the more convincing and inspiring. Today, Isaiah tells us of how God even cleansed his lips to make him truly worthy, His reply is, as always spontaneous: "Here I am Lord. Send me." Ezekiel's calling is shrouded in even more gives us an even more mystical vision and language (Ez.1, 4-28 & 2 -7) but the prophet is left in no doubt of what Yahweh God wants him to do.

SECOND READING from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians *(Ch.15,vv.1-11)*

Like the prophets, Paul is appealing before the Corinthians to the source of his calling and his right to preach. The most important feature is that he preaches what he was taught by the other apostles and the believing community about Jesus the Christ after His resurrection, especially His appearances to the twelve and even to as many as five hundred brothers at the same time, then finally He appeared to Paul himself as the most unworthy of the apostles. Unworthiness is also feature of the mindset of so many who are called. After all, looking back at Isaiah's calling, who could seriously be worthy?

GOSPEL according to Luke *(Ch.5, vv.1- 11)*

Like the others, Jesus has accepted his calling but He needs help. His mission is vast and clearly His Father does not expect Him to do it all alone. So we come first to his choice of helpers or 'apostles', the "sent", as they will be called. He does not call other rabbis or educated men, He starts with ordinary blokes, fishermen, used to hard work, team work and disappointment. Luke's version of the calling also bring in the story the miraculous draught of fishes, found elsewhere in the other gospels. The story evokes the crucial line from Jesus to Simon: "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men."
