

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C – 21 April 2013

**Entrance:** *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia*

**Responsorial psalm:** *We are his people, the sheep of his flock*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia*

Part two of the Message for Vocations Sunday:

At every moment, especially the most difficult ones, the Lord's faithfulness is always the authentic driving force of salvation history, which arouses the hearts of men and women and confirms them in the hope of one day reaching the "promised land". This is where we find the sure foundation of every hope: God never abandons us and he remains true to his word. For that reason, in every situation, whether positive or negative, we can nourish a firm hope and pray with the psalmist: "Only in God can my soul find rest; my hope comes from him" (Ps 62:6). To have hope, therefore, is the equivalent of trusting in God who is faithful, who keeps the promises of the covenant. Faith and hope, then, are closely related. "Hope" in fact is a key word in biblical faith, to the extent that in certain passages the words "faith" and "hope" seem to be interchangeable. In this way, the Letter to the Hebrews makes a direct connection between the "unwavering profession of hope" (10:23) and the "fullness of faith" (10:22). Similarly, when the First Letter of Saint Peter exhorts the Christians to be always ready to give an account of the "logos" – the meaning and rationale – of their hope (cf. 3:15), "hope" is the equivalent of "faith" (Spe Salvi, 2). Dear Brothers and Sisters, what exactly is God's faithfulness, to which we adhere with unwavering hope? It is his love! He, the Father, pours his love into our innermost self through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). And this love, fully manifested in Jesus Christ, engages with our existence and demands a response in terms of what each individual wants to do with his or her life, and what he or she is prepared to offer in order to live it to the full. The love of God sometimes follows paths one could never have imagined, but it always reaches those who are willing to be found. Hope is nourished, then, by this certainty: "We ourselves have known and believed in the love that God has for us" (1 Jn 4:16). This deep, demanding love, which penetrates well below the surface, gives us courage; it gives us hope in our life's journey and in our future; it makes us trust in ourselves, in history and in other people. I want to speak particularly to the young and I say to you once again: "What would your life be without this love? God takes care of men and women from creation to the end of time, when he will bring his plan of salvation to completion. In the Risen Lord we have the certainty of our hope!" (Address to the Young People of the Diocese of San Marino-Montefeltro, 19 June 2011.) Just as he did during his earthly existence, so today the risen Jesus walks along the streets of our life and sees us immersed in our activities, with all our desires and our needs. In the midst of our everyday circumstances he continues to speak to us; he calls us to live our life with him, for only he is capable of satisfying our thirst for hope. He lives now among the community of disciples that is the Church, and still today calls people to follow him. The call can come at any moment. Today too, Jesus continues to say, "Come, follow me" (Mk 10:21).



## Dates for Your Diary

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

**Tote numbers drawn for week 1 were 18, 46, 11, 40, 13 & 9 - no winner**

**Prize money for week 2 – £225.00 and seven numbers to be drawn**

Special Collection for Marriage Care: today the second collection will be for the Herefordshire branch of Marriage Care. "We are a national charity, specialising in couple relationships. Marriage Care helps couples and individuals build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship difficulty. And we've been doing this for over 65 years. Our vision is a society in which all adults can build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy relationships. We are doing what we can towards achieving this vision by offering relationship education initiatives, marriage preparation services and relationship counselling to all, regardless of ability to pay. We have over 50 centres and more than 100 counselling locations across England and Wales." (Taken from their web site)

PAC meeting: in the parish rooms at 7:30 pm on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Monastic Steps for Everyday Life: a lecture by Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. See poster

Tuesday Devotions: Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass, and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary after Mass

Bible Study: meeting after Mass on Tuesday evening this week

Catholicism: on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm – this week's instalment is entitled, "*Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven – the mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist*" All welcome

Prayer Group: the next meeting will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Lady Chapel. We hope to have Exposition. All welcome

Science and Religion: we were privileged to be at a great evening with Fr. Andrew Pinsent at St. Mary's School last Monday. He gave us a canter through history recounting the Catholic gift to Civilisation. It was illuminating and inspiring and Fr. Pinsent's great knowledge combined with his evident love of the faith made for an uplifting experience. The presentation was brimful of information and if you want to see Fr. Pinsent giving the same talk recently or if you couldn't be at St. Mary's and are interested to watch for the first time this is the link to go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1p48tX4UYOg>

