



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### Baptism of the Lord- year cycle B – 11 January 2015

**Entrance:** *After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended on him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

**Responsorial psalm:** *All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him and said This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the son of God.*



#### **PARISH PRAYER**

**God our Father, pour forth your spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to talk with you about Baptism today, in order to stress an important fruit of this Sacrament: it makes us members of the Body of Christ and of the People of God. St Thomas Aquinas states that whoever receives Baptism is incorporated in Christ, almost as one of his own limbs, and becomes aggregated to the community of the faithful, that is, the People of God. Baptism allows us to enter the People of God, to become members of a People on a journey, a people on pilgrimage through history.

In effect, as from generation to generation life is transmitted, so too from generation to generation, through rebirth at the baptismal font, grace is transmitted, and by this grace the Christian People journeys through time, like a river that irrigates the land and spreads God's blessing throughout the world. From the moment that Jesus said what we hear in today's Gospel, the disciples went out to baptize; and from that time until today there is a chain in the transmission of the faith through Baptism. And each one of us is a link in that chain: like a river that irrigates. Such is the grace of God and such is our faith, which we must transmit to our sons and daughters, so that when they become adults, they can do the same for their children. This is what Baptism is: the People of God that journeys and hands down the faith.

In virtue of Baptism we become missionary disciples, called to bring the Gospel to the world. All of us in the Church are disciples, and this we are forever, our whole lifelong; and we are all missionaries, each in the place the Lord has assigned. Everyone: the littlest one is also a missionary; and the one who seems to be the greatest is a disciple. But one of you might say: "Bishops are not disciples, Bishops know everything; the Pope knows everything, he is not a disciple". No, the Bishops and the Pope must also be disciples, because if they are not disciples, they can do no good. We must all be disciples and missionaries.

There exists an indissoluble bond between the mystical and the missionary dimension of the Christian vocation, both rooted in Baptism. Upon receiving faith and Baptism, we Christians accept the action of the Holy Spirit who leads to confessing Jesus as Son of God and calling God 'Abba', Father. All of us who are baptized are called to live and transmit communion with the Trinity, for evangelization is a calling to participate in the communion of the Trinity.

No one is saved by himself. We are the community of believers, we are the People of God and in this community we share the beauty of the experience of a love that precedes us all, but that at the same time calls us to be "channels" of grace for one another, despite our limitations and our sins. The communitarian dimension is not just a "frame", an "outline", but an integral part of Christian life, of witness and of evangelization. The Christian faith is born and lives in the Church, and in Baptism families and parishes celebrate the incorporation of a new member in Christ and in his Body, which is the Church.

## 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 14 were 29 39 7 19 13**

**No winner**

**Prize money for week 18 is £550.00, and six numbers to be drawn**

**Tote Tickets back on Sale Today all masses**

Second collection: the recessional collection today will be for the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Their stated aims are to defend the rights of the unborn.

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

### **CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**

Next Sunday sees the beginning of Churches Together week of prayer for Christian Unity.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January St John's Methodist Church- Tea at 4pm followed by worship at 5pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January Hereford Cathedral - 1pm followed by soup and a roll

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January Eign Brook URC – 1pm followed by refreshments

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January St John's Methodist Church – 1pm followed by refreshments

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Friends Meeting House – 12.30pm then hot drink 'bring and share lunch'

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January All Saints Church - 1pm followed by refreshments

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January St Peters Church - 1pm followed by refreshments

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January St Francis Xavier Church at the shrine of St John Kemble 11.30am – 12noon  
(sorry we have no Kitchen facilities at the moment)

Funeral Arrangements The requiem of Przemyslaw Grzybowski will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10.30am followed by internment at Hereford Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

### **HEREFORD CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the HCHS will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey at 2.30 p.m. when we will have a paper on the History of Catholic Education in Herefordshire. Visitors welcome. Further information from [bmwarde@aol.com](mailto:bmwarde@aol.com) or 01432 760601

Lindsaye would like to announce the sad demise of the fridge freezer in the parish room, it is no more it rests in pieces. If anyone has hit the January sales, and now have a spare fridge freezer, looking for a new home. Please contact Lindsaye on 07832694284, we will gladly collect

Dear friends in Christ,

Today, 11<sup>th</sup> January, Fr Michael, Parish Priest of St Francis Xavier, and I celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. We were ordained together at Belmont Abbey on this day in 1975 by Bishop Mullins, who was then Auxiliary Bishop of Cardiff. A lot has happened to both of us in the past 40 years, but we are still here, through God's grace, faithfully serving the Church and still, happily, monks of Belmont. We ask for the support of your prayers as we continue to serve the Lord in this wonderful vocation.

