



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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6th Sunday of Easter – year cycle B – 10th May 2015

Entrance: *Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth. The Lord has freed his people alleluia*

Responsorial psalm: *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia: *Jesus said "if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia*

Communion: *If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete to abide with you forever. Alleluia*

A letter from Fr Abbot

My dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing this letter to you just as I prepare to go in to hospital, far away from Hereford, for my annual check up. I always look forward to this, as it's the best rest I get from one year's end to the next. By the time you read these words the General Election will be over and we will know the result of our voting. Our prayer is that, whatever government is formed, it will be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and wanting to serve the whole country with justice and integrity.

We are now coming towards the close of the forty days of Easter and next Sunday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. In the meantime, this week, on Wednesday in fact, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at Belmont. It begins at 9pm and all are welcome.

Soon our children will be making their First Communion. In fact, this year there will be three separate celebrations. Our Polish-speaking children from around the county will make their First Communion on Sunday, 24th May, the Solemnity of Pentecost, at 4pm. There will be 18 of them altogether. Then 24 children from Our Lady's School will make their First Communion on Saturday, 13th June, at 9.30am. Finally, 19 children from non-Catholic schools will make their First Communion on Sunday, 14th June, at 11.30am. Please pray for all these children, 61 in all, as well as for their parents, families and catechists.

Could I please remind all our Readers at Mass to observe the correct liturgical norms when exercising their ministry whether on Sundays or on weekdays? Could I also ask everyone to read clearly and distinctly: sometimes it's almost impossible to understand what is being read.

Could I also remind all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to write to me personally to express their desire to be re-commissioned on 4th June, likewise anyone who would like to serve in this way? Please indicate whether you are able to take Holy Communion to the sick. So far only 5 people have written. Please do not delay.

On Sunday evening the Mass was celebrated by Fr Joseph Parkinson, who, like me, spent over 20 years in Peru, but as Parish Priest of San Lorenzo in the Archdiocese of Piura. It is likely that he will join Fr Andrew, Fr Jonathan and myself in serving the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs as we await the arrival of Fr Matthew Carney. I would ask you to be patient if we do not always meet with your expectations. As you know, any service given to Our Lady's is in addition to a full timetable and a hard day's work. At times we might be tired and a little jaded. Please help us with a word of encouragement and the hand of friendship.

Thank you and God bless you,
Abbot Paul

Dates for Your Diary

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

**The numbers drawn week 32 were 2, 37, 38, 5, 16 & 3
one winner of £475.00
Prize money for week 33 is £250.00, and four numbers to be drawn**

Second Collection None this week

Next Sunday second collection is for world communications

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary afterward.

The Gift

Belmont Abbey Parish will be running a course between Easter and Pentecost called The Gift. Open to everyone from any parish, this is an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. The talks are on DVD and include a time for discussion in small groups. The teachings are relaxed, personal and informative, rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, Evangelii Gaudium and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis.

They will be held on consecutive Wednesday evenings in Belmont Abbey Parish Hall from 7.00pm on April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13 and 20 concluding in time for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 24 May.

Archbishop Kevin McDonald said, "The speakers are offering witness to God's action in the world and in their own lives. I warmly commend this resource." More information is available on www.thegiftofthespirit.org or from Chris Moore on 01432 358699

Quiz Night will be on Saturday 16th May. Please see posters for further details. Tickets are £2 with under 16s free and are available after Sunday Masses or by calling Lindsaye on 07832 694284

Torchlight Procession next Wednesday 13th May is the date of the Belmont Torchlight May Procession in honour of Our Lady, beginning at 9.00pm, Vespers at 6.00pm. Food and drink available from Hedley Lodge from 6.30pm

Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey - Sunday 6th September 2015 - 3.00pm We are hoping to organise a coach from the Herefordshire Deanery joining other members of clergy and parishioners of the Archdiocese of Cardiff in attending this annual ecumenical service.

To give an indication of numbers of those who are interested please email tintern.herefordshire@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01989 563463 with your name, contact details and number of places required by Monday 18th May. Further details about this year's service may be found at www.ourladyoftintern.co.uk The date to register if you would like to join the coach has been extended by a couple of weeks to 30th May 2015

Pentecost Vigil A vigil held here on Saturday 23rd May at 7.30pm this will include music, prayer, scripture and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We would encourage everyone to pray the prayer of Pope St John XXIII for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit

"Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen"

Sick & Housebound We are attempting to compile a list of people who are housebound and would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament, if anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from a priest (who does see not visit at present), please let a Special Minister or one of the priests know.

