

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
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THE LORD'S BAPTISM, year C



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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

SECOND WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS Year C
FOR THE PEOPLE OF S. CALIFORNIA, MANY OF
WHOM HAVE LOST EVERYTHING TO THE FIRES.

Sat. Jan.11 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Sun. 12 THE LORD'S BAPTISM,
Mass, Weobley 10.30
Int. Catharine Williams

**From tomorrow and for about 3 weeks the church
at Weobley will be closed for decoration.**

Mon	13	NO Mass
Tue	14	NO Mass
Wed	15	Mass 10.30, Kington
Thur	16	NO Mass
Fri	17	House Mass, 3.00pm .(Patricia's Hse)
Sat.	18	Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.
Sun	19	3rd. ORDINARY SUNDAY Mass Kington 10.30am.

**For the peoples of Syria, Gaza, Lebanon, Israel and the
entire middle east, that they may experience last peace
and mutual friendship.**

**For those in Afghanistan and Iran struggling for a
humane government and the rights of women.**

**For all migrants that they may be met with safety,
friendship and economic means. For an end to all
prejudice against them.**

**That a humane and Godly outcome may result
from our Parliament's decision on 'Assisted dying'.**

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,
Alethea Lanington, Sarah Williams, Gaytree Wrigley,
Catherine Gaynor, Kath Morgan, Jackie Adamson.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:
Pat Walls, Catharine Williams..

**We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries
occur at this time:** Vera Dillon (S.2006), John Close (W),
Florence Zollo (W.'95), Gustave Cheney (F. '53).

**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 new 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 leadership.**

**This afternoon, Saturday January 11th. 'Abbot Paul and
Fr. Michael of Belmont celebrated their Golden Jubilees
of priesthood. A solemn Mass was led by Abbot
Brendan and an excellent lunch was served afterwards.
If you get a chance I am sure they would welcome a word
of congratulation. Please pray for them.**

CATHARINE WILLIAMS R.I.P.

**Catharine's Requiem Mass and burial will be at
Belmont Abbey on Saturday February 1st beginning
at 12**

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Isaiah (*Ch.40,vv.1-11*)

In the midst of all Israel's troubles and their persecution by the Babylonians, God never abandons them even though they have abandoned Him. We have here today that classic text of Isaiah, that h
, in the midst of persecution, God will bring comfort. Every valley shall be raised up and the desert highway will be made straight. Despite all the persecution, a trumpet will sound in Zion (Jerusalem) calling all the people together to renewal and God himself will appear as a shepherd of His sheep, Israel.

SECOND READING from Paul's letter to the Titus (*Ch.2,vv.11-14 + ch.3, vv.4-7*)

To Paul. The incarnation of God in Jesus means the salvation for all people and a period of waiting to the blessed coming of the Lord all His glory. In contrast to Jewish and common thinking Christ will come for us, not because of our good deeds but principally on account of His own pure mercy whereby He sends His Holy Spirit to renew us through the regenerating waters of Baptism. It is by His Spirit given at Baptism that we are given the grace to be justified.

GOSPEL according to Luke (*Ch.3, vv.15-22*)

Jesus, contrary to the impression given by Isaiah, did not just walk into wilderness of ignorant and unexpectant people. No, the later prophets and writings had begun to speak of a Messiah who would come and put right all things. People were actively looking around for Messiah figures. Who better than John the Baptist? But he himself it was not he. It was going to be someone upon whom you would see the Holy Spirit descend in the form of a dove. In the end, all the people heard the Father's voice: "You are my beloved Son: with You I am well pleased."

Further notices...

STILL SOME NEW MISSALS LEFT AT £13

Next in our Deanery "Horizons of Hope" series.

"RECEIVING THE SYNOD"- What it means for the future of the Church.

SECOND SESSION, Saturday January 18th 2025. 'Implementing the Synod;'. Full day. 10.00-4.00. at Belmont Abbey. (Bring packed lunch)

Talks and discussion led by Dr. Austen Ivereigh, official observer at the Synod.

REFURBISHMENT OF ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, WEOBLEY

This will begin on Monday January 13th and will take 2+ weeks.

There will, therefore, be no Masses in the church on Sundays January 19th. and 26th.

See the Website for Sunday February 2nd.

For the Sundays when we are out of the church extra Masses will be celebrate at St. Bede's, Kington on the Sunday mornings at 10.30.