

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
ST.BEDE THE VEN. KINGTON, HR5 3DW
TRINITY SUNDAY**



Russian Icon. c.1410, by Rubliev

This icon represents the three messengers from God (angels) who came to visit Abraham and Sarah to tell them they were to have a child (Isaac). (*Gen. 18,1-8*). Later interpretations took this to be an Old Testament image of the Holy Trinity,

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COVID & FLU: Please take all normal precautions, Weobley Mass will continue to be Zoomed.

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TRINITY SUNDAY and 8th.Week of Year B

Sat.May 25 **Mass of Sunday**, Kington 6.00pm.

Sun. 26 **HOLY TRINITY**

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –

Mon. 27 Mass, Weob.10.00Z.-St.Aug.of Cant.

Tues. 28 Mass. Weob 10.00 - *feria*.

Wed. 29 Mass. K'ton– 10.30 - *feria*

Thur. 30 NO Mass

Fri. 31 Mass,Weobley 4.00pm- Visitation

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

Sun. 26 **CORPUS CHRISTI**

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, .

For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Sylvia Hayes, Michal Payman

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elaine Elizabeth Jones (W.2002),

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 continues today.

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.

Please pray for the Belmont Community as they prepare to elect their new Abbot on June 4th.

SERMONETTE – TRINITY SUNDAY

FIRST READING from the Book of Deuteronomy (Ch.4, vv. 32-40)

Deuteronomy is the last of the five books of the Mosaic Law (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers). It was late redaction under King Josiah at a time when the Jews were being punished by their neighbours for their sinful practices, especially idolatry. God ('Yahweh') was seen as universal, covering all time and all creation. God had shown Himself at many times with manifestations of fire, His divine voice, signs, His "outstretched arm" and His all pervading presence. The God of the Old Law had shown Himself to be both in heaven above and on earth beneath like no other god. Yet, in the Old Testament he appears very much as a Jewish God.

SECOND READING from Paul's letter to the Romans (Ch.8, vv.14-17)

The great leap forward from the old to the new testament is not only the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ but the Spirit which He imparts to all His followers in the world. The Spirit is the Spirit of God, that is, God Himself whom Jesus called His Father. So, filled with that same spirit, we too are able to cry out "Abba, Father" as Jesus did. With that Spirit within us, dwelling in our own human spirit, we are able to do all that Jesus did for, like Him, we are heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, able to share His sufferings and so share His glory.

GOSPEL according to Matthew (Ch.28, vv.16-20)

These final words of Matthew's gospel are generally understood by scripture scholars as being a primitive baptismal formula for the first converts to the faith. The words follow from all that Jesus had said of himself but it is unlikely that He would have pronounced these words for to put Himself on the level of the Father would seem to amount to blasphemy. In all probability this form is how the primitive church came to see Him from all His other words, especially at the Last Supper and in His giving them the spirit in the form of breath after His resurrection. What the words express is not equality but the sharing of power. When Jesus said in John's gospel, "the Father and I are one", he almost certainly does not imply equality but the gift of divine power. No one can be equal to the Father but the Father's creative work must be continued throughout all creation and time. Above all, it must come through a human being, Jesus the Christ who gives that power to all of us who are in His body, the church; and the power that He gives is His divine power or 'Spirit' which He has from His Father and which He gives to the world for its continued creation in love. For this reason, the church came slowly to realise that the three persons of whom Jesus had spoken were each possessed of divine power but for different missions.

As the church grew she suffered many deviations by teachers who did not understand this or who sought to over-emphasise some aspects. The word 'Trinity' came to be an accepted term of the combined mission of the three Persons. It did not mean a single being with one mission. Down the ages there have been many who have dissented from the original meaning of the three Persons working together on the same creative mission. Hence, we have the Arian heresy (4th c.) which denied the divinity of Christ, more recently the Unitarian church which denied the different three persons, and many other heresies. The Old Testament and Islam testify to a completely unified divinity.

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 £33.00 each for the retreat house: the place and its accommodation and facilities, morning coffee, a good lunch and afternoon tea, and £5 each 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