

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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The Second Sunday of Lent, Year A – 16 March 2014

Entrance: *Of you my heart has spoken: seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me*

Responsorial psalm: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you*

Gospel: *Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!'*

Communion: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him*



We know indeed, dearly-beloved, your devotion to be so warm that in the fasting, which is the forerunner of the Lord's Easter, many of you will have forestalled our exhortations. But because the right practice of abstinence is needful not only to the mortification of the flesh but also to the purification of the mind, we desire your observance to be so complete that, as you cut down the pleasures that belong to the lusts of the flesh, so you should banish the errors that proceed from the imaginations of the heart. For he whose heart is polluted with no misbelief prepares himself with true and reasonable purification for the Paschal Feast, in which all the mysteries of our religion meet together. For, as the Apostle says, that "all that is not of faith is sin" the fasting of those will be unprofitable and vain, whom the father of lying deceives with his delusions, and who are not fed by Christ's true flesh. As then we must with the whole heart obey the Divine commands and sound doctrine, so we must use all foresight in abstaining from wicked imaginations. For the mind then only keeps holy and spiritual fast when it rejects the food of error and the poison of falsehood, which our crafty and wily foe plies us with more treacherously now, when by the very return of the venerable Festival, the whole church generally is admonished to understand the mysteries of its salvation. For he is the true confessor and worshipper of Christ's resurrection who is not confused about His passion, nor deceived about His bodily nativity. For some are so ashamed of the Gospel of the Cross of Christ, as to impudently nullify the punishment which He underwent for the world's redemption, and have denied the very nature of true flesh in the Lord, not understanding how the impassible and unchangeable Deity of God's Word could have so far condescended for man's salvation, as by His power not to lose His own properties, and in His mercy to take on Him ours. And so in Christ, there is a twofold form but one person, and the Son of God, who is at the same time Son of Man, is one Lord, accepting the condition of a slave by the design of loving-kindness, not by the law of necessity, because by His power He became humble, by His power passible, by His power mortal; that for the destruction of the tyranny of sin and death, the weak nature in Him might be capable of punishment, and the strong nature not lose aught of its glory. (From a sermon by Pope St Leo the Great)

Renewal

*It's time now to begin,
the new life cycle that is
Spring,
new reflection on our ways,
new growth, new grace,
to imitate,*

*Our Lord's example,
prayer and fasting,
with His love
now everlasting,
be the salt,
preserve, enhance,
all the flavours*

*of life's dance,
preparation for the Light,
for the message that's in
sight,
preparation for renewal
of the hope
that's in our hearts.*

Dates for Your Diary

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

**The numbers drawn for week 41 were 11, 45, 42 & 6 – one winner
Mrs Celia Sharland
Prize money for week 42 is £40.00 and four numbers to be drawn**

The Light Is ON for You: on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm, Catholics are invited to come along and experience the simple generosity of God's love in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). You won't be judged and a very warm welcome awaits you. To find Confession times in other parishes and for additional resources visit www.rcadc.co.uk/the-light-is-on-for-you.html (also see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/confession)

Second collection today: is for the parish

Tuesday Devotions: the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass; the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Wednesday: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am and 9:30am; Confession available from 7:00pm till 8:00pm, and Fr Frank Slater, former parish priest of Leominster, will be 'in the box' this week

Lenten talk: on Wednesday at 8:00pm – *The Healing Power of Confession*, by Dr Scott Hahn

Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10:00am and again after the evening Mass (roughly 7:30 pm)

Lenten alms: there will be a box left before the altar; funds will go to charitable work within the Archdiocese

First Holy Communion Course: there will be a meeting after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 23rd March for those parents and children interested in taking part in this year's parish course. Please see Fr Cenydd or Mrs Lynn Johnson for details

Gift Aid Envelopes: the new envelopes are now available for please collect from the back of the church. So far this year the amount gift aided has netted £3,171 back from the tax man – a very big thank you to all gift aiding parishioners. (If you are a UK taxpayer please consider gift aiding your donation to the church. It can be paid weekly in the collection, or by standing order. Please contact Celia on 269524 or Father Cenydd)

OLPS: please pray for the children of our parish school who are to make their confession this coming Wednesday - Natalia Brejta, Poppy Briscoe, Joseph Cowdery, Grace Davis, Daniel Jaworski, Wiktoria Lebiest, Tilly Moverley, Robert Nicinski, Scarlett Rogan, Smilte Simkeviciute, Tegan Callie Smith, Edward O Keefe, Kaydean Morgan and Lekisha Oganbase. Thank you

