

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
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PALM SUNDAY: HOLY WEEK 2024



Christ enters Jerusalem in triumph. Greek Orthodox icon

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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

HOLY WEEK

**Mar. 23 Mass of Sunday with Passion, Kington
6.00**
Sun. 24 PALM SUNDAY with Passion.
Mass, Weob. 10.30Z
Mon. 25 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z.
Reconciliation Service, Weob. 4.00-5
Tues. 26 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z
Reconciliation Service, K'ton. 6.00-
Wed. 27 Mass, Kington. 10.30 - feria
Thur. 28 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 7.00
Fri. 29 GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY K'ton 3.00
Sat. 30 VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION
Weobley 9.00pm.
Clocks go forward!
Sun. 31 EASTER DAY, Mass Kington 9.00am
Mass, Weobley 11.00am.
Mon, Apr. 1 NO MASS

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND GAZA
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.

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, Ashleigh Harley, Louise
Wright, 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: Rob Richardson
(S.'95), Elsie Beattie (M.'83), Margaret Kerrigan
(M.2020), Bernard Nolan (T.'84), Catherine Jones
(T.2001), Archbp. John-Aloysius Ward (W.2007),
Jeffrey Fowler (Th.).

For King Charles III, at this time of concern over
his health, and that he may 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.
For the mother of Alexei Navalny and his widow,
Yulia, that Alexei may rest in peace, and may peace
and justice arise through his sacrifice.

Great thanks to all who made our St. Patrick's Day
lunch such an enjoyable success (as Patrick and the
Irish would have wanted it!). Thanks especially to
those who organised it, set up the room and cleared
up., those who cooked such varied and delicious
food, those who ate it, and those who ran the raffle.
This raised £76 which will go to the Kington Food bank.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES.

PALM SUNDAY : Blessing of palms and brief
procession (weather permitting). Solemn Mass with
Passion reading from St. Mark. K'ton (Sat) & Weobley
MONDAY 25TH. PENITENTIAL SERVICE 4.00 at St.
Thomas', Weobley
WEDNESDAY 27TH. PENITENTIAL SERVICE 6.00 at
St. Bede's, Kington.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. Solemn Mass 7.00 at
Weobley, with washing of feet. Altar of repose.
GOOD FRIDAY, SOLEMN LITURGY WITH PASSION
AND UNVEILING OF THE CROSS, 3.00, KINGTON
HOLY SATURDAY. SOLEMN VIGIL OF THE LORD'S
RESURRECTION, Weobley 9.00pm.
EASTER SUNDAY, SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S
RESURRECTION: Kington 9.00am., Weobley 11.00
COLLECTION TODAY FOR EASTER FLOWERS.

SERMONETTE – PALM SUNDAY

Gospel of the palms. (*Mark ch.11, vv.1-10*).

We are all familiar with this tragic story of Jesus' triumph. It is both real and symbolic: real in the sense that this episode in Jesus' life actually took place, as attested also by the gospels of Matthew and Mark. It is symbolic in the sense that it depicts humankind at its fickle worst in that today, they are crowd is shouting "Hosannah" with genuine crowd hysteria, yet in a very short while the same crowd will be crowing for His execution. What does it take to swing public opinion against your hero and saviour-to-be?

AT MASS.

FIRST READING from the Prophet Isaiah (*Ch.50. vv.4-7*) The final chapters of the prophecy of Isaiah are taken up with prophecies of the "Suffering Servant". It is presumed that these short passages applied originally to the prophet himself or someone he knew at the time. Now, however, we see their fulfilment in the pitiable story of Jesus the Messiah. Pitiable in that they portray total evil against an innocent man but also glorious in their ignorance of what that man has been sent to do: to take away the sins of the world. How glorious a mission: how pitifully rejected.

SECOND READING from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. (*Ch.2, v.6-11*)

This passage from Paul, from which he might have been quoting a pre-existing Christian hymn, mirrors the 'Suffering Servant' prophecy of Isaiah. It speaks of someone from God, supremely holy but willing to undergo the utmost human abjection; in this case death on a cross. Echoing also the Words of the Suffering Servant, Christ Jesus is raised to the highest heavens where every creature will bend the knee to Him in adoration and He will be acclaimed as the Christ and Lord.

GOSPEL The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

We are all familiar with the gospel stories of Christ's passion, generally similar in all four gospels. Mark's account is notable in that Jesus does not say much. In this he is like the Suffering Servant who made no resistance and who even offered his back and his cheeks to those who were beating Him.

FURTHER NOTICES: