

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## The Ascension of the Lord, Year C – 12 May 2013

**Entrance:** *Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia*

**Responsorial psalm:** *God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all nations; I am with you always, yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia*



### **Social Networks: portals of truth and faith; new spaces for evangelization**

These spaces, when engaged in a wise and balanced way, help to foster forms of dialogue and debate which, if conducted respectfully and with concern for privacy, responsibility and truthfulness, can reinforce the bonds of unity between individuals and effectively promote the harmony of the human family. The exchange of information can become true communication, links ripen into friendships, and connections facilitate communion. If the networks are called to realize this great potential, the people involved in them must make an effort to be authentic since, in these spaces, it is not only ideas and information that are shared, but ultimately our very selves. The development of social networks calls for commitment: people are engaged in building relationships and making friends, in looking for answers to their questions and being entertained, but also in finding intellectual stimulation and sharing knowledge and know-how. The networks are increasingly becoming part of the very fabric of society, inasmuch as they bring people together on the basis of these fundamental needs. Social networks are thus nourished by aspirations rooted in the human heart. The culture of social networks and the changes in the means and styles of communication pose demanding challenges to those who want to speak about truth and values. Often, as is also the case with other means of social communication, the significance and effectiveness of the various forms of expression appear to be determined more by their popularity than by their intrinsic importance and value. Popularity, for its part, is often linked to celebrity or to strategies of persuasion rather than to the logic of argumentation. At times the gentle voice of reason can be overwhelmed by the din of excessive information and it fails to attract attention which is given instead to those who express themselves in a more persuasive manner. The social media thus need the commitment of all who are conscious of the value of dialogue, reasoned debate and logical argumentation; of people who strive to cultivate forms of discourse and expression which appeal to the noblest aspirations of those engaged in the communication process. Dialogue and debate can also flourish and grow when we converse with and take seriously people whose ideas are different from our own. *"Given the reality of cultural diversity, people need not only to accept the existence of the culture of others, but also to aspire to be enriched by it and to offer to it whatever they possess that is good, true and beautiful"* (Address at the Meeting with the World of Culture, 12 May 2010). The challenge facing social networks is how to be truly inclusive: thus they will benefit from the full participation of believers who desire to share the message of Jesus and the values of human dignity which his teaching promotes. Believers are increasingly aware that, unless the Good News is made known also in the digital world, it may be absent in the experience of many people for whom this existential space is important. The digital environment is not a parallel or purely virtual world, but is part of the daily experience of many people, especially the young. (Taken from Benedict XVI's message for this year's World Communications Day)

Dates for Your Diary

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

**Tote numbers drawn for week 4 were 28, 43, 14, 24, 27, 32, 29, 42 & 7 - no winner**

**Prize money for week 5 – £340.00 and ten numbers to be drawn**

Second collection today: on World Communications Day we are asked to keep those who work in the media in our prayers and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), which is entirely funded by this collection. The CCN provides communications support for the bishops of England and Wales, both individually and collectively, the Holy See and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on a variety of different levels. CCN works with the media (behind the scenes) on a daily basis to ensure the best possible coverage of current issues which have relevance for the Catholic faith including events such as the media co-ordination of the Papal Resignation and Election of Pope Francis. Please help the CCN to promote the Good News through the media, by your prayers and generosity

Parish AGM: parish hall at 7:30 pm on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May – all parishioners are *very* welcome. Refreshments

Tuesday Devotions: Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass, and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary after Mass

Catholicism: on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00 pm in the parish hall – this week's instalment, which is the last one in the series, is entitled, "*World Without End – the last things*" All welcome

Charity Choir Concert: in the parish church this Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Please see poster for details

Prayer Sponsors for Confirmation Candidates: please sign the list in the narthex if you would like to be a "prayer sponsor" for one of our confirmation candidates - there is no limit on numbers

Red Boxes: the recent total from the Missio Red Boxes came to **£487.91**. Thank you to all. If anyone would like a red box please ask Fr Cenydd or Peter and Mary Leach

"Meeting Thomas Merton": by Jim Forest, Theologian, Peace Activist and Friend of Thomas Merton. 7.00p.m. Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in the James Callaghan Lecture Theatre, Swansea University. This lecture is open to all who are interested and admission is free

