

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year C – 14 April 2013

Entrance: *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia*

Responsorial psalm: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!*

Communion: *The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of the 50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, to be held on 21 April 2013, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, I want to invite you to reflect on the theme:

“Vocations as a sign of hope founded in faith”, which happily occurs during the Year Faith, the year marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. While the Council was in session, the Servant of God, Paul VI, instituted day of worldwide prayer to God the Father, asking him to continue to send workers his Church (cf. Mt 9:38). “The problem of having a sufficient number of priests”, as

the Pope stated at the time, “has an immediate impact on all of the faithful: not simply because they depend on it for the religious future of Christian society, but also because this problem is the precise and inescapable indicator of the vitality of faith and love of individual parish and diocesan communities, and the evidence of the moral health of Christian families. Wherever numerous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are to be found, that is where people are living the Gospel with generosity” (Paul VI, Radio Message, 11 April 1964). During the intervening decades, the various Christian communities all over the world have gathered each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, united in prayer, to ask from God the gift of holy vocations and to propose once again, for the reflection of all, the urgent need to respond to the divine call. Indeed, this significant annual event has fostered a strong commitment to placing the importance of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life ever more at the centre of the spirituality, prayer and pastoral action of the faithful. Hope is the expectation of something positive in the future, yet at the same time it must sustain our present existence, which is often marked by dissatisfaction and failures. On what is our hope founded? Looking at the history of the people of Israel, recounted in the Old Testament, we see one element that constantly emerges, especially in times of particular difficulty like the time of the Exile, an element found especially in the writings of the prophets, namely remembrance of God’s promises to the Patriarchs: a remembrance that invites us to imitate the exemplary attitude of Abraham, who, as Saint Paul reminds us, “believed, hoping against hope, that he would become ‘the father of many nations,’ according to what was said, ‘Thus shall your descendants be’” (Rom 4:18). One consoling and enlightening truth which emerges from the whole of salvation history, then, is God’s faithfulness to the covenant that he entered into, renewing it whenever man infringed it through infidelity and sin, from the time of the flood (cf. Gen 8:21-22) to that of the Exodus and the journey through the desert (cf. Dt 9:7). That same faithfulness led him to seal the new and eternal covenant with man, through the blood of his Son, who died and rose again for our salvation. (Part one of the Message for Vocations Sunday)



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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 50 were 24, 33, 13, 31 & 11 - no winner

**Prize money for week 1 – £190.00 and six numbers to be drawn
(Tote will resume on Sunday 14th April 2013)**

Today's collection: is for the parish

Tuesday Devotions: will be suspended for this week, due to Fr Cenydd's absence from the parish. Mass though will be as normal

Catholicism: the DVD presentation will be suspended for this week due to Fr Cenydd's absence from the parish. The series will continue on Wednesday, 24th April at 7:00 pm

Science and Religion: the next Year of Faith event takes place at St. Mary's School, Lugwardine on Monday 15th April (tomorrow) at 7pm, in main hall. Fr. Andrew Pinsent will talk on "Science and Religion." It is a real coup for the deanery to have someone as distinguished as Fr. Pinsent speaking to us on such a burning issue. And he really is supremely qualified to speak on this subject having been an eminent scientist, working at CERN in Geneva, before becoming a priest

Frassati Youth Group: if you are in Year 7 or above, you are invited to come along to the Frassati Youth Group meetings on the following Thursday evenings in the Parish Room, 7pm to 9pm - meetings for the next half term will be on 18th April, 2nd May, & 16th May. For further details contact Lucy on 01432 840847

Special Collection for Marriage Care: next Sunday the second collection will be for the Herefordshire branch of Marriage Care. "We are a national charity, specialising in couple relationships. Marriage Care helps couples and individuals build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship difficulty. And we've been doing this for over 65 years. Our vision is a society in which all adults can build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy relationships. We are doing what we can towards achieving this vision by offering relationship education initiatives, marriage preparation services and relationship counselling to all, regardless of ability to pay. We have over 50 centres and more than 100 counselling locations across England and Wales." (Taken from their web site)

50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life: on 21st April – Good Shepherd Sunday; Archbishop George writes, "it would be good to remind your parishioners that we now have five men in training for the Diocesan priesthood, with hopefully a sixth going to the seminary in September. Please ask your people for their prayers and support of this essential ministry in the life of the Church at large, and the Diocese of Cardiff in particular. Their prayers are beginning to bear fruit." Prayer cards will be provided next Sunday, but please feel free to pray "freestyle" whenever you feel drawn by the Holy Spirit

Prayer Group: the next meeting will be on Monday 29th April at 7pm in the Lady Chapel. We hope to have Exposition. All welcome

Holy Mass at the Pre-Reformation Catholic Chapel of St James at Longworth: this year the Abbot of Belmont will be celebrating Holy Mass in Longworth Chapel at 11:00 on Thursday, 18th July. More information will be published nearer the time. The annual AGM of The Friends of Longworth Chapel will take place at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday 17th April** at the Chapel; anyone interested in joining the Friends or hearing about progress towards full restoration of the Chapel is welcome to attend – Desmond Keohane

The Herefordshire Catholic History Society following a very successful visit to the Cathedral Archives the Herefordshire Catholic History Society returns to the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey on Tuesday 30th April at 7:30 p.m. The main topic of the evening will be the history of Weobley parish. All interested persons and new members welcome. Information: 01432 760601 or bmwarde@aol.com

Torchlight Procession: in honour of Our Lady will be held 9:00 pm on Wednesday, 8th May at Belmont Abbey

Third Week of Easter

Psalter: Week III

9:30 am	Jan Jakubowicz
11:30 am	Tony Bunclark
6:30 pm	
Monday 15 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass –
Tuesday 16 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	7:00 pm Mass – Holy Souls
Wednesday 17 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass –
Thursday, 18 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass –
Friday, 19 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	7:00 pm Mass –
Saturday, 20 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	10:30 am Mass –
Sunday, 21 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)	
9:30 am	Raymond Carroll
11:30 am	Shirley Walters
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison</i>

Rota Schedule for 19 to 25 April 2013

Flower Arrangers: C Mulloy & L Meredith

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan & volunteer

11:30am D Lissaman & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers: 9:30am S West

11:30am H Meenaghan

6:30pm V Woods

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland, P Buckley, (A Hepworth)

11:30pm F Davies, J Meenaghan, D Lissaman

6:30pm M Langford, A Staton, C Milsom

Altar Linen: A Hepworth

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 28 kwietnia godz 16:00

Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 07 April came to **£560.71** – 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 and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially George Goodswen, Iris Burch, Laurence Montagu and Alan Weaver

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 and Frederick Whalen

There was a knock on the door this morning. I opened it to find a young man standing there who said: "Hello Sir, I'm a Jehovah's Witness." I said "Come in and sit down." I offered him coffee and asked, "What do you want to talk about?" Looking rather puzzled, he replied, "I really don't know. I've never got this far before."

We sing 'Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching As To War' on Sunday, then go AWOL from Monday to Saturday

Don't let your worries get you down; remember, Moses started out as a basket case



"I know our pastor preached on family values, Johnny, but I'm sure he didn't mean raising your allowance."