Wednesdays in Lent at Belmont Abbey: the parables of Jesus present us with a 're-imagined' world; one in which we are challenged to adopt a new way of living and relating. **19th March: Luke's unlikely evangelists, with Dom Brendan Thomas** - morning coffee at 10.30, talk at 11.00, Mass at 12 noon; 1.00 simple bread & soup lunch, talk at 2.00pm, afternoon tea at 3.00pm. Suggested offering of £10.00, which includes lunch

The WHY? Course at SFX: a series of DVD's and guided talks in the Annexe on our faith, suitable for the committed and those who are doubtful. Why Jesus? Friday 21st March. Why the Church? 31st March. All presentations start at 7.30 pm

Soldier to Saint: is an explosive, original one-act play by RISE theatre, packing a powerful punch and bringing to life the inspirational story of Saint Alban, Britain's first Christian martyr. Belmont Abbey Parish is delighted to be hosting the professional theatre company RISE Theatre at Hedley Lodge on Friday 28th March at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm. The performance is suitable for ages 12+. Tickets are £6 each and can be purchased via the Parish Office (01432) 277319 or online at <http://www.risetheatre.ticketsource.co.uk/>

Deanery Lenten Station Mass: to be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, 8th April here in our parish. His Grace the Archbishop will be the main celebrant. Fr Cenydd is looking for some willing volunteers to help with the refreshments in the parish hall afterwards

Second week of Lent

Psalter: Week II

Today:

9:30 am Nancy Harris
11:30 am John Farren
6:30 pm

Monday 17 March 9:30 am Mass – Thanksgiving (AD)
St Patrick, Bishop

Tuesday 18 March 7:00 pm Mass – Roy Marrison
Lent

Wednesday, 19 March 7:00 am Mass – J & T Colley Int
St Joseph
9:30 am Mass – Mary Moran

Thursday, 20 March 9:30 am Mass – Forgotten Souls
Lent

Friday, 21 March 7:00 pm Mass – Dorrie Galvin
Lent

Saturday, 22 March 9:30 am Confessions
Lent 10:30 am Mass – Giedre Balsyte

Sunday, 23 March (Third Sunday of Lent)

9:30 am Mieczysław Wojtczak
11:30 am Sylvia Headon
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Michael Evans

Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Dr Mike O'Kane, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Margaret Anderson, Sheila Seamarks, and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Barry Britton, Jason Houten, Łukasz Maziarski, Ivan Champion, Karen Royer, Ann Meaker, Peter Tonner, Mary McGowan, Ricardo Belzoni, Sr. Marie and Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of March, including: Frank Gillich, June Lapsley, Joseph Miller, Philomena Doherty, Sylvia King, Margaret Davis, Geoffrey Lyons, Eileen Foster, Daniel Higgins, Henry Lavell, Boleslaw Chojnowski, Anthony Bunclark, Brian Halligan, Rose Hughes, Bridget Burns, John Lavell, Mark Vallely, Shirley Maher, Bridget Robakowski, Robert Edward, Myrna Thomas, Harry Forder, George Goodswen and Iris Burch

Mrs. O'Malley was at the parish mission; married for five years, she had no children, so she went to see the visiting mission priest to ask for his prayers. The priest said, "I'm going to Rome next week so I'll light a candle for you and your husband." Some years later they met again. The Father asked, "Mrs. O'Malley, how are you these days? Have you been blessed with any young ones yet?" She replied, "Oh yes, Father! Four sets of twin boys." The Father said, "That's wonderful! How is your loving other half doing?" Mrs. O'Malley replied, "He's over in Rome, trying to find your candle and blow it out

Rota Schedule for 21 to 27 March 2014

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan & volunteer

11:30am J McGowan & J Kelly

6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seamarks

Readers:

9:30am P Buckley

11:30am H Meenaghan

6:30pm V Woods

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am F Keogh, A Hepworth

11:30pm E Cotterell, J McGowan, H Meenaghan

6:30pm J Winter, C Milsom, R Jones

Altar Linen:

A Hepworth

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 marca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 9th March came to **£641.11** – thank you

well, no, i THINK i might
be agnostic, but i'm not sure



