

## THE PARISH

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**Lectors:** Peter Hereford, Tessa Plummer,  
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Palfreman.

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**Parish Councillors:** Fr. Simon (*Pres.*) Tricia  
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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 Fensom, Louise Wright.

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

Lily Kerr, Stephen Gilling.

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

Celia Gore (S.'67), Giovanni Libetta  
(M.'74), Kathleen Walsh (T.),  
Gabrielle Brown (W.'97), Elizabeth  
Mary Snead-Cox (W.2010), Molly  
Bowden (Th.2008),

**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  
wars, especially The Ukraine,  
The Lebanon & Iran, and civil  
wars in Sudan/Dafur and DRC.**

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

### PARISH BULLETIN

**EASTER WEEK 7, Year A, Sun. May 17<sup>th</sup> - Sat. May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### First Reading

*Act. ch.1, vv.12-15.*  
This week we move  
back in our narrative  
to the time immedi-  
ately following  
Jesus' ascension.  
Their instinct was to  
go back to the upper  
room which they  
had shared with  
Jesus. There they  
met together for  
prayer but also "for  
fear of the Jews".  
The first count-up of  
followers was 120  
but, as we know, it  
very soon expanded  
rapidly under the  
influence of the

Spirit. St. Luke, the  
author, names the  
key figures among  
the following: all the  
original apostles in  
fact, except Judas  
Iscaiot. Luke also  
notes that Jesus' mother was there  
with other women  
"and (Jesus')  
brothers and sisters,  
Jesus' greater family

**Father, glorify Your Son that the  
Son may glorify you.**

*From 'The Prodigal son' by  
Rembrandt*

#### Second reading:

*Peter, ch. 3, vv.15-18*



Peter continues to spell out the  
perils associated with following  
Jesus Christ. He has lauded us  
with titles of a Messianic people:  
"a royal priesthood, a holy  
nation, a people set apart to sing  
the praises of God". Now "the  
Spirit of glory and of God rests  
upon you". But there may be a  
terrible price to pay in following  
Jesus to the end. But in doing  
that we will, like Jesus, be  
glorifying God.

#### Gospel

*John. ch 14 vv.15-21*  
Still in the presence  
of His apostles at  
the Last Supper,  
Jesus concludes  
with more intimate  
prayer with His  
Father. His prayer  
is about 'glory'.  
Not the worldly  
glory which he has  
eschewed at the  
beginning of His  
mission but the  
glory which is the  
very nature of the  
Father and which  
Jesus will share on  
completing the task  
he has been sent to  
do. This glory gives  
the Son authority  
over all flesh; it is  
also the glory  
which He shared  
with His Father  
before being sent to  
earth for our  
redemption. He is  
shortly to leave the  
earth but not before  
imparting all truth  
and power to his  
disciples.

## SERVICES & DATES FOR EASTER WEEK 7, YEAR A

**This weekend we welcome Abbot Brendan Thomas of Belmont Abbey as our Principal Celebrant at our Masses.**

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|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Sat. May 16  | <b>Pentecost Novena 10.00am.</b><br><b>MASS OF 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>Kington, 6.00pm. <i>Abbot Brendan</i> | <b>INTENTION</b><br><i>Stephen Gilling</i> |
| Sun. May 17  | <b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, Abbot Brendan</b><br>Mass, Weobley, 11.00am <b>NOVENA 6.00pm</b>                        | <i>The Parish</i>                          |
| Mon. May 18  | <b>NO Mass.</b><br><i>Morning prayer 9.40am NOVENA 6.00pm</i>                                                               |                                            |
| Tue. May 19  | <b>Mass at Weobley, 10.00.</b> <i>Feria</i><br><i>Morning prayer 9.40am NOVENA 6.00pm</i>                                   | <i>People of Kington</i>                   |
| Wed. May 20  | <b>Mass at Kington, 10.30 - Feria</b><br><i>Morning prayer 9.40am NOVENA 6.00pm</i>                                         |                                            |
| Thur. May 21 | <b>NO Mass</b><br><i>Morning prayer 9.40am NOVENA 6.00pm</i>                                                                |                                            |
| Fri. May 22  | <b>House Mass. Frank &amp; Joan's - Almeley.</b><br><b>HR3 6PE. 4.00pm</b><br><i>Morning prayer 9.40am NOVENA 6.00pm</i>    | <i>McNally family</i>                      |
| Sat. May 23  | <b>Pentecost Novena 10.00am</b><br><b>MASS OF PENTECOST SUNDAY</b><br>Kington, 6.00pm                                       | <i>The Parish</i>                          |
| Sun. May 24  | <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b><br><b>Mass at Weobley 10.30am</b><br><b>Pentecost Walk, Weobley 3.00pm</b>                          | <i>Churches Together</i>                   |

**Mass intentions.** If you would like to have a Mass offered for any intention, contact Fr. Simon. Please indicate for whom or what the intention is offered. Envelopes available.

### WHAT'S COMING UP?

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| Tues. 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Meet the Diocesan Curia       | St. Michael's Centre, Abergavenny, 10.30am |
| Wed. 20 <sup>th</sup> May  | 'Heart Speaks to Heart'       | Weobley, 2.30pm                            |
| Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  | Heart Speaks to Heart Meeting | Belmont, 10.00am – 12.30pm                 |
| Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | PENTECOST – Weobley Walk      | St. Peter & Paul, 3.00pm                   |
| Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> June  | Parish Bible Reading Group    | Weobley, 2.00pm                            |
| Mon. 15 <sup>th</sup> June | Parish Pastoral Council       | Weobley, 7.00pm                            |
| Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Parish Strawberry Tea         | St. Thomas' lawn                           |

**JOIN OUR PENTECOST NOVENA AT ST.THOMAS' OR ON 'ZOOM'. BE IN TUNE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. SEE TIMES IN THE WEEKLY CALENDAR. PRINTED COPIES ALSO SUPPLIED.**

### GENERAL NOTICES

Come and help **GATHER THE FRUITS** of our deanery's **HEART TO HEART** six-week programme of parish meetings on the call of Pope Leo and Archbishop Mark to become synodal and missionary. After Abbot Brendan leads us in a time of prayer, we will hear from each parish about what arose from its meetings, then reflect together on the next steps in small groups, using conversation in the Spirit. The eve-of-Pentecost celebration will be at **the Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, from 10am (coffee) until 12.30pm, followed by a CAFOD lunch** for those who want to stay. (You do not need to have attended the meetings to come to this – all are welcome).

**NEXT HEART SPEAKS TO HEART: Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm at St. Thomas',**

**CATECHIST FORMATION SESSION: "HOW JESUS CATECHISED". Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2026. 9.30am - 12.15pm, St. George's Parish Centre, Sansome Place, Worcester. WR1 1UG. (Car Park – WR1 1UT) Formator: Dr. Christine Dodd. Please confirm attendance by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
[canonjohn.batthula@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:canonjohn.batthula@rcaob.org.uk)

**+ 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@thewoodee.com](mailto:louise@thewoodee.com)

**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.** We are 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.