



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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3rd Sunday of Easter –year cycle B – 19 April 2015

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: *Lift up the light of your face on us O Lord.*

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia: *Lord 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 bread* **alleluia,**

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's now 26 years since Belmont took over the pastoral care of Our Lady's Parish from the Vincentian Fathers. Fr Thomas Regan became Parish Priest in 1989 and for a time was assisted by dear Fr Luke Waring. Fr Thomas is now helping out at Buckfast Abbey, while Fr Luke, who is 88, is living in retirement in the Infirmary at Belmont. It was Fr Thomas, with his boundless energy, who built this lovely Parish Church in honour of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, in memory of the Herefordshire Reformation Martyrs, St John Kemble and Bl Roger Cadwallader, and not forgetting St Ethelbert, King and Martyr, killed at Marden by King Offa in 794.

Fr Thomas was succeeded by Fr Martin Donnelly, a very charismatic priest, who is now living in Ireland, caring for his sick mother. Then came Fr Cenydd Marrison, a man of integrity and an exceptionally hard worker, who is now Parish Priest of St Begh's, Whitehaven, a Belmont parish in the Diocese of Lancaster. Each of these wonderful priests was very different in pastoral style and character, but they were all distinguished by their zeal and love for the people of Our Lady's Parish and the mission of the Catholic Church.

In August, Fr Matthew Carney, who is at present on a hard-earned sabbatical, will become your Parish Priest. I know you will give him a warm welcome and cooperate fully with him in the life of the parish. I have appointed him because he is one of the best priests I have to give you. In the meantime, you have Fr Andrew Berry, Fr Jonathan Rollinson and myself helping you to keep the parish ticking over between the departure of one Parish Priest and the arrival of another. I apologise if at times we can do no more than the basic minimum. Please remember that we are already fully engaged in our work at Belmont and elsewhere. Personally, I feel particularly guilty about not being able to devote more time to Our Lady's and its wonderful people.

Two people have expressed concern about the restoration of the image of Divine Mercy to its original place in the church. Of course, it was not originally in the church and, unfortunately, when it was placed next to the altar, this was done without ecclesiastical authorisation. The focal point of the sanctuary must be the altar, which is consecrated and represents Christ present in the midst of his Church. Associated with the altar is the tabernacle, in which we reserve the Blessed Sacrament. Nothing, not even an image of Divine Mercy, must distract us from the altar and the tabernacle, the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. I hope you will understand.

Likewise, one parishioner asked about the "black blob" on the wall of the Lady Chapel. That black blob is a fine work of art, an engraving on slate of St John Kemble. It belonged to the chapel at Broad Oak and, when the chapel closed, Fr Cenydd asked Fr Nicholas Wetz, Parish Priest of Belmont, if he could have it for Our Lady's. I suggest you take a good look at it and say a prayer to St John Kemble for the conversion of England.

Finally, there will be a meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Friday, 24th April, at 7.30pm. Those who wish to be re-commissioned at Corpus Christi are kindly requested to inform me in writing, also stating their availability or not to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. At the same time, if there are other parishioners, who would like to be considered for this important ministry, please would they kindly inform me in writing as soon as possible. There will be a short retreat for both old and new candidates on the afternoon of Saturday, 23rd May, beginning at 2.15pm. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned at Mass on Thursday, 4th June, at 7pm, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

This message comes with my blessing and good wishes for you and your loved ones,
Abbot Paul

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 29 were 47 16 19 21 6
No Winner
Prize money for week 30 is £425.00, and five numbers to be drawn
Tote resumes this week don't forget your tickets you have to be in it to win it

Second Collection for the Church and Hall redecoration amount collected so far is £4436.00

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

Bible Study Bible Study will be this Wednesday 22nd April 7.30pm in the presbytery.

Jumble Sale Next sale in May we are in urgent need of bric-a-brac, shoes, handbags, toys, books, and clothes. We have storage space. Cakes nearer to the date,

Religious items for the Missons We hope to send the items collected, in the next week or two, so please bring in any religious items broken or unwanted. Thank you

Hall Management There is to be a management team for the care and hire of the hall, if anyone is willing to assist your help will be greatly appreciate. See any member of the PAC for further information.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist, there will be a meeting on Friday 24th April for all ministers this will take place after the 7.00pm mass

The Diocesan Youth Retreat- 24-26th April. A weekend retreat, including engaging talks, live music, workshops, discussions, evening entertainment and loads more. It is aimed at 16-30 year olds and will take place at St. David's Catholic College, Cardiff. You are invited to take the opportunity to meet with hundreds of local Catholics your age and grow in faith. For more details visit youth2000.org or find us on Facebook

The Gift

Belmont Abbey Parish will be running a course between Easter and Pentecost called The Gift. Open to everyone from any parish, this is an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. The talks are on DVD and include a time for discussion in small groups. The teachings are relaxed, personal and informative, rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, *Evangelii Gaudium* and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis.

