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2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - year cycle B – 12 April 2015

Entrance: *Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia*

Responsorial psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love had no end.*

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia *Jesus said, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen a yet believe Alleluia*

Communion: *Bring your hands and feel the place of the nails and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia,*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay." This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death. That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast. Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord! Help us to seek and find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you. Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible. Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned. Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck by the Ebola epidemic in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and to care for those suffering from so many other diseases, which are also spread through neglect and dire poverty. Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped. Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent. We pray in a particular way for Syria, beloved Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenceless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue! Jesus, Lord of glory, we ask you to comfort the victims of fratricidal acts of violence in Iraq and to sustain the hopes raised by the resumption of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. We beg for an end to the conflicts in the Central African Republic and a halt to the brutal terrorist attacks in parts of Nigeria and the acts of violence in South Sudan. We ask that hearts be turned to reconciliation and fraternal concord in Venezuela. By your resurrection, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace in Ukraine so that all those involved, with the support of the international community, will make every effort to prevent violence and, in a spirit of unity and dialogue, chart a path for the country's future. On this day, may they be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen. Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!

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 28 were 4 20 32 33 44

No Winner

**Prize money for week 29 is £400.00, and five numbers to be drawn
Tote resumes this week don't forget your tickets you have to be in it to win it**

Second Collection for the Church and Hall decoration

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

Bible Study The next Bible Study will be on Wednesday 22nd April.

PAC The next meeting is next Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm

Jumble Sale Next sale in May we are in urgent need of bric-a-brac, shoes, handbags, toys, books, and clothes. We have storage space. Cakes nearer to the date, please.

Hall Management There is to be a management team for the care and hire of the hall, if anyone is willing to assist your help will be greatly appreciate. See any member of the PAC for further information. This team will meet at 6.00pm Monday 13th April prior to the PAC

The Meeting of Special Ministers of the Eucharist, has been moved and will now take place on Friday 24th April

The Diocesan Youth Retreat- 24-16th April. A weekend retreat, including engaging talks, live music, workshops, discussions, evening entertainment and loads more. It is aimed at 16-30 year olds and will take place at St. David's Catholic College, Cardiff. You are invited to take the opportunity to meet with hundreds of local Catholics your age and grow in faith. For more details visit youth2000.org or find us on Facebook

Churches Together have invited all the Parliamentary Candidates to a Hustings meeting to be chaired by Bishop Richard of Hereford on Tuesday 14th April starting at 7 pm in the hall of St John's Methodist Church. Please join us and hear their responses to the questions you have asked.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE 25th -29th March 2015

There is now one seat unexpectedly available on our pilgrimage to France next month. The cost is £300 to include all travel and full board (except for one lunch) and visiting Lisieux, Chartres and Paris.

For further details ring John and Mary Cook on 01432 850231.

To all Pilgrims! Don't forget our meeting at SFX Church in the Annexe on Friday 17th April at 7pm.

Don't forget to bring details of your EHIC, Travel insurance and Passport to the meeting! See you there

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

Hereford Catholic History Society Please note that the next meeting of the HCHS will be on Thursday 30th April 2015 in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey at 2.30 p.m. when Pat Lyne will speak on the establishment and work of the former Carmelite Community at Presteigne. Thursday 30th April at Belmont.

My dear friends in Christ,

Today we come to the end of the Easter Octave with Low Sunday, the day on which, in the early Church, newly-baptised Christians took off the albs they had been given at the Easter Vigil, hence the Latin name Dominica in Albis. In recent years it has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday, a break with history, tradition and theology.

Thank you for welcoming Fr Jonathan for the Paschal Triduum. He will join Fr Andrew and myself in celebrating Mass at Our Lady's for the time being.

I also thank you for your Easter Offering, which is for the clergy. To date it stands at £656.98p and half a Euro! As Benedictine monks we cannot keep any of that money, obviously, but it goes towards our upkeep at Belmont Abbey.

May you continue to enjoy the Easter Season and may the Risen Christ bless you all, Abbot Paul

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Psalter week II

<p>Today:</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>11:30 am John Young RIP</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>Monday 13 April 10.00 am Mass – Agnes McGowan Int St Martin Pope & Martyr</p> <p>Tuesday 14 April 7.00pm Mass – Elzbieta Wiesek RIP Feria</p> <p>Wednesday 15 April 10.00am Mass – Feria</p> <p>Thursday, 16 April 10.00am Mass – Feria</p> <p>Friday 17 April 7.00pm Mass -</p> <p>Saturday, 18 April 10.00am Confessions & Exposition 11.00am Mass – Special Intention</p> <p>Sunday 19 April 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>11:30 am Shirley Walters RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Fr Michael</p>	<p>Rota Schedule for 13 April - 19 April 2015</p> <p>Flower Arrangers: J Winter K Kinsella</p> <p>Cleaners: L Briscoe</p> <p>Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings P King 11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell 6:30pm M Netting C Milsom</p> <p>Readers:</p> <p>9:30am P Roberts</p> <p>11:30am H Meenaghan</p> <p>6.30pm J Winter</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers:</p> <p>9.30am C Sharland T Bray D Lissaman</p> <p>11.30am F Davies A Staton J Meenaghan</p> <p>6.30pm R Jones</p> <p>Altar Linen: A Whitehead</p> <p>Counting Marlene Kathy Paul</p> <hr/> <p>Polish Information: Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 26 Kwietnia godz 16:00</p> <p>Finance: The collection on Sunday see the abbot's letter on page 2 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, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O'Leary Pat Cotterell, Pat Spence, Joshua Isada and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, Aniela Nowosielska, William McGoldrick

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of April, including: Emily Rees, Margaret Cook, Thomas Slane, Hewitt Lane, Karol Sliwka, Sally Kaye, Alexander Taylor, Vera Ashcroft, Joyce Lynes, Norah Webb, Mary Bagley, Barbara McAtear, Raymond Preedy, Mary Logan, John Doyle, John Young, Amaryllis Davies, Jock Warzynski, Bernard Rourke, Anne Mead, Zofia Heathcock, Fernando Gianessi, Julie Powell, Thomas Reilly, Sharon Kostorz-Pinwell, Phyllis Lyons, Josef Priebe, Francis Meigh, Charles Bagley, John McEwan, Frederick Whalen and Edward da Silva, Elsie Vlahos and Ellen Sloane

A Franciscan, whose order is dedicated to poverty, and a Dominican, whose order is not, were travelling in the country when they suddenly came to a stream with no bridge. The Franciscan was barefoot and his habit was already torn and stained, so the Dominican asked to be carried over. Halfway across the stream the Franciscan asked the Dominican how much money he had on him. "Only five pounds" he replied. The Franciscan promptly dropped his passenger into the water. "You know the rules. We are not allowed to carry money

The problem with political jokes is they get elected