

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,
WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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PENTECOST
THE CHURCH IS BORN



“...and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire and came to rest on the head of each of them”

THE PARISH

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TENTH WEEK OF YEAR C

Sat. Jun. 7 **Mass of Pentecost** K'ton. 6.00

(int: Pope Leo XIV)

Sun. 08 **PENTECOST**

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

Mon 09 Mass, Weob.10.00. *Mary Mother of Ch.*
Morning prayer 9.40

Tue. 10 NO Mass *Fr. Simon away on course*

Wed 11 NO Mass,

Thur. 12 NO Mass

1700 anniv. Council of Nicea, Hfd. Cath. 5.30

Fri 13 Mass, Weob.4.00 *S.Alban. 1st.Eng. mart.*
Morning prayer 9.40

Sat. 14 **Mass of Sun.** 6.00pm. K'ton *Nov.9.40*

Sun. 15 **MOST HOLY TRINITY**
Mass, Weobley 10.30.

URGENT PRAYERS.

For permanent peace between India and Pakistan.

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: Ronald Fitness (S.'88), Emma Billingham (S.1997), David Reid (M.'59), Sam Sheers (T.'96), Francis Cochrane (T.2000), Dom Luke Waring, (T.2016), Peter Hartland (W.2013),

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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NICEA IN 325 WHEN THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY WAS DECLARED.

Ecumenical celebration in Hereford Cathedral. Archbishop Mark of Cardiff-Menevia will preach and Bishop John of Hereford will lead the prayers. Thursday June 12th., 5.30pm.

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

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.

SERMONETTE – PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch.2, vv.1-11)

The feast of Pentecost was Jewish celebration 50 (*Gk. – pente*) days after the Pasch. It normally coincided with the first fruits of the barley harvest, so many Jews and others would have been in Jerusalem. God always chooses His moments. In full view of many nations He makes Himself known as Holy Spirit. What took place was a fulfilment of the words of the Old Testament Prophet Joel in which God declares that “in the days to come, I will pour out my Spirit on all peoples. Their young men shall see visions and their old men shall dream dreams...” This day, representatives of the whole known world are gathered in Jerusalem and suddenly find that they are all understanding each other. The story of the tower of Babel is reversed. “The Holy Spirit began to speak in other tongues...” All the peoples present were to understand each other as if their own languages. It was, of course, the language of Christ, of His new church.

SECOND READING from the letter of Paul to the Romans.(Ch.8, vv.8-17)

Far removed from Jerusalem and the Pentecost, Paul is teaching his Roman converts how it is that they are able to understand the teachings of Jesus. It is through the Holy Spirit who has entered them and is now living in them. The Spirit makes us sons and daughters of God calling us out of our slavery to sins and enabling us to call upon God as our Father, our Divine Parent. As His children we become heirs to His glory and to everything He owns.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John (Ch.14, vv.15-26)

In this passage, Jesus introduces His disciple at the Last supper to His Holy Spirit. This is in the context of His leaving them. All is in the context of love which they must share with each other and with the world. This is not just a vague attitude of affection but a very positive love of the will, a love that will be driven by God the Father Himself and by Jesus who will come to live in the lover. Not only that but they will send us their very own Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Counsellor, the Advocate, the Helper, the Paraclete to be with each of us forever!

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW 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.**

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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.