Vigil for Pentecost: a vigil for Pentecost is to be held here in the parish church commencing at 7pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Led by Deacon Eddie Wyman of Belmont Abbey parish, the service will consist of scripture readings, prayer, the Holy Rosary, hymns and a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Year of Faith – The Miracle of Juarez: a talk on the Miracle of the Food Dump in Juarez, Mexico, will be given by Rob and Jacqui Corrigan on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre at Belmont Abbey, followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome

Ecumenical Walk of Witness: join us on our ecumenical walk around Cardiff churches to help bring an end to global hunger on the 1 June. Starting at the Lightship in Cardiff Bay at 9:30am we will join together with supporters from CAFOD, Christian Aid and Tearfund to pray and take action on this important issue. The walk will end in Cardiff city centre at 2:00 following a shared picnic at Bute Park at 12:00. Please contact CAFOD on 029 2045 3360 or email southwales@cafod.org.uk to register

MISSIO – APF Mill Hill: annual Mission Mass on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at St David's Cathedral – please see poster

Hereford LIFE update: we are on the move! Our small charity shop/care service in Commercial Road has served us well, but we now need more retail space, better storage facilities and more suitable accommodation for our care/counselling work. The group have made a bold, but risky, decision to rent premises at 42 Eign Gate, which will hopefully secure LIFE's presence in Hereford for many years to come. The project will be expensive as the premises need full refurbishment. We need help with fundraising, more volunteers for the shop and caring service, donations of goods, (especially nursery equipment), and DIY and decorating assistance. Above all we need your prayers to bring the project to fruition. Thank you – Jean Payne

## Ascensiontide

## Psalter: Week III

9:30 am	Victoria Jones Int
11:30 am	John Farren
6:30 pm	Kieran Green
Monday 13 May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9:30 am Mass – Forgotten Souls
Tuesday 14 May <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	7:00 pm Mass – Jackie Cotton
Wednesday 15 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass – Franciszek Drynda
Thursday, 16 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass –
Friday, 17 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	7:00 pm Mass –
Saturday, 18 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 am Confessions 10:30 am Mass – Ann Maloney
Sunday, 19 May (Pentecost Sunday)	
9:30 am	Kaz & Helena Domalik
11:30 am	David Martin
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison</i>

### Rota Schedule for 17 to 23 May 2013

<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	L Scanlon & H Meenaghan
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Janusz & Ilona
<b>Ushers:</b>	9:30am A Rollings & M Langford 11:30am D Lissaman & volunteer 6:30pm Volunteers
<b>Readers:</b>	9:30am A Spanjers 11:30am G Markham 6:30pm Volunteer
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	9:30am P Buckley, A Hepworth, (F Keogh) 11:30pm C Balestra, M Davies, C Mulloy 6:30pm M Langford, A Staton, C Milsom
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	M Lynch

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 26 maja godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 5 May came to **£576.45** – thank you

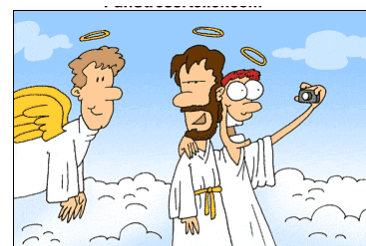
### **Please pray for:**

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Pat Spence, Rita Kennedy, Alex Spence, Karen Royer, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Katie Balnaves, Damian Brackley, Shelaigh Fawcett, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Angela Smith, Chris Turville, Olivia Thompson, Jason Houten, Barbara Hampton, Leo Hornby, Eva Zakrzewska, Jean Johns, Agnes McGowan, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Alan Weaver, 'Marjorie', Franciszek Drynda, Barbara Westlake and Jackie Cotton

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 and Florence Pockett

Late one Saturday evening, I was awakened by the ringing of my phone. In a sleepy grumpy voice I said hello. The party on the other end of the line paused for a moment before rushing breathlessly into a lengthy speech. "Mum, this is Susan and I'm sorry I woke you up, but I had to call because I'm going to be a little late getting home. See, Dad's car has a flat but it's not my fault. Honest! I don't know what happened. The tire just went flat while we were inside the theatre. Please don't be mad, okay?" Since I don't have any daughters, I knew the person had dialled my number by mistake. "I'm sorry dear," I replied, "but you've reached the wrong number. I don't have a daughter named Susan." "Gosh, Mum," the young woman's voice replied, "I didn't think you'd be this angry."



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld  
I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT  
02-16-2009