Frassati Youth Group: if you are in Year 7 or above, you are invited to come along to the Frassati Youth Group meetings on the following Thursday evenings in the Parish Room, 7pm to 9pm - meetings for the next half term will be on 18th April, 2nd May, & 16th May. For further details contact Lucy on 01432 840847

The Herefordshire Catholic History Society following a very successful visit to the Cathedral Archives the Herefordshire Catholic History Society returns to the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 p.m. The main topic of the evening will be the history of Weobley parish. All interested persons and new members welcome. Information: 01432 760601 or [bmwarde@aol.com](mailto:bmwarde@aol.com)

Torchlight Procession: in honour of Our Lady will be held 9:00 pm on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at Belmont Abbey

Stratford and Compton Verney Art Gallery: a coach trip is being run by Ledbury and Ross parishes on Friday 21st June 2013, to Stratford and the exhibition "Bellini, Botticelli, Titian... 500 years of Italian Art" at Compton Verney. This comprises forty of the City of Glasgow's greatest Italian paintings – the finest and most comprehensive civic collection in the UK, and mostly unseen outside Glasgow. The works are of the highest quality and richness and chronicle a remarkable time span from 1400 - 1900, demonstrating the gradual move from religious to secular subjects. This exhibition includes landscapes, portraits and devotional works from the Renaissance by artists such as Giovanni Bellini, Sandro Botticelli, Titian, Salvator Rosa and Francesco Guardi. The exhibition will be accompanied by a redisplay of works within Compton Verney's own Neapolitan Collection in the first Naples gallery. Exhibition organised by Glasgow Museums. More details next week

# Fourth Week of Easter

## Psalter: Week IV

9:30 am	Raymond Carroll
11:30 am	Shirley Walters
6:30 pm	
Monday 22 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass – Nowosielska Int
Tuesday 23 April <i>St George, Martyr</i>	7:00 pm Mass – Jones Family Int
Wednesday 24 April <i>St Adalbert, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	9:30 am Mass – Lil Green Int
Thursday, 25 April <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>	9:30 am Mass – L Montagu
Friday, 26 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	7:00 pm Mass – A McGowan Int
Saturday, 27 April <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 am Confessions 10:30 am Mass – M Dziordulewicz
Sunday, 28 April (Fifth Sunday of Easter)	
9:30 am	Pat King
11:30 am	Thanksgiving (MM)
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison</i>

### Rota Schedule for 26 April 2 May 2013

**Flower Arrangers:** S West & A Rollings

**Cleaners:** Janusz & Ilona

**Ushers:** 9:30am Langford family

11:30am A Sully & J Kelly

6:30pm Volunteers

**Readers:** 9:30am J Sullivan

11:30am V Thomas

6:30pm Volunteer

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock, A Hepworth, (L Johnson)

11:30pm D Lissaman, M Davies, C Balestra

6:30pm C Sharland, G McAleer, R Jones

**Altar Linen:** B Spanjers

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 28 kwietnia godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 14 April came to **£514.92** – thank you

### Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Pat Spence, Rita Kennedy, Alex Spence, Karen Royer, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Katie Balnaves, Damian Brackley, Shelaigh Fawcett, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Angela Smith, Chris Turville, Olivia Thompson, Jason Houten, Barbara Hampton, Leo Hornby, Eva Zakrzewska, Jean Johns, Agnes McGowan, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially George Goodswen, Iris Burch, Laurence Montagu and Alan Weaver

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 and Frederick Whalen

Fred had been a life long Catholic and was now was in hospital, near death, so his family called Fr Jones to the bedside. As the priest stood there Fred's condition appeared to deteriorate; Fred motioned frantically for something to write on. The priest handed him a pen and paper, and Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, and then fell back into the bed, dead. Fr Jones placed it in his trouser pocket and said the prayers for the dead. Later, at the funeral, he realised that he was wearing the same trousers that he was wearing when Fred died. "You know, Fred handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Fred, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all." He opened the note and read, "Please step to your left--you're standing on my oxygen tube!"