Today Fr Alex, one of our Peruvian monks, who studied Theology at Oxford and was ordained in Peru on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014, will be celebrating his First Mass at Belmont. I hope that he will come down to Our Lady's and celebrate Mass for you as well. Then, on 12<sup>th</sup> March, Br Jonathan Rollinson of Belmont, at present a deacon, will be ordained to the Priesthood at Belmont. We thank God for these new priests and pray for vocations both to Belmont Abbey and to the Church in general in our land. Wouldn't it be fantastic if one of the young men of Our Lady's parish were to be blessed with a vocation to be a monk or a priest or, better still, both? Please pray for and encourage young people to give themselves to Christ in the service of the Church.

Every blessing, Abbot Paul

# Baptism of the Lord

## Psalter week III

### Today:

9:30 am Bellamy Family Int  
11:30 am Agnes McGowan Int  
6:30 pm

Monday 12 January 9:30 am Mass – Rita O’Leary Int  
St Benet Biscop

Tuesday 13 January 7:00 pm Mass – Jim Smith RIP  
Feria

Wednesday, 14 January 9:30 am Mass – Ellen Willis & Enid Udin  
Feroa RIP

Thursday, 15 January 9.00am Mass – Father Vincent Griffin RIP  
SS Maurus & Placid

Friday 16 January 7..00pm Mass – David Bellamy RIP  
Feria

Saturday, 17 January 9:30 am Confessions  
St Antony Of Egypt 10.30am Mass – Father Leo Ceasar RIP

Sunday, 18 January (Baptism of the Lord)

9:30 am John Farren  
11:30 am  
6:30 pm Fr Andrew Berry

### Rota Schedule for 5 to 11 January 2015

**Flower Arrangers:** R Jones C Simons

**Cleaners:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** 9:30am A Rollings E Pawlowicz

11:30am D Lissaman D Scofield

6:30pm C Mislom M Netting

### Readers:

9:30am T Bray

11:30am S West

6:30pm R Seamarks

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock, R Jones, S Thompson

11:30pm E Cotterell K Davies J McGowan

6:30pm C Milsom

**Altar Linen:** J Callingham

Counting

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 25 Stycznia godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 28 December raised **£522.40**  
thank you

### **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, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Anne Jenkins, Michael Morris, Phil Thompson, Chris Burns Rita O’Leary and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Fr. Donal Gillespie, Fr. Laurence Beer OSB, Monica Thompson and Helena Grabowska Prezmyslav Grzybowski

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of January, including: Lillian Orchard, Walter Jennings, Kathleen Jones, Kathleen Shawcross, Marjorie Sullivan, Ellen Willis, Elizabeth Farley, Ernest Cooper, Patrick Taylor, Margaret Ryan, Jamie McGoran, Winifred Brennan, Catherine Ross, Syd Swann, Eileen Harris, Patrick Lynch, Denise McQuaid, Ronald, O’Connor, Joseph Kelly, Raymond Watkins, Leslie Foulkes, Celia Methven, Reginald Sly, Shirley Walters, Irene Brennan, Jean Chappell, Angelo Moruzzi, Raymond Breeze, Amelia Smith, Jerzy Schmidt, Michał Piwień, Baden Powell, Francis Seymour, Eileen Scott, William Graham, James Jones, Louise Champion and Margaret Dean, Simon Williams

The Story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the childrens Sunday School class. Following the lesson the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby was most interested and drew picture of a car with three people in it. In the front behind the wheel was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman.

The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. But little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. Why this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden.

All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, it will all last forever. If going wrong don’t worry, they can’t last long either.

