

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Easter Sunday, Year A – 20 April 2014

Entrance: *I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia*

Responsorial psalm: *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!*

Communion: *Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia*



MELITO OF SARDIS, "On the Pasch" (ca. 175)

"And Jeremiah: I am as an innocent lamb being led away to be sacrificed. They plotted evil against me and said: Come! let us throw him a tree for his food, and let us exterminate him from the land of the living, so that his name will never be recalled. (Jer. 11:19.) And Isaiah: He was led as a sheep to slaughter, and, as a lamb is silent in the presence of the one who shears it, he did not open his mouth. Therefore who will tell his offspring? (Isa. 53:7) And indeed there were many other things proclaimed by numerous prophets concerning the mystery of the Passover, which is Christ, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

When this one came from heaven to earth for the sake of the one who suffers, and had clothed himself with that very one through the womb of a virgin, and having come forth as man, he accepted the sufferings of the sufferer through his body which was capable of suffering. And he destroyed those human sufferings by his spirit which was incapable of dying. He killed death which had put man to death. For this one, who was led away as a lamb, and who was sacrificed as a sheep, by himself delivered us from servitude to the world as from the land of Egypt, and released us from bondage to the devil as from the hand of Pharaoh, and sealed our souls by his own spirit and the members of our bodies by his own blood. This is the one who covered death with shame and who plunged the devil into mourning as Moses did Pharaoh. This is the one who smote lawlessness and deprived injustice of its offspring, as Moses deprived Egypt. This is the one who delivered us from slavery into freedom, from darkness into light, from death into life, from tyranny into an eternal kingdom, and who made us a new priesthood, and a special people forever. This one is the Passover of our salvation. This is the one who patiently endured many things in many people: This is the one who was murdered in Abel, and bound as a sacrifice in Isaac, and exiled in Jacob, and sold in Joseph, and exposed in Moses, and sacrificed in the lamb, and hunted down in David, and dishonoured in the prophets. This is the one who became human in a virgin, who was hanged on the tree, who was buried in the earth, who was resurrected from among the dead, and who raised mankind up out of the grave below to the heights of heaven. This is the lamb that was slain. This is the lamb that was silent. This is the one who was born of Mary, that beautiful ewe-lamb. This is the one who was taken from the flock, and was dragged to sacrifice, and was killed in the evening, and was buried at night; the one who was not broken while on the tree, who did not see dissolution while in the earth, who rose up from the dead, and who raised up mankind from the grave below."

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 1 were 36, 16, 12, 9 & 5 – no winner
No Bingo next Tuesday; resumes on 29th April
Prize money for week 2 is £175.00 and six numbers to be drawn

The one and only collection: today will be for the Belmont monastic community

Bank Holiday Monday: the morning Mass tomorrow will be at 10:00am

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

A Life for Others: please come along to Our Lady's parish hall at 5:00pm next Saturday, 26th April, to watch the film *Karol, the man who became Pope*. Tea and cakes provided

In Organis et Canticis – the monastic choir and renowned organist Mr. Stasio Sliwka offer a musical celebration of the canonization of Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II. Saturday, 26th April at 7:30pm in the abbey church at Belmont

Divine Mercy Sunday: the annual afternoon devotions to Divine Mercy will be celebrated here on 27th April, starting at 1:30 pm – please see poster above the newsletter pile for details

Curry and Quiz Night: Saturday, 17th May - tickets on sale after Mass, cost £4.00 per person, children under 12 free. Teams of 4-6

Thank you: to all the supporters of the *Missio* red box – you have raised well over £1,000 for missionary work! Please see the poster at the back of church for full details

Hereford Food Bank: many thanks for continuing to support the Food Bank so generously. Unfortunately we are as busy as ever. We need all sorts of tinned and packaged food, but in particular we desperately need more baby food, disposable nappies, long life fruit juices, tins of hot meat and packets of rice. More information from the Food Bank (01432 353347) or Phil King (01432 276365)

The 'Life Pregnancy Care Service' based in Hereford, has reopened its Charity Shop at 42 Eign Gate, opposite 'Poundstreichers' to help with donations and selling clothes, CDs, DVDs, books, toys, bric-a-brac, baby clothes and nursery equipment. We are desperate for volunteers to help in the shop, either on the retail floor or helpers in the sorting room, with incoming donations & ironing/steaming for retail; either one or two days a week, or help with 2 hours or up to 4 hours plus. Please let us know if you can help us keep the vital work of 'Life' going in Hereford, Contact: Carmyle Cross, shop manager 842800 or Felicity Davies 269161. As always donations are very welcome, collection service provided on request

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s): the weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! Theme: Discerning God's call in my life, Dates: 23rd - 25th May 2014, Broadstairs, Kent. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Deanery Day Pilgrimage: to Stonyhurst College on Friday 18th July. The visit will include Mass in one of the College Chapels, a guided tour of the College, an opportunity to see the world famous Stonyhurst Collection and Library, memorabilia from the Jesuit Mission. Cost about £25. Please see Fr Cenydd for further details

Longworth Pre-reformation Catholic Chapel: Archbishop George Stack will again be celebrating Holy Mass at the Chapel on Friday, 4th July at 11 o'clock. This is an occasion for Herefordshire Catholics to commemorate together the faith of our forefathers, and the work of the sisters of Bartestree for over 130 years at this place

National Dementia Strategy: would you like to help your church become more dementia aware? Look out for your chance to play bingo, line dance and make tea, all while learning how you can be a Dementia Friend

Easter Octave

Psalter: Easter Octave

Today:

9:30 am Leo & Margaret Diggins
11:30 am Paul & Denise Lissaman Intention
6:30 pm No Evening Mass

Monday 21 April 10:00 am Mass – Special Int (CB)
Easter Octave

Tuesday 22 April 7:00 pm Mass – Sr Marie Clare
Easter Octave

Wednesday, 23 April 9:30 am Mass – Nora Crowley
Easter Octave

Thursday, 24 April 9:30 am Mass – Pat King
Easter Octave

Friday, 25 April 7:00 pm Mass – Ann Morris Int
Easter Octave

Saturday, 26 April 9:30 am - Confessions
Easter Octave 10:30 am Mass – B & W Powell Int

Sunday, 27 April (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:30 am Raymond Carroll
11:30 am Karen Royer
6:30 pm Fr Cenydd Marrison

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, 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, Dr Mike O'Kane, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Sheila Seamarks, Judith Carter, Katie Richardson and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn, Elsie Vlahos and Ellen Sloane

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

For our pastor's 50th birthday, the congregation decided to give him a new suit. He was so touched by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit."

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Rota Schedule for 25 April to 2 May 2014

Flower Arrangers: T Forder & R Jones

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am P Buckley

11:30am M Langley

6:30pm R Maloney

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am F Keogh, D Lissaman, (T Bray)

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

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

Altar Linen: M Lynch

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 27 kwietnia godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 13th April came to **£452.35** – thank you



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