

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT, 2024



"We want to see Jesus." John 12, 1.

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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 WEEK OF LENT

Sat.Mar.16 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00
Sun. 17 5th. SUN. of LENT Mass Weob. 10.30Z
Mon. 18 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z. feria
Tues. 19 ST.JOSEPH, NO Mass,
Wed. 20 Mass, Kington. 10.30 - feria
Thur. 21 ST.BENEDICT, Mass 4.00Z.
Fri. 22 NO Mass, Weob.
Sat. 23 Mass of Sun. K'ton. 6.00pm.
Austen Ivereigh talk, Belmont 10.30
Sun. 24 PALM SUNDAY, Passion Reading
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. For a just result in the Russian elections.
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.
FOR ALL BOAT MIGRANTS that they may have love,
justice and shelter according to their real needs.

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, Sarah Murkin, Diane Howells, Tom O'Brien.
For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead: Pat Buckley, Stephen Booth.

We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Kerrigan
(S.'94), Marjorie Doherty (Th.'64), Lena Jenner
(Sa.'50), Anthony Kerr (Sa.2014).

For King Charles III, at this time of concern over
his health, and 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.

The people and leaders of Gaza, Israel & Yemen.
For the mother of Alexei Navalny and his widow,
Yulia, that Alexei may rest in peace, and may peace
and justice arise through his sacrifice.

NEVER SEEN A RED BOX? ASK ANDY

THIS SUNDAY – ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

For all the parish. Please try to come along.
Bring and share lunch, with raffle and Quiz.
Bring change to buy raffle tickets.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent appeal:
So far £145.00 + £75 + ? so far...

We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD
LENT DISCUSSIONS: Churches Together in
Weobley. Wednesdays March 20th. 2.30 in St.
Thomas' parish room, led by Fr. Simon. Theme:
"Be holy for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev.19),
KINGTON. Nick and Margaret's group
Mondays 10-00am to 11-30am
"The Triumph of Failure"- Why did Jesus have to die
Austen Ivereigh, Sat. Mar.23 10.30-12.30 - Belmont

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES.

PALM SUNDAY : Blessing of palms and brief
procession (weather permitting). Solemn Mass with
Passion reading from St. Mark. K'ton (Sat) & Weobley
MONDAY 25TH. PENITENTIAL SERVICE 4.00 at St.
Thomas', Weobley
WEDNESDAY 27TH. PENITENTIAL SERVICE 6.00 at
St. Bede's, Kington.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. Solemn Mass 7.00 at
Weobley, with washing of feet.

GOOD FRIDAY, SOLEMN LITURGY WITH PASSION
AND UNVEILING OF THE CROSS, 3.00, KINGTON
HOLY SATURDAY. SOLEMN VIGIL OF THE LORD'S
RESURRECTION, Weobley 9.00pm.

EASTER SUNDAY, SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S
RESURRECTION: Kington 9.00am., Weobley 11.00

SERMONETTE – 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING from the Prophet Jeremiah (*Ch.31. vv.31-34*) Two weeks ago we had the reading from Leviticus of the Ten Commandments, God's first covenant with His people. Last week the Book of Chronicles related how hopeless the people had been in keeping them, for which God allowed their more powerful enemies to show them a lesson. Today, moving on further, the Lord sends his prophet Jeremiah to restore the covenant, even calling it a "new covenant". This is to be a covenant written in their hearts, not just inscribed in stone. So deep will Yahweh God plant this covenant that it will become natural to them, from the greatest to the least. Now God will forgive our iniquity and never recall our sins to mind. It seems to be other humans who like to recall the sins of their fellow men and women as they did with Jesus and the martyrs.

SECOND READING from the letter to the Hebrews. (*Ch.5, v.7-9*) Hebrews is a very early and inspired attempt to unravel the meaning of Jesus Christ. Although it has always been accepted as part of the official 'canon' of scripture, its author is unknown. His familiarity with the temple and its cults seems to indicate that he was probably a Jewish priest who had converted to Christ, and who had fallen in love with the mystery. In this he may have been influenced by St. John. The real mystery for him as for us is the notion that if Jesus was the Son of God, why so much suffering. Some traditional theologies made out that the Father consciously willed that His Son should suffer to atone for all our sins. Perhaps, but one feels that He could have done better! I humbly submit that Jesus was just another, if the most important, of an endless line of unpopular victims which mankind has found 'inconvenient', Navalny being the latest. This is clearly recorded in the O.T. Book of Wisdom, Chapter 3, vv.1-12.

GOSPEL from John (*Ch.2, vv.13-25*)

This excerpt from John's Gospel records a 'seismic' moment in the mission of Jesus. Up to now, He has been preaching to Galileans, the odd Samaritan and the occasional sympathetic gentile (the centurion whose servant was sick). Now, a group of gentiles, possibly proselytes, who have taken to worshipping at the temple in Jerusalem (though it would have been in the outer court) have come to hear of Jesus and naturally want to see him. For Jesus this is the indication from His Father that the time has come for His Son's message to pass out into the world. There is one problem: those people who should be his main propagators, the Jewish establishment, are hell-bent on shutting Him up at the cost of His life.

FURTHER NOTICES: