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Second Sunday of Lent - year cycle B – 1 March 2015

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: *I will walk the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

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

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



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. *A Message from*

On Sunday, 22nd February, Pope Francis spoke about the season of Lent, the period of prayer and penance leading up to Holy Week and Easter. "Lent," said the Pope, "is a time of combat" and "a time of spiritual battle against the spirit of evil.

"In Lent you have to fight," he said in his weekly Angelus address in Saint Peter's Square. Pope Francis said that the key to victory in this warfare is keeping one's eyes on Jesus. During the forty days that he spent in the desert, the Pope said, "Jesus engaged Satan in 'hand-to-hand combat,' unmasked his temptations, and beat him. And in Him we all have won," he said.

"Then we enter the desert without fear, because we are not alone, we are with Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit," he said.

Crossing the "desert" of Lent, Pope Francis said, we keep an eye on Easter, "which is Jesus' final victory against evil, against sin and against death."

The Pope said Jesus voluntarily undertook the "test" of forty days of fasting in the desert, "before beginning his messianic mission," a test that "prepares him to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God."

The desert, Pope Francis said, "is the place where you can hear the voice of God and the voice of the tempter," something that cannot be done in the noise and confusion of our ordinary lives.

The Pope once again underscored the importance of daily contact with God's Word, insisting that this was the key to Jesus' response to Satan and our way of being sure we listen to God's voice. "Otherwise," he said, "we do not know how to respond to the attacks of the evil one."

"Read the Gospel every day," he said. "Meditate on it, just a little bit, maybe ten minutes; and also always carry it with you: in your pocket, handbag, satchel or kitbag. But keep the Gospel at hand."

The Pope also asked for prayers as he begins a week's retreat known as the "spiritual exercises." He said, "Pray that in this 'desert' that are the exercises we can hear the voice of Jesus and also correct the many defects that we all have," adding, "and also stand up to the temptations that attack us every day."

The Abbot and Community of Belmont have great pleasure in inviting the parishioners of Our Lady's to the Priestly Ordination of Br. Jonathan Rollinson on Thursday, 12th March, at 2.30pm.

If you are free and would like to join us for the Ordination, you are most welcome.

We will be inviting Fr. Jonathan to celebrate a First Mass at Our Lady's very soon.

Most important of all, please pray for him, that he be a good and holy priest.

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 23 were 37 21 36 & 39

No Winner

Prize money for week 24 is £275.00, and four numbers to be drawn

Get your Tote Tickets on Sale after all masses

Second Collection Family Fast Day

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

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

Jumble Sale We had an amazing 27 people helping over 2 days! A lot of laughter and tea and raised £730.45 for the coffers. We can do it all again on 8th & 9th May.

Also thanks to everyone who has helped with the clearance of the hall and parish rooms, getting ready for the painters

Many thanks to everyone who helped clear the sacristy last Sunday, also to all replacing the items. Can we please have help again after the 6.30 mass tonight to clear the main body of the church ready for painting.

The painting has also begun in the Parish Room and will soon begin in the Hall.

Family Fast Day 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

Lenten Talks Father Andrew will be giving Lenten talks on the following 3 Saturdays in Lent 28th February: The Mystery of Faith. 7th March: Faith in the Darkness. 14th March: The Cross at the centre of Faith. All in the Parish Room at noon.

Painting The painting of the church will be completed for next Sunday 8th March. Thank you everyone for your patience.

Skills. Thank you for all who gave their names and skills at last Sunday's masses, If you missed it for any reason, just give you name to any for PAC members..

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 and the parish office.

Weekend 8th and 15th March.

Week of Prayer & Awareness for Dementia: 12th March to 19th March 2015

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick for Dementia Suffers and their Carers, will be celebrated on Thursday 19th March at 12:00 Noon in All Hallows Church, Miskin, CF72 8PG. Please come together and pray for all who experience the effects of Dementia

On the Second Sunday of Lent our attention turns from the desert where Jesus spent forty days in fasting and prayer, to the Mount of the Transfiguration, where the disciples Peter, James and John saw Jesus in glory together with Moses and Elijah and heard to Father's declare that, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him." This vision of the Transfiguration was to prepare the disciples for what lay ahead: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. May it also give us courage and faith in the daily struggle to be a faithful follower of Jesus. To the Welsh among us we wish a very happy St David's Day today and the blessing of his intercession.

Fr Paul and Fr Andrew

Second Sunday in Lent

Psalter week II

Today:

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:30 pm

Tony Bunclark RIP

Monday 2 March
Feria

10.00 am Mass – Raphael Orchard

Tuesday 3 March
Feria

7:00 pm Mass – Daniel Pelka RIP

Wednesday, 4 March

10.00 am Mass – Elizabeth & Alice Ross
RIP

Thursday, 5 March
Feria

10.00am Mass –

Friday 6 March
Feria

6.30pm Stations of the Cross
7.00pm Mass – Holy Souls

Saturday, 7 March
SS Perpetua & Felicity

10.00-11.00 am Adoration,
Benediction & Confession
11.00am Mass- Irene Leach RIP

Sunday, 1 March (1 Sunday in Lent)

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:30 pm

Elizabeth Corbin RIP

Harry Forder RIP

Fr Nicolas

Rota Schedule for 2 – 8 March 2015

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: Jackie Callingham

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan M Slane

11:30am J McGowan J Kelly

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am A Spanjers

11:30am S West

6:30pm J Winter

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock S Thompson, F Keogh

11:30pm F Davies H Meenaghan J McGowan

6:30pm G McAleer

Altar Linen: Aileen Hepworth

Counting Marlene, Kathy & Paul

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 15 February raised **£409.79**
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 Kathy Davis 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, 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

A man named Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with a wee dog that he loved and doted on. After many long years of faithful companionship, the dog finally died, so Muldoon went to the parish priest: "Father my dear old dog is dead. Could you be saying a Mass for him?" Father Patrick replied "I am very sorry to hear about your dog's death, but, unfortunately, I can't say Mass for the poor creature..." Muldoon said "I understand Father, I do, I guess I'll go to this new denomination down the road; no telling what they believe.. do you think £500.00 is enough to donate for the service?" Father Patrick replied "Why didn't you tell me your wee dog was Catholic