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Fourth Sunday of Lent - year cycle B – 15 March 2015

Entrance: *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

Responsorial psalm: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.*

Gospel: **Glory and Praise to you O Christ!** *God loved the world so much he gave his only son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life*

Communion: *Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together, The tribes go up the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord*



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.

Continuing the reflexions of Pope Francis on Lent (15th March 2015

"If one member suffers, all suffer together" (1 Cor 12:26) – The Church

The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference. The Church offers us this love of God by her teaching and especially by her witness. But we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced. Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others. This is clearly seen in the liturgy of Holy Thursday, with its rite of the washing of feet. Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet, but he came to realize that Jesus does not wish to be just an example of how we should wash one another's feet. Only those who have first allowed Jesus to wash their own feet can then offer this service to others. Only they have "a part" with him (Jn 13:8) and thus can serve others. Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference, which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26). The Church is the *communio sanctorum* (communion of saints) not only because of her saints, but also because she is a communion in holy things: the love of God revealed to us in Christ and all his gifts. Among these gifts there is also the response of those who let themselves be touched by this love. In this communion of saints, in this sharing in holy things, no one possesses anything alone, but shares everything with others. And since we are united in God, we can do something for those who are far distant, those whom we could never reach on our own, because with them and for them, we ask God that all of us may be open to his plan of salvation.

Holy Week Ceremonies

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass 10am

Tuesday

Penance Service & Confessions 7pm

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Watching until 10pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 11am

Solemn Liturgy 3pm

Holy Saturday

Traditional Polish Blessing of Food 1pm

Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter 8pm

Easter Sunday

Parish Mass 9.30am & 11.30am

No evening Mass today

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 25 were 41, 15, 26, 9

No Winner

Prize money for week 25 is £325.00, and four numbers to be drawn

Get your Tote Tickets on Sale after all masses

Second Collection for the redecoration of the church

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

Stations of the Cross. During Lent there will be Stations at 6.30 on Friday

Family Fast Day Please remember your Cafod envelopes. Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on the poorest communities. Every £1 donated between Ash Wednesday and 17th May 2015 will be covered by UK Aid Match up to £5million. Envelopes are at the back of church. Please remember your offering

Belmont Abbey Parish is delighted to welcome the professional Christian theatre company RISE Theatre, who will be performing their brand new original play 'White Rabbit' at: Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey on Friday 20 March 2015, at 7.30pm_ 'White Rabbit' is a powerful story about two people and their journey to faith – an imaginative and moving tale of love, loss and self-discovery. The play features an original score by singer-songwriter and director Charley Pinfold - www.charleypinfold.com. The performance is suitable for adults and ages 12+. Tickets are £8 (£6 for under 18s.) For booking information and tickets please contact Fr Nick, Chris Moore or the parish office.

Ministries Father Andrew would like to have a meeting after the 7.00pm mass on Friday 20th March, of all Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and readers of the Liturgy. Also anyone who is interested in these, or any other church ministries.

The Bidding Prayers each Sunday are now compiled by a small group of volunteers as requested by our past priest Father Cennydd to relieve in future this duty from any new priest. There are just five of us at the moment. The prayers are the same for all weekend Masses. We really could do with three or four more volunteers from whichever Mass they attend at the weekend. This valuable service is not difficult. Help and guidance is always available from those already participating. If you feel you would like to help the parish in this way, please contact Fran's dad! (Roy Mead on 01432 840775)]

RED MISSIO BOXES

Please can all Red Missio Boxes be handed in for the Spring count. You can give them to us directly or to Father Andrew or Father Paul for keeping in the sacristy for us to collect. We will put them at the back of the Church near the hymn books when emptied. Many thanks Peter, Mary and Alice Leach

Are you a teacher approaching retirement, or already retired?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has successful programmes in around 164 primary and 74 secondary schools and parishes in England and Wales. Our specially trained youth development officers, most of whom are retired teachers, develop relationships with local schools, and support teachers and pupils to run SVP groups. These groups are an asset to the school and the local community, especially those in need (the homeless, elderly, poor, lonely, disabled). These programmes are going through an exciting period of expansion. As such, we need experienced people, just like you. Your skills and experience as a teacher make you the ideal candidate to be an SVP youth development officer, and there is no need to be a member of the SVP. If you are a teacher approaching retirement, or already retired, you are warmly invited to contact the SVP to find out more. Email Elizabeth Hanley at elizabethh@svp.org.uk or call 020 7703 3030.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, the 4th Sunday in Lent, is Mothering Sunday, which most people in Britain keep as Mother's Day, though for the rest of the world the second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. The origin of Mothering Sunday, also known as Mid-Lent or Refreshment Sunday, lies in the fact that today we celebrate the Church as our Mother, for Christians are reborn as children of God in Baptism. The font symbolises the womb from which we are reborn of our new and true Mother, the Church, which is the Bride of Christ. It's also the day when Christians traditionally broke the fast of Lent and took a day off from the rigours of their Lenten observance. How times have changed, and not for the best! Anyway, we pray today for our Mother the Church, for our own mothers and for all those great women who have helped us through life and lavished their love and care upon us. God bless, Fr Paul

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalter week IV

Today:

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:30 pm

Monday 16 March 10.00 am Mass –
Feria

Tuesday 17 March 7:00 pm Mass – Jack & Rose Pick
St Patrick

Wednesday, 18 March 10.00 am Mass –

Thursday, 19 March 10.00 am Mass –
St Joseph

Friday 20 March 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Feria 7.00 pm Mass –

Saturday, 21 March 10.00-11.00 am Adoration,
Feria Benediction & Confession
11.00 am Mass- Thanksgiving CB

Sunday 22 March (4 Sunday in Lent)

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:30 pm

Father Michael

Rota Schedule for 16-22 March 2015

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: M Paiva

Ushers: 9:30 am M Whent M Pawlowicz

11:30 am Mr & Mrs Cotterell

6:30 pm M Netting C Milsom

Readers:

9:30 am R Mead

11:30 am G Markham

6:30 pm R Maloney

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30 am H Fishlock R Jones D Lissaman

11:30 pm F Davcies J McGowan C Balestra

6:30 pm J Wagner

Altar Linen: B Spanjers

Counting Denise John Paul

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 22 Marca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday 8 March raised **£332.29 + £190.59 for church decoration** 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, Michael Morris Chris Burns Rita O'Leary Pat Cotterell Merriel Cotterill Pat Spence and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, Ann Jenkins, Phylis Warzynski, Canon Tom Keane,

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of March, 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, June Lapsley Harry Forder Charles Bagley, John McEwan Frederick Whalen, Karen Royer, Ann Meaker, Peter Tonner, Mary McGowan, Ricardo Belzoni, Sr. Marie Clare of the Assumption, Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn and Elsie Vloss

Two women came before King Solomon, dragging between them a young man in a 3 piece suit. "This young man agreed to marry my Daughter" said the one, "no he agreed to marry my daughter" said the other, and so they haggled before the King. "My sword! Bring me my biggest sword" said Solomon, "and we shall hew the young man in half." "Fine sounds good to me," said the first lady. But the other woman said "Oh sire so no spill innocent blood. Let this other womans daughter marry him."

The wise king did not hesitate a moment. "Indeed the young man must marry the first lady's daughter," he proclaimed.

"But she was willing to hack him in two!" exclaimed the king's court,

"Precisely!" said wise King Solomon. "That shows she is the true mother-in-law."

