

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,
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CORPUS CHRISTI



Corpus Christi celebrations in Cusco, Peru

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TWELTH WEEK OF YEAR C

Sat. Jun.21 **Mass of Corpus Christi** K'ton. 6.00
(int:Victims of the Indian air disaster)

Sun. 22 **BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**
Mass- Weobley.10.30Z
Strawberry Tea

Mon 23 Mass. Weob.10.00`*Holy nuns of England*
Daily Morning Prayer resumes 9.40.
PARISH A.G.M. 7.00 pm.

Tue. 24 Mass, Weob. S. John Baptist *(Solemnity)*

Wed. 25 Mass, K'ton 10.30 *(feria)*

Thur 26 NO Mass

Fri 27 Mass 4.00 **SACR.HEART OF JESUS**

Sat. 28 **Mass of Sun.** 6.00pm. Kington

Sun. 29 **SS. PETER & PAUL**
Mass, Weobley 10.30.

URGENT PRAYERS.

For the victims and families of those killed in the Indian air disaster.

For permanent peace between India and Pakistan.

For an end to war between Iran and Israel.

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 food, freedom and the right to decide their own future,

That our young people will be drawn away from the cult of knife-crime.

For Prince William and Princess Kate in their initiatives for the homeless and the deprived of our country.

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, Sheila Mundy, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Gaytree Wrigley, Kath Morgan, Klaus Hirsch, Ann Clarke.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Pope Francis, Bishop Mark Jabale, Justin Neill, Brian Holley..

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bernard Elcose (T.'94), Locy Torphreda Ransford (Th.'99), David Parrott (Th. 2001),

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. 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 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 and USA leadership.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE. This weekend (and hereafter), our Bishops have asked for special prayers and our personal engagement with the current bills before parliament.

1. Against our ever-relaxing abortion laws.
2. for the defeat of the proposed Assisted suicide bill

STRAWBERRY TEA. Sunday June 22nd. 2.30-5.00. Bottle-stall and raffle prizes. This is a fund-raising event for the parish. Tickets now on sale at our churches.

NEXT SUNDAY: SS. Peter and Paul. Extra collection for 'Peter's Pence' to cover the cost of Pope Leo's offices, charities, journeys and breakfast. Please be generous to our new Pope.

SERMONETTE – CORPUS CHRISTI.

FIRST READING, from the Book of Genesis, (Ch.14, vv.18-20)

Abram (Abraham) is returning from a successful encounter with some local warlords. He wishes to give thanks to God who gave him the victory. This would normally have been done by the sacrifice of an animal but there appears a priest of unknown origin who offers in place of Abram's victim some bread and wine. In the New Testament this ritual comes to be seen as a forerunner of the Eucharistic offering made by Jesus Christ in the form of bread and wine symbolising His Body and Blood.

SECOND READING, from the first letter of Paul to the Christians in Corinth. (1 Cor.ch.11, vv.23-26)

This passage is extremely important because Paul writes about what he received "from the Lord" by way of the Eucharistic celebration. We know that this passage was written about 15 years before the gospel accounts of Mark, Matthew and Luke, so we can take it that this illustrates what the earliest Christians were already doing in praise of the Lord before the Last Supper narratives in the gospels were written up.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke. (Ch.9, v.11b-17).

One might have expected our liturgists to have given one of the three gospel accounts of the Last Supper on this feast day, but no; r, but no: instead we have Luke's version of the feeding of the 5,000. After all, the Last Supper was a small ritual event for a chosen group of apostles, whereas the real feeding of Jesus was to the multitude who followed Him around and who would continue to follow Him forever after His ascension. We should notice above all the total paucity of edible matter and the superabundance of waste afterwards. Such is Jesus' relationship with us in every age.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW RE-STARTED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON 'ZOOM'. Many of you now have ipads. These afford us a great new opportunity in a rural parish to carry out the wishes of Vatican II, that the faithful should join together for daily prayer of the Church. For those wishing to join, please download a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS'. There you will find the complete prayer of every day and the Mass texts for that day. So far, it has gone reasonably well, though 2 different versions of 'Universalis' seem to be in operation. Check the Newsletter for days, times and changes. ZOOM ID: 768 558 1521. Passcode: 1r27LU

GATES: UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CAR-PARK GATES AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS. THIS IS BECAUSE CERTAIN PERSONS OF A PERAMBULANT DISPOSITION ARE TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CAMP DOWN ON APPARENTLY VACANT PROPERTIES. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE: I HOPE IT WON'T LAST LONG. Fr. Simon

RED BOXES TO ANDY BY THE END OF JUNE, PLEASE.

THE TURIN SHROUD. Award-winning exhibition and talk on the "Turin Shroud". Sun. June 15th. by Pam Moon, an international expert, at S.F.X. Church, Hereford, with exhibition from Sunday June 15th – Sunday June 29th. Free admission daily from 11.00-3.00.