

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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PENTECOST



The Day of Pentecost. *Kouyanet (modern)*

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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

PENTECOST and 7th.Week of Year B
Sat.May 18 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Mass for healing of Roger Nichols

Sun. 19 PENTECOST

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –

Mon. 20 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z.- feria

Tues. 21 NO Mass. Weob.

Wed. 22 NO Mass. K'ton- feria

Thur. 23 NO Mass

Fri. 24 Mass, Weobley 4.00pmZ

Sat 25 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm. Nov.

Sun. 26 MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND GAZA

May lasting peace reign in Jesus' own country

**Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change
of the Russian mind, especially the church.**

**PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN
struggling for humane government and basic rights
for women**

For Peace in the Arabian Gulf.

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

For the people of Haiti and all relief efforts.

**For the people of Georgia in their struggle for
freedom.**

**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, Tom
O'Brien, Roger & Sarah Nichols, Bill Davies, Michal
Payman .

**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Sylvia Hayes, Mary Lowry.

**We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time:** Kathleen Walsh (S),
Gabrielle Brown (M.'97), Elizabeth Mary Snead-Cox
M.2010), Molly Bowden (T.2008), Donald Reid
(F.'68), Truelove Family (F), Joan Close (F.2009),
Joan Morris (Sa.'79).

**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,
and for the success of current peace-talks. .**

**PARISH RETREAT DAY, at LLANGASTY,
Monday June 17th. led by Fr. Alex Kenyon OSB.**
**Morning refreshments, 2 talks, Lunch, Quiet time
in beautiful house and scenery, Tea. All for £38.00**
Please, we need more people. You will enjoy it.

DATES TO HUNGER FOR (details to follow):
Strawberry Tea-Sunday June 23rd. p.t.o.
Parish Barbecue - Sunday Sept.1st.
Bring and share Lunch – Sun. Dec.1st

PENTECOST SUNDAY COLLECTION

For Catholic World Communications network

**Tonight (Sunday): PENTECOST PRAISE at the
Baptist Church, Bridge St. Kington 6.00 Come
along and show the flag in Kington.**

NATIONAL GARDENS DAY:

BROXWOOD COURT

Today, Whit-Sunday. 2.00-5.00. Excellent Teas!

**N.B. NOMINATION SLIPS FOR 2 NEW MEMBERS
FOR THE PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL CAN BE
FOUND AT THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES.**
A.G.M. Monday June 10th.

SERMONETTE – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS READINGS

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

This passage from the Acts is rightly one the best known of the whole Bible. It marks the day upon which we can say that our Church was born. Jesus said to Peter: “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church”, in biblical Greek, *ecclesia* – assembly. But the time was not yet ready for God’s Spirit to come. Jesus had to suffer and die for mankind, then re-collect his apostles and breathe on them His Spirit (Greek, *pneuma*, wind or breath) in the upper room and then leave our physical earth (‘ascend’). The faith of Peter and of the apostles had to be tried, the devotion of the women too was tried to its limit. Only then did they all experience the sense of a great sound and a mighty wind in the room, and each one recognised that the other was having the same experience. They began to talk in tongues, the language of ecstasy, still found in many African and Indian assemblies today.

As if that were not enough, there were other devout people outside in the city who were having the same experience. Jerusalem under Greek and then Roman rule had become a very cosmopolitan city, especially for international trade. So there would have been Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Egyptians, Libyans, etc. etc. milling about in the market places and the temple square, especially on the Pentecost, talking about the prices of spices, donkeys, horses, slaves, their gods and even Yahweh. Suddenly they too began to be caught up in the “wind of divine change” as it “filled the whole earth”.

SECOND READING from Paul’s letter to the Galatians (Ch.5. vv.16-25)

In the light of the Spirit which he has received, Paul draws a stern contrast between life in the Spirit and the life of self-indulgence which the Galatians lived before. In life without the Spirit we are prone to every kind of moral weakness: violence, self-indulgence, sexual depravity, sorcery, jealousy, etc. These are the natural deviations of a mankind divided up and living for itself without the Spirit. With the Spirit we become unified: our better instincts or virtues come to the fore: love, patience, self-control, trustfulness, etc.,etc. And Love prevails over all.

GOSPEL according to John (Ch.15 + 16)

Jesus has told His disciples that he will have to leave and they are rightly distressed. So he begins to talk about an “advocate”, the Advocate, the Paraclete, the Counsellor, the One who will take His place and teach them to all truth, all that He was not able to teach them during his short time with them. The Spirit will lead us to the complete truth and everything He tells us will be from My Father and from Me for we are ONE.

THE PARISH RETREAT

I encourage as many as possible to come on this retreat day. It is basically a day of prayer and spiritual reflection. It is about ourselves individually and as a parish, and above all it is about getting closer to God. Fr. Alex Kenyon of Belmont, who will lead the retreat, has written that he would like to speak on the Mass, on who Jesus was and our relationship with Him.

The day is NOT about church structures, problems, issues, etc. It will be about us and our love of God. Please try to come along. We need at least 12 but 25 would be much preferable. (We have 10 so far.) The cost, £38, is £33.00e for the retreat house: the place and its accommodation and facilities, morning coffee, a good lunch and afternoon tea, and £5e to Fr. Alex.

Please sign up on the appropriate sheet at the back of the church.

STRAWBERRY TEA: June 23rd. £5.00 per adult. Children (under 18) free, on sale wk/end June 1+2

Strawberries have been ordered from Moor Court Farm. The Tea will be on the parish ‘Jubilee’ Field, from 2.30 - 5.00pm. The success of the day will depend upon the participation and help of as many as possible.

Help will also be needed on Friday June 21st to set up the marquees. If you are willing and able please ‘phone **Frank McNally** on 07909 660 160.

A rota of tea and cake servers for 30 min. shifts. **Donations of cakes needed on the day.**

Raffle prizes needed and can be left at either church. A couple of ticket sellers on the day.

The all-popular **Bottle Stall** will be run by Pat and Karen. **They will need bottles.**

Any help, please ring **Joan McNally** on 07528.676 760. Email: mcnallyjoan49@gmail.com