

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



The election of Matthias to replace Judas: Acts 1, 26.

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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 11 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Mass for healing of Roger Nichols

Sun. 12 7th. SUN OF EASTER

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –

Mon. 13 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z.- feria

Tues. 14 Mass. Weob. 10.00Z – feria

Wed. 15 Mass. K'ton 10.30

Procession of Our Lady, Belmont 7.00pm

Thur. 16 NO Mass

**Deanery Talk,"Is the Stranger still welcome",
Belmont 7.00pm.**

Fri. 17 Mass, Weobley 4.00pm

Sat. 18 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 19 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND GAZA
May lasting 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
For Peace in the Arabian Gulf.
FOR ALL BOAT MIGRANTS that they may have
love, justice and shelter according to their 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:** Mary Lowry.

**We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time:** Sydney Hughes
(T.'64), Eileen Williams (T.2003), John Elles (W.'72),
Catherine Gartside (W.2001), Maria Boros (W.2002),
Gwen Jones (Th.), Cecilia Gore (F.'67), Giovanni
Libetta (Sa.'74).

**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. .

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION OF OUR LADY
This Wed. May 15th, 2024. 9.00pm. in the grounds of
Belmont Abbey. Light refreshments for purchase at
Hedley Lodge from 6.00

THIS THURSDAY, May 16th. "HORIZONS OF HOPE"
"Is the Stranger still welcome". Megan Knowles of
The Jesuit Rescue Service. Belmont Abbey, 7pm.

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

DATES TO HUNGER FOR (details to follow):
Strawberry Tea-Sunday June 23rd. p.t.o.
Parish Barbecue - Sunday Sept.1st.
Bring and share Lunch – Sun. Dec.1st

PENTECOST SUNDAY- Collection for Catholic
Communications network

SERMONETTE – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS READINGS

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (*Ch.1, vv. 15-17 + 20-26*)

For this week's reading we go back a little in time to before the Pentecost when the Apostles, led by Peter, after reflection upon the psalms, come to realise that their number is now incomplete in its witness and that a new member must be chosen to take the place of Judas. There is no precedent for this move but, as ever, the Holy Spirit is their guide. They decide in the name of the Holy spirit that a new member must be chosen and that it must be one of the disciples who has been with them from the beginning and who witnessed everything that Jesus had done since His baptism by John. The election process is simple: no references, no white smoke. Two candidates come to their minds so they turn to the Lord in prayer. Then they simply do as any traders would, they cast lots with full confidence in the Lord's guidance, and Matthias draws the long straw.

SECOND READING from the first letter of John (*Ch.4. vv.11-16*)

John's letters follow on in message and in tone from the gospel he wrote about his beloved Jesus on whose breast he leaned at the Last supper. He must have absorbed those final words of Jesus as we might a deeply moving film or novel, except that this 'novel' was purely about the one he had grown to love with greatest intimacy during their life together and now through the pure love with which God was feeding him after his Lord's resurrection. Today John points out that "no-one has ever seen God" but as long as we love one another we experience His complete love within us, so that each of us is essential to the other's knowledge of God. This because we are living in Him and He in us. In short, "God is love" so that if we live in love with someone, we live in God and He in us.

GOSPEL according to John (*Ch.17, vv.11-19*)

This is the end of Jesus' Last Supper discourse and it consists purely in an intimate prayer of Jesus to His Father in the presence of His apostles. He is clearly concerned with their future which is not the future of each one but the future unity of them all, and indeed the whole church to come. There is a tone of worry in His prayer: not the worry of doubt but the worry of concern for each and all of them. He feels that He has done all He can but "the world", the powers of darkness, are still around and the apostles could fall prey, as one has already done. 'I have not taught them to escape the world because that was not your wish. They have a mission, "My mission" and for that I ask that they be consecrated (devoted, made holy) in the truth as I have been consecrated'.

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

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

STRAWBERRY TEA: June 23rd. £5.00 per adult. Children (under 18) free, on sale wk/end June 1+2

Strawberries have been ordered from Moor Court Farm. The Tea will be on the parish 'Jubilee' Field, from 2.30 until 5.00pm.

The success of the day will depend upon the participation and help of as many parishioners as possible.

Help will be needed on Friday June 21st to set up the marquees. If you are willing and able please 'phone **Frank McNally** on 07909 660 160.

A rota of tea and cake servers for 30 min. shifts. Donations of cakes needed on the day.

Raffle prizes needed and can be left at either church. A couple of ticket sellers on the day.

The all-popular Bottle Stall will be run by Pat and Karen. They will need bottles.

Any help, please ring **Joan McNally** on 07528.676 760. Email: mcnallyjoan49@gmail.com

