

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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HOLY WEEK, YEAR C



Jesus enters Jerusalem. Modern Orthodox image.

THE PARISH

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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

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Sat.Apr.12 Mass of Palm Sunday. Blessing of Palms
Kington 6.00pm. *int. Justin Neale*

Sun. 13 PALM SUNDAY blessing & procession
Mass, Weobley 10.30Z *int. Justin Neale.*

Mon 14 Mass, Weob.10.00Z Morning prayer 9.40Z
Sacr.of Reconciliation/Confess. Weobley 4.00

Tue. 15 Mass, Weob.10.00Z–Morning PrayerZ

Wed 16 NO Mass, Morning prayer, 9.40Z

Thur 17 SOL.MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Weobley 7.00pm.

Fri 18 GOOD FRIDAY. THE LORD'S PASSION
Solemn Liturgy, Kington 3.00pm.

Sat. 19 HOLY SATURDAY-

Solemn Vigil, Weobley 9.00pm.

Sun 20 EASTER SUNDAY, Lord's Resurrection

Mass, Kington 9.00am. Weobley 11.00am.

URGENT PRAYERS.

Please pray for Justin Neale, now in a critical condition. Please also pray for his wife, Lilia and daughter Alisa,

OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pope Francis for his complete recovery.

The people of Myanmar and neighbouring countries after the terrible earthquake.

For the people of the United States and the World, especially the Ukraine and Gaza.

That these peoples may have freedom and the means to decide their own future,

For the remaining Israeli hostages that they may be released immediately .

For the extinction of Hamas as a political organisation.

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, Catherine Gaynor, Kath Morgan, **Justin Neale.**
For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:

Garry Griffiths (devoted church warden of SS.P& P, Weob.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robin Snead-Cox (M.'65), Frank Gilfedder (M. 2017), Patrick Fitness T.'71)), Margaret Doherty (T.2002), Augusta Malotaux (F.), Mariella Jennings (F. 2015)

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.**

PENTECOST RETREAT, organised by Weobley Churches Together and OPEN TO ALL. To be led by former Abbot Paul Stonham of Belmont Abbey. Monday May 19th. 10.00-4.30. Sign up in church.

SERMONETTE - PALM SUNDAY

Today's liturgy begins with the distribution and blessing of palms in memory of Christ's triumphal entry to Jerusalem. This ceremony is completed by the reading of the appropriate Gospel passage, this year from St. Luke.

FIRST READING AT MASS from the Prophecy of Isaiah (*Ch.50, vv.4-7*)

This reading is taken from the latter end of the prophecy written by the second or 'deutero' Isaiah. It comes very close to recording the real life and suffering of the Messiah who will come some six centuries later. In this sense it is truly prophetic but also scandalous in that it predicts the terrible sufferings of the one chosen by God to lead and redeem His people. For this reason He has become known as the "Suffering Servant".

SECOND READING from the letter of Paul to the Christians in Philippi. (*Ch.2, vv. 6-11*).

In his letter to the Philippians, Ephesians and Colossians, Paul gives us the highest peaks of his spiritual teaching centred upon who Jesus Christ is. Having been educated in the writings of the prophets, he has come to see that their writings were about the Christ to come, that He came from the Most High God, that he took on the most abject suffering and humiliation, and that for this He has been exalted to the highest heavens to share the glory of God the Father Himself.

THE GOSPEL OF THE PASSION according to Luke (*Ch.22, vv14-23 + 56*)

All four evangelists give a lengthy account of the passion of our Lord. They only differ in small but significant details. In Luke's account of the Last Supper, Jesus uses this dramatic episode to teach his apostles about how it is to be among them when He has gone. In the garden, Jesus seems to be very much in control of events so that He can truly hand Himself over to the Father's will. The trial scene with the Sanhedrin is disorderly and simply ends with Jesus being shuffled over to Pilate who does not condemn Him but hands Him back "to deal with at they pleased". Pilate and Herod are reconciled. On the cross Jesus continues his mission of reconciliation, forgiving His executioners, welcoming the 'good' thief into paradise and converting the centurion.

STOP PRESS: Coming up. .

DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW STARTED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. 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.**

CAFOD APPEAL. This year's Cafod Lent appeal has as its theme, "Unity is our strength". It focuses on food security in places such as rural Kenya, badly hit by years of drought, a consequence of climate change. Please take an envelope for your donation and return it, if possible, the following week, or by Palm Sunday if you wish to add to it over these weeks of Lent. Please do sign a Gift Aid form if you are a tax-payer – it greatly increases your donation. You can also donate online at www.cafod.org.uk

CAIRN TERRIER, 8 years old, quiet, well behaved, looking for a new home, woof, woof.

BROMYARD THEATRE GROUP, 6-8pm PASSION PLAY. Wed.April 16. Outdoor.
Public Hall Green, Rowberry St., Bromyard