

THE PARISH

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PRAYERS

**Let us remember those in our
parish and friends who are in need
of special prayers.**

John & Vicky Tanner, Graham
Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian
Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah
Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies
Kath Morgan, Frank McNally,
Beverley Sensom, Louise Wright.

**For parishioners, relatives and
friends lately dead.**

Lily Kerr, Stephen Gilling.

**For those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time:**

James Goodwin (S), Mary Barnett (S.
'82), Dorothy Devine (M.2007),
Sydney Hughes (Th.'64), Eileen
Williams (Th.2003), John Elles
(F.'72), Catherine Gartside (F.2001),
Maria Burns (F.2002), Gwen
Jones (Sa)

**For peoples and leaders threatened
by the greater powers of the world,
especially Iran, Lebanon, Greenland,
Venezuela, Ukraine, Uyghur people in
China.**

For our King, Charles & Queen
Camilla **and the Royal Family.** Our
Prime minister and his government.
May they govern with integrity,
heeding the religious beliefs and
social needs of our land.

**For all the peoples caught up in
the Middle East war, especially
The Lebanon & Iran.**

St. Thomas of Hereford, Weobley & St. Bede the Venerable, Kington

PARISH BULLETIN

EASTER WEEK 6 Year A, Sun. May 10th- Sat. May 16th

First Reading

Act. ch.8, vv 5-17.

This reading tells us
much about the
missionary activity
of the primitive
church. Philip - the
apostle or the new
deacon (see last
week) - goes to
preach in Samaria, a
northerly and once
independent king-
dom before the
Romans. It had
been the centre of
deviant cults, hence
the apostles'
surprise to find
Jesus talking to a
Samaritan woman.
It was also fiercely
independent of
Jerusalem. Yet now
they cannot get
enough of Philip's
preaching and
healing. Philip
baptises them but
Peter and John have
to come from
Jerusalem to
confirm them in the
Spirit.

*If you love me, keep my
commandments.*

Second reading:



Peter, ch.3, vv.15-18

Last week, Peter told us that we
were a "chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, a
people set apart to sing the
praises of God". This week he
goes on to tell us what this
means for us in practice. We
must honour Christ as holy, be
ready with a gentle and
respectful defence when anyone
challenges or slanders us,
Be prepared to suffer as Christ
suffered for our sins. Be
prepared to be put to death in the
flesh so as to be alive in the
spirit.

Gospel

John. Ch.14 vv.15-21

Returning this week
to Jesus' Last
Supper discourse,
Jesus begins to
introduce the Spirit.
If we love Him and
keep his command-
ments (principally
love), then we will
receive another
'Helper' to be with
us forever. This
will be the spirit of
truth whom we will
share because we
love Jesus. 'The
world' will not
receive Him except,
as we learn,
through us. Like
the apostles, we are
going to feel
abandoned because
we will not see
Jesus physically but
He will not leave us
to orphans because
in the spirit He will
call us out of
darkness to be with
Him and His Father
In their love.

SERVICES EASTER WEEK 6, YEAR A

Sat. May 09	Mass of 6 th . Sunday of Easter Kington, 6.00pm	INTENTION <i>The Parish</i>
Sun. May 10	6 th . SUNDAY OF EASTER, Mass, Weobley, 11.00am	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon. May 11	NO Mass. <i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i>	
Tue. May 12	Mass at Weobley, 10.00am <i>Feria</i> <i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i>	<i>People of Kington</i>
Wed. May 13	Mass at Kington, 10.30am - <i>Feria</i> <i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i>	
Thur. May 14	THE LORD'S ASCENSION - Holy Day of obligation Masses: KINGTON 12.00, WEOBLEY 4.00 <i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i>	
Fri. May 15	Mass at Weobley, 4.00pm <i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i> PENTECOST NOVENA 6.00pm	
Sat. May 16	PENTECOST NOVENA 10.00am Mass of 7 th . Sunday of Easter Kington, 6.00pm	
Sun. May 17	7 th . SUNDAY OF EASTER PENTECOST NOVENA 6.00pm & all week	

Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please contact Fr. Simon. Please detail for whom or what the intention is offered. It is helpful to have the name and contact details of the offerer. Envelopes available.

APOLOGY/WARNING. *I apologise for the inadequate state of the bulletin last week and much of the week before. It was, in fact, due to a virus, 'Total AV' purporting to be a security programme but in fact it was the opposite, a wrecker. Beware of it. Geoff Murkin can get rid of it.*

JOIN OUR PENTECOST NOVENA. BE IN TUNE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. SEE TIMES IN THE WEEKLY CALENDAR ABOVE. ON 'ZOOM' BUT PRINTED COPIES CAN ALSO BE SUPPLIED. PLEASE ASK.

NOTICES

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May, we will have the privilege of Abbot Brendan of Belmont as principal celebrant at our Masses.

MONTHLY DEANERY NEWSLETTER: Catch up with Catholic and Ecumenical life throughout the county. See our website "Deanery Matters".

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART. This programme is in response to Archbishop Mark's invitation that we become a synodal and missionary diocese and church, which shares our gift of faith through words and witness within the Catholic Deanery of Herefordshire. In our parish all meetings are held in the parish room in Weobley.

Our next meetings are: Monday May 11th at 2.45pm **Formation: Forming and equipping missionary disciples.**

Wednesday May 20th at 2.30pm **Loving Service: The social dimension of evangelisation.**

+ FIRST AID TRAINING. Belmont has a quote to deliver a one day basic first aid training course. This invitation is extended to the whole Deanery to see if other parishes would like to attend and share the costs. If you are interested, please email Louise Wright at louise@thewoodde.com

PARISH BIBLE READING GROUP. Next session: Wed. June 3rd.

KINGTON CHILDRENS' LITURGY Saturdays, during Mass in the new parish room, for all children who have not yet had 1st. Communion.

Deepen your prayer life: Deepen your affiliation to the monks at Belmont Abbey. Meet others who share our Christian spirit. Come to know and follow the Rule of St. Benedict. **JOIN THE BELMONT ABBEY OBLATES** (See poster).

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AT WEOBLEY. In the coming weeks we will be exhibiting in the parish room a fine series of painting by our late parishioner, Sheila Mundy, on the theme of the Our Father. These will be for sale as a set or as individual pictures.