They will be held on consecutive Wednesday evenings in Belmont Abbey Parish Hall from 7.00pm on April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13 and 20 concluding in time for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 24 May.

Archbishop Kevin McDonald said, "The speakers are offering witness to God's action in the world and in their own lives. I warmly commend this resource.' More information is available on www.thegiftofthespirit.org or from Chris Moore on 01432 358699

Hereford Catholic History Society Please note that the next meeting of the HCHS will be on Thursday 30th April 2015 in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey at 2.30 p.m. when Pat Lyne will speak on the establishment and work of the former Carmelite Community at Presteigne. Thursday 30th April at Belmont.

Belmont Abbey Parish will be running a Confirmation Course starting in September using the new resource 'Transformed in Christ'. This will require a commitment to 22 sessions during term time (with breaks for school holidays) plus a two-day retreat, involvement in participating at Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and some day trips to places of Catholic interest. It is open to any baptised Catholic teenager in Year 9 up to the age of 17. Please contact Fr Nicholas or Chris Moore (01432 358699) by the end of April if you wish to take part in this course. There will be a meeting arranged for all candidates and their parents where further information and a timetable will be prepared.

Quiz Night will be on Saturday 16th May. Please see posters for further details. Tickets are £2 with under 16s free and are available after Sunday Masses or by calling Lindsay on 07832 694284

World day of Prayer for Vocations this is next Sunday 26th April, please take a prayer card and booklet from the table by the newsletters

ACTA is currently active in most dioceses in England and is helping to facilitate discussions on a range of issues, including the forthcoming Synod in October 2015, in a number of them. An ACTA group in the Archdiocese of Cardiff held its first meeting in February 2015.

The next meeting is at the **Pastoral Resources Centre** at the rear St Illtyd's School on Newport Road at **7.00pm** on **Tuesday 5th May 2015**. All are welcome

Further information is available from Frank Callus of St Peter's parish – fbcallus@aol.com or Mobile: 07956005459

Wednesday May 13th is the date of the Belmont Torchlight May Procession in honour of Our Lady beginning at 9.00pm, Vespers at 6.00pm. Food and drink available from Hedley Lodge from 6.30pm

3rd Sunday of Easter

Psalter week III

<p><i>Today:</i> 9:30 am 11:30 am Shirley Walters RIP 6:30 pm</p> <p><i>Monday 20 April</i> 10.00 am Mass – <i>St Martin Pope & Martyr</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday 21 April</i> 7.00pm Mass – <i>St Anselm</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday 22 April</i> 10.00am Mass – <i>Feria</i></p> <p><i>Thursday, 23 April</i> 10.00am Mass – Pat King RIP <i>St George</i></p> <p><i>Friday 24 April</i> 7.00pm Mass - <i>Feria</i></p> <p><i>Saturday, 25 April</i> 10.00am Confessions & Exposition <i>St Mark</i> 11.00am Mass – Special Intention</p> <p><i>Sunday 26 April 3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 am 11:30 am 6.30pm Fr Paul/Fr Andrew</p>	<p>Rota Schedule for 20 April – 26 April 2015</p> <p>Flower Arrangers: L Scanlon H Meenaghan</p> <p>Cleaners: J Callingham</p> <p>Ushers: 9:30am M Whent E Pawlowicz 11:30am J McGowan J Kelly 6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seemarks</p> <p>Readers:</p> <p> 9:30am F Keogh 11:30am S West 6.30pm M Woolaway</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers:</p> <p> 9.30am J Winter F Kwogh H Fishlock 11.30am M Davies E Cotterell C Balestra 6.30pm J Wagner</p> <p>Altar Linen: A Whitehead</p> <p>Counting Denise John Paul</p> <hr/> <p>Polish Information: Następną Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 26 Kwietnia godz 16:00</p> <p>Finance: Collection on Sunday 12th April - £285.14 + £153.74 for redecoration fund Thank you</p>
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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, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O'Leary Pat Cotterell, Pat Spence, Joshua Isada and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, Aniela Nowosielska, William McGoldrick

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, Frederick Whalen and Edward da Silva Elsie Vlahos and Ellen Sloane

Martin arrived at Sunday school late. Miss Walter, his teacher, knew that Martin was usually very punctual so she asked him if anything was wrong.

Martin replied no, that he had been going fishing but his dad told him that he needed to go to church.

Miss Walter was very impressed and asked the lad if his dad had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing? Martin replied, 'Yes he did. Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us.'

God made us all perfect he's just not done with most of us yet