

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
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EASTER SUNDAY – EASTER WEEK**



The Resurrection – sculpture by Pericle Fazzini: Vatican.

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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

EASTER WEEK

Mar. 30 VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION,
Weobley 9.00pm.
Sun. 31 EASTER SUNDAY, Mass Kington 9.00
Mass, Weob. 11.00Z

OCTAVE OF EASTER

Mon.Apr.1 EASTER MONDAY – NO Mass..
Tues. 02 NO Mass.
Wed. 03 Mass, Kington. 10.30 - feria
Thur. 04 NO Mass
Fri. 05 Mass 4.00pm.
Sat. 06 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.
Sun. 07 EASTER DAY, Mass Kington 9.00am
Mass, Weobley 11.00am.
Mon. 08 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD.
(Transferred from March 25th.)
Mass, Weobley 10.00

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND
GAZA**

May peace reign in Jesus' own country
Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change
of the Russian mind. For a just result in the
Russian elections.

PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN
struggling for humane government and basic rights
for women, especially Afghanis seeking sanctuary
in Britain.

For Peace in the Arabian Gulf.

FOR ALL BOAT MIGRANTS that they may have
love, justice and shelter according to their real
needs.

The people and country 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, Diane
Howells, Tom O'Brien.

For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead: Pat Buckley, Stephen Booth.

We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time: Marjory Hughes
(S.'93), Chalotte Lane (M.), Edward Fischer (M.'94),
Pope St. John Paul II (T.2005), June Dragosz (T.2015),
Richard Arthur (W.'96), Joan Lloyd (W.2001), Gordon
Parrott (Th. '79), Sr. Mary Hilary OSB (F.2007)
(W.2007), Jeffrey Fowler (Th.),

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.

My most sincere thanks to all who have
worked hard to celebrate our Holy Week and
Easter liturgy this year...
Also to all those who sent me cards for Easter
and any other celebration which might have
occurred....

SERMONETTE – EASTER VIGIL & DAY

AT THE VIGIL – Old Testament readings.

1st Reading: *Genesis ch.1, 1.1 – ch.2 v2. God creates the heavens and earth and see they are very good.*

2nd Reading: *Genesis ch.22, vv.1-18. Abraham follows custom to offer his first-born, until God intervenes.*

3rd Reading: *Exodus: Ch.14,v.15 – ch.15, v.1. The people of Israel escape from Egypt*

4th Reading: *Isaiah ch.54, vv.5-14. God promises universal love to his people whatever has happened.*

5th Reading: *Isaiah ch.55, 1-11. God promises living water to those who come to Him.*

6th Reading: *Baruch ch.39-15 & ch.32, v.4. God asks Israel: why are they in the country of their enemies?*

7th Reading: *Ezekiel ch.36, vv.16-28. God reprimands Israel for not upholding His name before the nations*

MASS READINGS

FIRST READING from Paul to the Romans. (*Ch.6, vv.3-11*). Paul draws up a theology of Baptism which he sees as our way of entry into Christ's death, which we must do if we are to rise with Him. At our baptism "we went into the tomb with Him" so that the Father can raise us up as He did his Son Jesus. In this way we imitate His death, seeing our former selves as crucified with Him. So when we rise again we also are free of all sins like Christ as Christ is.

GOSPEL according to Mark

As usual, Mark's account is the simplest and shortest of the gospel accounts. The 'Marys' simply go to the tomb of Jesus to anoint his body. Unlike Matthew, there is no earthquake recorded but the women have more basic problem: they will not be strong enough to roll away the stone – until on arrival they see that the stone has already been rolled back. They are astonished by a young man already sitting in the sepulchre as if at reception. He simply tells the women not to be amazed: Jesus of Nazareth has done just what he said he would and gone up to Galilee. "There you will see Him."

The Baptismal and Eucharistic liturgies follow.

MORNING MASS

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles. (*Ch.10, vv. 34 & 37-43*)

We have barely heard that Christ is risen and the church plunges us into ch.10 of the Acts of the Apostles. We go straight from the miracle of the resurrection to its effects among the people, in this case the house of a Roman centurion – presumably a pagan – whose servant has just been cured by the resurrected Jesus through the ministry of Peter. This is Peter's opportunity to preach about the personal experience of himself and the other apostles while Jesus was still with them, which he still is. The same Jesus is the one we walked the earth with and who elicited faith in all who came to Him for healing, whatever their faith.

SECOND READING: from Paul's letter to the Colossians (*Ch. 3, vv.1-4*)

After his own conversion. Paul is quick to realise that those who have been called to Christ have been called to a new life. Our minds and thoughts must now be on heavenly things, where Christ now is. In Christ we have died to all earthly thoughts for Christ is now our life and we will be revealed in all our glory with Him.

GOSPEL according to John. (*Ch.20, vv.3-9*)

John is always different from the other evangelists. The timing is the same, "very early in the morning" and, yes, it is Mary of Magdala who gets to the tomb first and who informs Peter and John who are incredulous. Then begins a fastidious passage about what Peter found in the tomb, about linen cloths and where they were and that some were wrapped up, etc. Hardly relevant to a story of one who has actually risen from the dead! Then it becomes clear that these were the very linen cloths in which Jesus was bound and buried, and how now is it possible that they are lying around the tomb with some carefully folded. This was not the work of the holy women who followed Jesus because Mary of Magdala had only just arrived. Jesus must have done it Himself before leaving. Proof that he was alive.