

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A – 18 May 2014

**Entrance:** *O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia*

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

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia*



### **Vocations: Witness to the Truth** (part two)

Both in married life and in the forms of religious consecration, as well as in priestly life, we must surmount the ways of thinking and acting that do not conform to the will of God. It is an 'exodus that leads us on a journey of adoration of the Lord and of service to him in our brothers and sisters' ("Address to the International Union of Superiors General", 8 May 2013). Therefore, we are all called to adore Christ in our hearts in order to allow ourselves to be touched by the impulse of grace contained in the seed of the word, which must grow in us and be transformed into concrete service to our neighbour. We need not be afraid: God follows the work of his hands with passion and skill in every phase of life. He never abandons us! He has the fulfilment of his plan for us at heart, and yet he wishes to achieve it with our consent and cooperation. Today too, Jesus lives and walks along the paths of ordinary life in order to draw near to everyone, beginning with the least, and to heal us of our infirmities and illnesses. I turn now to those who are well disposed to listen to the voice of Christ that rings out in the Church and to understand what their own vocation is. I invite you to listen to and follow Jesus, and to allow yourselves to be transformed interiorly by his words, which 'are spirit and life' (Jn 6:62). Mary, the Mother of Jesus and ours, also says to us: 'Do whatever he tells you' (Jn 2:5). It will help you to participate in a communal journey that is able to release the best energies in you and around you. A vocation is a fruit that ripens in a well cultivated field of mutual love that becomes mutual service, in the context of an authentic ecclesial life. No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: 'By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another' (Jn 13:35)? Dear brothers and sisters, this 'high standard of ordinary Christian living' means sometimes going against the tide and also encountering obstacles, outside ourselves and within ourselves. Jesus himself warns us: the good seed of God's word is often snatched away by the Evil one, blocked by tribulation, and choked by worldly cares and temptation. All of these difficulties could discourage us, making us fall back on seemingly more comfortable paths. However, the true joy of those who are called consists in believing and experiencing that he, the Lord, is faithful, and that with him we can walk, be disciples and witnesses of God's love, open our hearts to great ideals, to great things. 'We Christians were not chosen by the Lord for small things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals!' I ask you bishops, priests, religious, Christian communities and families to orient vocational pastoral planning in this direction, by accompanying young people on pathways of holiness which, because they are personal, 'call for a genuine "training in holiness" capable of being adapted to every person's need. This training must integrate the resources offered to . . .

## 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 4 were 2, 48, 32, 14, 39, 31, 11 & 1 – no winner**

**Prize money for week 5 is £280.00 and nine numbers to be drawn**

Continued from front page: *everyone with both the traditional forms of individual and group assistance, as well as the more recent forms of support offered in associations and movements recognized by the Church' ("Novo Millennio Ineunte", 31). Let us dispose our hearts therefore to being 'good soil', by listening, receiving and living out the word, and thus bearing fruit. The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, Sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the Sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in fraternity, the more there will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the Kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. And the harvest will be plentiful, proportionate to the grace we have meekly welcomed into our lives. With this wish, and asking you to pray for me, I cordially impart to you all my Apostolic Blessing. (Pope Francis, *Message for Vocations Sunday*, 2014)*

The second collection: will be for the parish

Monday to Friday: of this week Mass **will not be celebrated** in the parish, as Fr. Cenydd is away. Belmont parish has Mass on Wednesday and Friday at noon; SFX has Mass on Monday at 9.15am, Wednesday at 1.00pm, Thursday at 9.15am, and Friday at 1:00pm. The telephone number of Belmont is 01432 277319 and that of SFX is 01432 273485, should you wish to check times before setting out. The abbey at Belmont has Mass each day at 8:00am, and the Poor Clare community at Much Birch has Mass at 8:00am each weekday except Friday, when it is at 6:00pm

Emergency numbers: if you have an emergency needing a priest while Fr. Cenydd is away please call either Fr. Nicholas Wetz on 01432 277319 or Fr. Michael Evans on 01432 273485. Thank you

Helpers needed: for the parish Jumble Sale this month. On Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 8:00 am and going on until noon, volunteers are needed to set the stalls up, sort the items into their various types, and generally make the stalls look appealing. Many thanks

Parish Jumble Sale: on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May – help needed for the running of the stalls; fun guaranteed. Home made cakes, bric-a-brac, shoes, handbags, books, clothes, toys, bedding etc all gratefully received

Hereford Catholic History Society: the next meeting of the HCHS will be on Wednesday 4th June in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey at 2:30pm, when we will hear about St. Thomas Cantilupe. We plan to combine the talk with a look at the west window in the Abbey Church, which depicts the detail of the life of St. Thomas of Hereford. Visitors welcome. Further information from [bmwarde@aol.com](mailto:bmwarde@aol.com) or 01432 760601

Vigil for Pentecost: there will be a Vigil for Pentecost here at 7.30pm on Saturday 7th June. There will be hymns, scripture readings, the rosary and a quiet time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our deanery parishes and communities. All welcome

Confirmation 2014: our candidates are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated by Archbishop George at Belmont Abbey on 13th July. We would very much like all our Parishioners to pray for the young people over the next few months. We would also like some Parishioners to act as "Prayer Sponsors" to our candidates - there is a list at the back of the Church for you to sign up as a prayer sponsor, so please make a positive effort to share in this very special sacrament. Thank you for your support

Missio Boxes: the total from the counting of the boxes is **£602.60** – thank you very much to all involved

Creating a dementia friendly Hereford - see you in the church hall: would you like to be a part of a national movement to help make Britain a place where people who have dementia can live well with understanding neighbours and supportive friends? This Sunday after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses come join other people who want to be dementia friends. All it takes is 45 minutes, 5 key facts and 1 small action

# Fifth Week of Eastertide

## Psalter week I

Today:

9:30 am	John Hepworth
11:30 am	Ken Davis
6:30 pm	Ann Maloney

Monday 19 May  
*St Dunstan, Bishop*

Tuesday 20 May  
*St Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

Wednesday, 21 May  
*St Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Martyr*

Thursday, 22 May  
*St Rita of Cascia, Religious*

Friday, 23 May  
*Dedication of the Cathedral Church*

Saturday, 24 May            9:30 am - Confessions  
*Eastertide*                    10:30 am Mass – Leo Diggins

Sunday, 25 May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

9:30 am	Edward Dzierza
11:30 am	Teresa Foxon
6:30 pm	<i>Fr Cenydd Marrison</i>

### 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, Sylvia Jones, Joe and Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Judith Carter, Katie Richardson, Pearl Bray and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Ellen Sloane, Grace Gillespie, Joyce McDermott, Natalie Chadwick, and Ryszard Dabek

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, Florence Pockett, Jacqueline Cotton and Franciszek Drynda

A married couple was celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. At the party everybody wanted to know how they managed to stay married so long in this day and age. The husband responded "When we were first married we came to an agreement. I would make all the major decisions and my wife would make all the minor decisions. And in 60 years of marriage we have never needed to make a major decision."

'Man is incomplete until he is married. Then he is really finished.'

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." The husband replied, "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice."

### Rota Schedule for 23 to 29 May 2014

**Flower Arrangers:** L Brazewell

**Cleaners:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** 9:30am A Rollings & volunteer

11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield

6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting

### Readers:

9:30am F Keogh

11:30am M Brown

6:30pm M Woolaway

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock, T Bray, (F Keogh)

11:30pm E Cotterell, M Davies, J McGowan

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

**Altar Linen:** A Whitehead

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 25 maja godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May came to **£425.06** – thank you

