

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



Jesus heals the leper. *Mark 1, 40-45.* Greek icon

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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

SIXTH ORDINARY WEEK OF THE YEAR.

Sat. Feb.10 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00
Sun. 11 6th.ORD.SUNDAY Mass Weob. 10.30Z
Mon. 12 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z. Feria
Tues. 13 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z – Feria. Shrove T
Shrift (Confessions) 3.00 Weob. Pancakes???
Wed. 14 ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins
Masses: Kington.12.00, Weobley 4.00
Blessing & imposition of ashes.
Thur. 15 NO Mass
Fri. 16 Mass, Weob. 3.00pm. - feria
Sat. 17 Mass of Sun. K'ton. 6.00pm.
Sun. 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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.

FOR ALL BOAT 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.

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**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:** Michael Stoller  
(Sa.'61), Daisy Violet Caldicott (S.'68), Herbert Leslie  
Hayward (M.'91), Vergilia Peruzza (S.2006), Francis  
Morgan(S.2006), James Kerrigan (W.), Dorothy Edith  
Byrne (W.2013), Don Emery (Th. 2002), Wanda  
Armstrong (Th.2012), Margaret Neill (Th.2020),  
Robert Brace-Hall (Sa.'54).

**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.**

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**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).**

**Coming next Saturday, Feb.17<sup>th</sup>.** the next  
presentation in our deanery series, "HORIZONS  
OF HOPE" at Belmont Abbey, Hedley Lodge  
dining room, 10.30am. 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 our parish charity shop on the High***  
***St., Kington, THIS Wed.Feb.14 – Tues.20. C V***

***A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE***

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

**LENT DISCUSSIONS: Churches Together in**  
**Weobley.** Wednesdays from Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – March  
20<sup>th</sup>.2.30 in St. Thomas' parish room, led by Fr. Simon  
"Be holy for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev.19, v.2)  
**Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>.2.30. Very special visit and talk**  
**to our parish by Pope's biographer and member of**  
**the Synod, Austen Ivereigh. Don't miss!!!**

## SERMONETTE – 6th ORDINARY SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**FIRST READING from the Book of Leviticus** (*Ch.13, vv.1-2 & 44-47*) Leviticus is the third Book of the Old Law. It is mainly concerned with the legal implications of the law for practical everyday purposes. Hence, today's reading deals with the problem of leprosy, a very common affliction in ancient times. In some ways it reads like a tract from the NHS for preventative medicine. The details are clear but the law, coming from God, does not allow for dissenters as we have over similar afflictions today like measles. We read that the man (and presumably woman) must be taken to the priests as God's appointed representatives for a prescription which would normally be verbal. After the healing the patient must apply for a declaration of healing to be accompanied by outward signs so that all would know that the person was no longer a danger. All very modern really.

**SECOND READING from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians** (*Ch.10, v.31- ch.11, v.1*)

I Corinthians is by all accounts a remarkable document, showing as it does Paul's own total conversion from the Old Law of his rabbinical education to the perception of what it means for ordinary folk, whether Jews of Gentiles, to become members of the Body of Christ, without any law apart from Christ's law of love and the ordinary civil codes of Roman law. It means that if we are intent upon salvation, then we must live for everyone else. He presents himself as an example simply because the teaching is new and there really isn't anybody else.

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

Mark really does move fast; we are still in chapter 1, yet Jesus is already healing and teaching and fending off objectors. Recently, He cured a man who was so ill that he had to be led down through the house roof: an 'Air-Ambulance' job, you might say. Today it is the scourge of contagion in the form of leprosy. Jesus is obviously moved by the boldness and faith of the man's request: "If you to, you can cure me." This is itself enough to prompt Jesus without reference to the Law or the priests. "Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him." Remember Princess Diana's selfless bravery. "Of course I want to", he replies boldly. He then sends the man to the priests as the law required, not to be cured but to show that he had been cured. He then tells the man not to broadcast it, but who could resist! He went on 'Facebook'. This simply made Jesus' mission more difficult.

### FURTHER NOTICES:

**MEETING OF THE PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL THIS MONDAY EVENING 7.00 THIS MONDAY, FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup>.**

Any points you wish discussed please present them to Fr. Simon or a PAC member by Monday midday.

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

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 to other needy couples.