

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER



"Love one another, as I have loved you."

Last Supper ikon.

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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

6th. WEEK OF EASTER

Sat.May 04 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Mass for healing of Roger Nichols

Sun. 05 6th. SUN OF EASTER

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –

Mon. 06 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z.- feria

Tues. 07 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z – feria

Wed. 08 NO Mass,

Thur. 09 LORD'S ASCENSION (Hol. oblig.)

Masses: Kington 12.00, Weobley 4.00

Fri. 10 Mass, Weobley 4.00pm

Sat. 11 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 12 7th, SUN. OF EASTER

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND
GAZA**

May peace reign in Jesus' own country

**Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change
of the Russian mind, especially the church.**

**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 people of Haiti and all relief efforts.

**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, Sheila Mundy, Catherine
Williams, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Tom
O'Brien, Roger & Sarah Nichols, Bill Davies.**

**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:**

**We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time: TeresaVictoria Lane
(S.'95), Rupert Gudge (S.'98), Philip Boylan (M.),
Thomas Burton (M.), Celestino Nazzari (W.2013),
Mary Snead-Cox (Th.'59), James Goodwin (F.), Mary
Barnett (F.'82), Dorothy Devine (Sa.2007). .**

**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 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,
and for the success of current peace-talks. .**

**NEXT "HORIZONS OF HOPE: "Is the Stranger still
welcome". Megan Knowles of The Jesuit Rescue
Service. At Belmont Abbey, Thurs. May 16. 7.00.**

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION OF OUR LADY

**Wed. May 15th, 2024. 9.00pm. in the grounds of Belmont
Abbey. Light refreshments for purchase at Hedley Lodge
from 6.00**

**PARISH RETREAT DAY, at LLANGASTY,
Monday June 17th. led by Fr. Alex Kenyon OSB.
Morning refreshments, 2 talks, Lunch, Quiet time
in beautiful house and scenery, Tea. All for £38.00**

**THIS SUNDAY: EMERGENCY CAFOD APPEAL TO
ALLEVIATE TOTAL FAMINE IN THE SUDAN.
PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS USUAL.**

**Churches Together in Herefordshire
Next A.G.M. Wed. May 8th. 7.00pm. at Challenge
Community Church, near ASDA, Hereford.**

SERMONETTE – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS READINGS

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (*Ch.10,25-48*)

All our first readings after Easter have spoken of events which actually took place after the Pentecost but what does that matter to a timeless church? Today, indeed, we have a most remarkable event initiated, as always, by the Holy Spirit, when Peter is instructed to visit a gentile army officer and his family who have called him to their home in Caesarea because they want to hear the word of God. Peter is a devout Jew, even if out of sync with the authorities because of Jesus, so he protests to God that he has never associated with these people. The Spirit's answer is, "On your bike". The result is extraordinary: in the midst of {Peter's address to Cornelius and his household the Spirit descends upon them, regardless of religion. Everyone there, Gentile or Jew, begins to manifest the signs of the Spirit: speaking in tongues and proclaiming God's greatness. "Could anyone now refuse them baptism", since they have clearly received the Holy Spirit already. This was the first great event in the opening up of the church to gentiles, and we are their successors.

SECOND READING from the first letter of John (*Ch.4. vv.7-10*)

Last week, John spoke to us about the role of conscience in our relations with God and our neighbour. Today, he moves on to reiterate the words of Jesus at His last supper, where John was "leaning on the master's breast the closer to hear Him. What John heard and now repeats are the words of his master not only about loving God but equally about loving each other. There is only one love, and the love we show to God is the same love that we show to our brothers and sisters. There is no distinction. John makes clear that when he speaks about love he is first and foremost speaking of God's love for us which prompted Him to send His son to us in that love to take away all the sins which come between us and our love for Him.

GOSPEL according to John (*Ch.15, vv.9-17*)

This is part of Jesus' last supper discourse. Jesus is equating the love His Father has for Him with the love He has for us – no distinction. We need to show how real our love is by keeping what God asked of us – his commandments. And there actually is only one: that we love one another. He does not even speak of loving God, only each other: that is quite difficult enough! Really, God wants to call us His friends but, as with human friends, there must be a minimum requirement: the love must be mutual. God has called us specially from His world to go out and to bear fruit. In this relationship which He has with us he will ask us to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last. So much does He love us that we can ask for anything and we will get it. But in order to remain in that close loving relationship with the Father, we have to love one another.

THE PARISH RETREAT

I encourage as many as possible to come on this retreat day. It is basically a day of prayer and spiritual reflection. It is about ourselves individually and as a parish, and above all it is about getting closer to God. Fr. Alex Kenyon of Belmont, who will lead the retreat, has written that he would like to speak on the Mass, on who Jesus was and our relationship with Him.

The day is NOT about church structures, problems, hierarchy issues, etc. It will be about us and our love of God.

Please try to come along. We need at least 12 but 25 would be much preferable.

The cost, £38, is £33.00e for the retreat house: the place and its accommodation and facilities, morning coffee, a good lunch and afternoon tea, and £5e to Fr. Alex.

Please sign up on the appropriate sheet at the back of the church.