

**-THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,
WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
ST.BEDE THE VEN. KINGTON, HR5 3DW**

**CHRIST THE KING: 34th.WEEK of YEAR C
WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY**



“Shall I crucify your king?.” (Cinema)

THE PARISH

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THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR C

Sat.Nov.22 MASS OF CHRIST THE KING

K'ton. 6.00

Int:Roger Kerrigan :

Sun. 23 MASS OF CHRIST THE KING

Weobley 10.30.

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Followed by Exposition of Bl. Sacrament

Mon. 24 Mass. Weob. 10.00 – Korean martyrs

prayer Mon-Fri 9.40, courtesy of Zoom * **Morning**

Tues 25 Mass, Weob. 10.00 – Feria *

Wed. 26 Mass, K'ton, 10.30 - Feria *

Thur. 27 NO Mass. Morning prayer *

Fri. 28 Mass, Weob. 3.00 – Feria *

Sat. 29 First Mass of ADVENT, K'ton 6.00

Sun. 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weobley. 10.30

URGENT PRAYERS

For a miracle in Ukraine

That the peace initiative brokered by Pres. Trump for Gaza and Israel will hold.

For the immediate release of remaining Israeli Hostages. That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas will begin to obey God's fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill". For the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians and that these peoples may have the right to decide their own future,

That our young people will be drawn away from every kind of crime and violence..

PARISH INTENTIONS

For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers:

John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Tricia Carter, Louise Wright, Kim Williams, Frank McNally, Brian Tanswell.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Fr. Stephen Holdsworth, Roger Kerrigan.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Donnelly (S.'44), George Gordon Teasdale (M.'84), Clare Penford (T.2007), Elizabeth Mary Pritchard (Th.'77), Margaret Mary (Peggy) Howells. (F.'77), Francis Giblin (Sa.), Amy Jury (Sa.).

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. For Andrew Mountbatten-Winsor that he may find a new life of grace. We also pray for our government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity following the religious beliefs and social needs of our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the world, esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine and conversion of the Russian leaders.

MORNING PRAYER Monday to Friday 9.40

LIVE OR ON ZOOM. Come 'n join us.

NEW: Coming up A PARISH BIBLE STUDY or LECTIO DIVINA GROUP.Cont. Andy Palfreman:

palfremanandy@gmail.com or see Fr. Simon Starting with Advent. **Wed. December 3rd. 2.30**

In St. Thomas' Parish Room

NEXT SUNDAY, the first of Advent, three of our children will be making their First Holy Communion: Joy & Iolo Goodwin and Hebe Kerr. We ask God's special blessing on them all.

We do not yet have a date for Roger Kerrigan's funeral.

SERMONETTE FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, Year C.

THE FEAST. This is a modern feast, instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. He was an Italian and an enlightened man. If he saw things mainly from a European point of view, that is not only because of his nationality but also because Europe between the 2 world wars was in deep trouble. In 1922 Mussolini proclaimed himself dictator in Italy with the easy agreement of the then king, Victor Emmanuel III. Hitler had not yet come to power but Germany was in deep unrest. The Papacy itself was still smarting from the invasion only 52 years before of the Papal States, dubiously bequeathed to the Papacy following the fall of the Roman Empire in the 7th century. All this and more provided a political background to the proclamation of today's feast. However, that is not to say that the feast did not have a more ancient tradition in Christian piety throughout the early middle-ages and until the nineteenth century. Pius XI's intention was to put the eternal reign of Christ back in the popular mind after decades of doubt and anti-Papal propaganda.

FIRST READING: from the second Book of Samuel. (*Ch.1, vv.12-20*)

David was the archetypal and dream king of Israel, the kingdom he founded. This episode tells us of the simplicity and indisputable nature of his election. He was God's chosen one, the people's choice and the successful leader of God's chosen people. What more could they want. He was elected but thereafter his succession was inherited. His kingdom was based at Hebron. Jerusalem only became the capital after he took it from the Jebuzites.

SECOND READING: from Paul's letter to the Colossians. (*Ch.1, vv.12-20*)

Paul moves the matter of inheritance to the new David, Jesus Christ. It is not earthly inheritance that matters now: Jesus Christ has now established the kingdom of God to span heaven and earth. Through Him we have become heirs to that same kingdom, a kingdom of redemption and of the forgiveness of sins. All thrones and dominions, all rulers and authorities are now subject to His Kingship. All are held together by our being members of His Body, and in Him all things are reconciled both on earth and in heaven. This is a powerful statement of Christ's non-political kingship.

GOSPEL. From the Gospel of Luke. (*Ch.23, vv.35-43*)

Even in his dying moments, the most innocent man and saviour of the world is mocked and derided by the gawpiong crowd who have gathered to see and execution, as people always used to until modern times. It had about as much tragedy as a football match and was a great occasion for derision, especially of the most innocent.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

“WE BELIEVE”. WEOBLEY ADVENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP. Cont: Patricia Stuart: 07966 499751
Revd. Philip Harvey (C.of E) introduces the Nicean Creed on its 1700th anniversary, and its deeper meaning for our lives and for our shared beliefs.

MEETINGS, Mondays 2.30pm., November 17th & 24 / December 1st. & 8th.

at Weobley Methodist Chapel, Hereford Road. PASS THE WORD.

NEXT FRIDAY, A SERVICE OF HEALING will be led at Belmont Abbey by Fr. Michael Clothier OSB of St. Gregory's Abbey (Downside) on Friday November 28th at 6.45 pm. For anyone in need of support or healing: spiritual, emotional, physical, mental..... (See poster.)

ADVENT 'BRING AND SHARE' LUNCH. Sunday December 7th. 11.45 for 12.00. in the Parish Room.
Please sign list in the churches if you can bring a savoury or sweet dish. Also ERAFFLE PRIZES welcome.

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK.

START YOUR DAY WITH MILLIONS THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD WITH “PRAYER OF THE CHURCH” as practiced by the Apostles and called for in Vatican II. Just down-load a programme called ‘UNIVERSALIS’ for every day. **PRAYER IS FUN.** **OUR NEW ZOOM ID: 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu**

ABORTION UP TO BIRTH.

Please email info@righttolife.org.uk to express your views on Tonia Antoniazzi M.P.'s amendment to allow abortions up to 37 weeks (i.e. birth). “Thanks” – the babies.

Or email Tonia Antoniazzi at tonia.antoniazzi.mp@parliament.uk

KEEP PRAYING FOR LIFE

for the defeat of the proposed Assisted Suicide bill. (Local M.P.s: Ellie Chowns voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Work on Ellie Chowns.

House of Lords vote: 33% for, 67% against.

