

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

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you. *John, 13, 34.*

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

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Sat.May17 Mass of the 5th Sun. K'ton. 6.00 (int COLLECT'N FOR PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

Sun 18 5th..SUNDAY of EASTER,

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z int.Pope Leo XIV with Baptism of Jazminez

Mon 19 NO Mass, feria M.P.9.40Z

Tue. 20 Mass, Weob.10.00Z- feria M.P.9.40Z

Wed 21 Mass,Kington 10.30. feria M.P.9.30Z

Thur. 22 NO Mass. M.P.9.40Z "Faith Alive"7pm

Fri 23 Mass, Weob. 4.00 feria M.P.9.40Z

Sat. 24 Mass of Sunday, 6.00pm. Kington

Sun. 25 6th. SUNDAY of EASTER

Mass, Weobley 10.30.

THE FUNERAL OF JUSTIN NEALE was held at St. Bede's, Kington last Mon. The church was packed. We continue to extend our sympathy to Liliya & Alisa

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For peace between India and Pakistan over Kashmir

The people of Myanmar and neighbouring countries after the terrible earthquake.

The peoples of the Ukraine and Gaza. That these peoples may have freedom and the right to decide their own future,

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

That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas begin working together for the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians.

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, Gaytree Wrigley, Kath Morgan, Tess Gazzaroli, Leslie Floyd & Sara..

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Pope Francis, Justin Neill. Bp. Mark Jabale.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giovanni Libetta (S.'74), Kathleen Walsh (M.). Gabrielle Brown (T.'97), Elizabeth Mary Snead-Cox (T.2010), Molly Bowden (W.2008), Donald Reid Sa.'68), The Truelove Family, Joan Close (Sa. 2009).

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. **We also pray for our 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 and USA leadership.

This Monday, May 19th. THE PENTECOST RETREAT, organised by Weobley Churches Together and OPEN TO ALL. will be led by former Abbot Paul Stonham of Belmont Abbey. At Llangasty retreat house, Talgarth, from 10.00-4.30. Further details, transport, etc. See Patricia Stuart. 07966.499 751.

Please give generously to the Priests' Training fund. It costs in excess of £16,000 p.a. to train one priest for five to six years.

SERMONETTE – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch.14, vv.21b-27)

In Paul's second missionary journey, he and Barnabas left Antioch in Syria (the new centre of the community after Herod's persecution in Jerusalem) and headed by sea to Attalia, a port on the coast of Asia-Minor, then inland to Perga in Pamphylia, then to Lystra, Iconium, Antioch in Pisidia where they were last week, and finally to Derbe. Today they are heading back, battered, bruised and joyful, to the coast passing through all these towns confirming the faith and appointing Elders to maintain the faith. Now they are heading for Antioch in Syria to report back to base and where they are warmly commended by the brethren.

SECOND READING from the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) (Ch.21, vv.1-5a)

Today John comes to the high-point of his Revelation: his vision of a new heaven and a new earth. With Christ's resurrection the old order has passed away. Even the old Jerusalem has passed away (this revelation was probably written after the Roman destruction of the temple in 70 a.D). The old Jerusalem, the city of David, had been the "Holy City" but now no more; the mystical city which John sees in his revelation is now the City of the Lamb of God, the "New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband"(God). Here God will wipe away all our tears for He will make all things new!

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John (Ch.13, vv.31-33 & 34-35)

Although John relates several post-Resurrection episodes with Jesus, the Saviour's real parting message occurs in His long discourse at the Last Supper. It is appropriate that Judas has just departed for he clearly had a gross misconception of his master. Now Jesus can tell the others about "His glory" which they are about to witness, that is His ultimate sacrifice for us given Him by His Father. It is hardly glory in our eyes but a hideous punishment which our people imposed upon Him. For what can be more glorious than to do God's will, though in this case it turns out to be human will. However, determined that things should not stay in that state, Jesus exhorts His faithful disciples to practise the ultimate personal sacrifice: to love one another as He has loved them. Indeed, this will be the sign for all peoples forever, that the disciples loved one another.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

NEXT HORIZONS OF HOPE. Next Saturday. Fr. Nicholas King, S.J. on "THE JESUS OF HISTORY" according to Luke. At Belmont Abbey, Saturday May 24th. at Belmont Abbey, 10.00am – 12.00.

DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW STARTED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. Many of you now have ipads. These afford us a great new opportunity in a rural parish to carry out the wishes of Vatican II, that the faithful should join together for daily prayer of the Church. For those wishing to join, please download a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS'. There you will find the complete prayer of every day and the Mass texts for that day. So far, it has gone reasonably well, though 2 different versions of 'Universalis' seem to be in operation. **Check the Newsletter for days, times and changes.**

N.B. FROM FRIDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION UNTIL SATURDAY BEFORE PENTECOST, MORNING PRAYER WILL BE REPLACED BY OUR PENTECOST NOVENA WITH SPECIAL PRAYERS (AS LAST YEAR) TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. PLEASE JOIN US. .

OTHER DATES:

1. Kington Churches Together Tues. May 20th. 4.00pm. at St. Bede's.
2. Deanery Advisory Council. Tues. May 20th. 7.00. at St. Thomas', Weobley
3. Deanery Priests meeting, Mon May 26th. SFX.
4. FEAST OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION. Thurs. May 29th. Masses: Kington 12.00, Weobley 4.00.
5. Grandparents' Day – Archdiocese. Day for Families, Sat. May 31st. Big Mass at Belmont.
6. Funeral of Bp. Mark Jabale at Belmont. Thurs. June 5th. Time ?
7. Celebration 1700 anniversary of the Council of Nicea, Thurs. June 12th. 5.30 Mass in Hereford Cathedral.
With Archbp. Mark of Cardiff.
8. **STRAWBERRY TEA. Sunday June 22nd. 2.30-5.00. Please start collecting bottles for the bottle-stall and raffle prizes. This is a fund-raising event for the parish. Tickets will be on sale at our churches during June.**
9. Parish Pastoral Advisory Council new date: Mon. June 23rd. 7.00pm.