Altar Flowers The altar flowers this week have all been donated by the children of Our Lady's school. From, the school May procession on Friday.

Nepal Disaster the second collection last Sunday raised £540. 90 + £10.00 donation this will be sent to CAFOD

St Francis Xavier's School are looking for a clerk to the governors.

Full details available from the school office on 01432 273941, or from the school website.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life. On Thursday 21st May, the Vigil of St Rita please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed so that the women helped, by The Good Counsel Network, will receive the Grace from God to continue their pregnancies. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or see www.goodcounselnetwork.com

St Mary's School reunion class of 75, Saturday 6th June Imperial Hotel from 7pm. Contact Denise Edwards, (Francis) 07802829592 email denisefrancis353@hotmail.com

6th Sunday of Easter

Psalter week II

<p><i>Today:</i> 9:30 am 11:30 am 6:30 pm</p> <p><i>Monday 11 May</i> 10.00 am Mass – <i>SS Odo, Maieul, Odilo, Hugh and Bl Peter</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday 12 May</i> 7.00pm Mass – <i>Vitoria Jones for</i> <i>Feria</i> <i>Gods blessing and good health</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday 13 May</i> 10.00am Mass – <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></p> <p><i>Thursday, 14 May</i> 10.00am Mass – <i>Mary Hall</i> <i>St Mathias</i></p> <p><i>Friday 15 may</i> 7.00pm Mass – <i>Duncan Anderson</i> <i>St Pachomius</i></p> <p><i>Saturday, 16 May</i> 10.00am <i>Confessions & Exposition</i> <i>Feria</i> 11.00am <i>Mass –</i></p> <p><i>Sunday 17May</i> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 9:30 am <i>Helena & Kaz Domalik</i> 11:30 am 6.30pm <i>Father Michael</i></p>	<p>Rota Schedule for 11 May – 18 May 2015</p> <p>Flower Arrangers: <i>Lesley M & Chris</i></p> <p>Cleaners: <i>Kathy Davis</i></p> <p>Ushers: 9:30am <i>A Rollings P King</i> 11:30am <i>D Lissaman D Scofield</i> 6:30pm <i>Mr & Mrs Seemarks</i></p> <p>Readers:</p> <p> 9:30am <i>R Mead</i> 11:30am <i>V Thomas</i> 6.30pm <i>V Woods</i></p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers:</p> <p> 9.30am <i>H Fishlock C Sharland D Lissaman</i> 11.30am <i>F Davies J McGowan C Balestra</i> 6.30pm <i>J Wagner</i></p> <p>Altar Linen: <i>L Briscoe</i></p> <p>Counting <i>Richard, Bex & Paul</i></p> <hr/> <p>Polish Information: Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 24 Maja godz 16:00</p> <p>Finance: Collection on Sunday 26th April £329 + £540.90 - for Nepal Disaster Thank you</p>
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Please pray for: The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O’Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O’Leary Pat Spence, Joshua Isada and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, Marjorie Berry Glyn Mathews Pat Cotterell

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of May, including: Kaz & Helena Domalik, Harold Halls, Joseph Greene, Mary Robbins, Desmond Joyce, Hilda Bindon, Mary Turner, Bernadette Lynch, Veronica Lowe, Ann Maloney, Milborough Plummer, Gerhard Kostorz, Josephina Rizzardini, Elizabeth Donovan, Bernadette Graham, Ellen Elkin, Alice Derrick, David Martin, Marguerite Jacobs, Margaret Jones, Francis Meigh, Geoffrey Staton, Ron Tyler, Florence Pockett, Jacqueline Cotton and Franciszek Drynda, Joyce McDermott, Natalie Chadwick, Ryszard Dabek Grace Gillespie

A woman staggers out of a Dublin bar straight into the arms of a nun. “Drunk is it?” said the nun. “When are you going to learn what evils drink causes?” “Sister,” asks the woman, “What is it then that causes dreadful rheumatism?” “I’ll tell you what it is” snapped the nun angrily, warming to the task, “it is drinking gin and tonic and smoking and gambling. How long have you had rheumatism?” the woman replied “Oh it’s not myself that suffers from rheumatism, it’s your Mother Superior

Truth like oil will always come to the surface