



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B – 21 December 2014

Entrance: *Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour*

Responsorial psalm: *I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!*

Communion: *Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel*

In A Stable

*The shepherds and the Magi
came to pay respect,
To the Christ-child born
in a stable, they met,
No battle for bargains,
no fighting in the aisles,
Just some simple gifts
that had journeyed many miles.*

*The Lamb found in a manger,
with the sheep, among the hay,
No worries of whether
there would be a delay,
In things that had been ordered
from the shops or on the net,
With ten whole months to pay,
increasing their debt.*

*Are we missing the message?
(What do you think?)
A love that's never ending,
to pull us from the brink,
So forget all the hassle,
anxiety and stress,
Take a moment in silence,
and in a prayer, invest.*

*The shepherds and the Magi
came to pay respect,
And rejoice in the Good News,
in a stable, they met.*

*Rejoice, now, in the Good News,
in a stable, we met.*



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 14 were 29, 39, 7, 19, 13 - no winner
Prize money for week 18 is £550.00, and six numbers to be drawn
Tote tickets will be back on sale on Sunday 11th January 2015 at all Masses

Second collection: For Hall and Church Decoration

Nativity Play on Christmas Eve: we are practicing after the 9.30am Mass today

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet before Mass and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Deeper meanings: take an opportunity to pause and pray before the Christmas rush completely overwhelms you! SFX will be holding a Penitential Service on Thursday 18th December at 7pm, while on Saturday 20th December, there will be a Holy Hour from 10 to 11 am with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Belmont Abbey, during which several priests will be available for Confession

Churches Together in Hereford: invite you to join them carol singing in High Town, (under cover if raining), on Saturday December 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Carols and readings and the St John's Methodist Church Brass Band

"Many hands make church beautiful" - we will be doing our usual decorating and cleaning of the church on Christmas Eve, (Wednesday 24th!!) from 10am - it is a sociable & fun way to start Christmas, and you get refreshments too! Thank you in anticipation

Crib Competition: If you are a creative person, then this is the competition for you. Make a crib from any material and bring it to the parish hall on Sunday 28th December by 10:15am. Everyone is welcome to view the entries and vote between 10:30 and 11:30. See the posters and flyers for more details. Prizes for all age categories - you are not too old to enter!

Belmont announces a change this Christmas: the Midnight Mass of past years will become the Vigil Mass this year, and will be celebrated at 10:30 pm. Please note the change

Christmas Mass times: if you took last week's newsletter, please keep the front page with the Mass times in Hereford city, in case someone asks you. Thanks

Boxing Day: or the feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr, as we say in the Church, Mass will be at 10:00 am

Christmas Fair: thank to all involved. The Fair was well supported and enjoyed by all

Christmas Party: the parish Christmas Party was a roaring success; many thanks to everyone for the organisation and hard work that it entailed. Thanks to everyone for making it a party for Father Cenydd to remember

Ruth Baker: a member of the Youth Team for the Diocese of Lancaster, is undertaking a sponsored walk next week as she heads home from Castlerigg in Cumbria via Hereford to her parents house in Ross-on-Wye. All monies that Ruth raises have been pledged to help with Aid to the Church in Need's work with persecuted Christians, especially those who will be without homes this Christmas. You can sponsor Ruth through <https://www.justgiving.com/ruthiebakes> Thank you very much for your help with this. Please feel free to get in touch if you require any further information. Dr. Caroline Hull, North West Manager, Aid to the Church in Need (UK)

From a parishioner: a big thank you to all who organised the Christmas Party last weekend. Everyone really enjoyed it and it was a wonderful send off for Father Cenydd

Belmont Abbey Shop: will close after Masses on 21st December and reopen on Sunday 4th January

Mass intentions 2015 a book is now open should you wish to book a Mass intention for a specific date next year. This will be passed to the Abbot on Fr. Cenydd's departure

Fourth Week of Advent

Psalter week IV

Today:

9:30 am Edward Dzierza
 11:30 am Kathleen Chesterman
 6:30 pm

Monday 22 December 9:30 am Mass – Clare McCarthy Int
Advent weekday

Tuesday 23 December 7:00 pm Mass – Maureen Green Int
Advent weekday

Wednesday, 24 December 9:30 am Mass – L & M Diggins
Advent weekday
Christmas Eve
 6.30 pm Pawel Stojewski
 9.00 pm Nancy & Alan Harris

Thursday, 25 December 10.00am Mass – Shirley Walters
Christmas Day

Friday, 26 December 10.00 am Mass – Karolina Busko int
St Stephen, Protomartyr

Saturday, 27 December 9:30 am Confessions
St John Apostle & Evangelist 10.30am Mass – A McGowan Int

Sunday, 28 December (Octave of Christmas)

9:30 am Helena Grabowska
 11:30 am Stojewski Family int
 6:30 pm Fr Nicholas Wetz

Rota Schedule for 25 to 31 December 2014

Flower Arrangers: N & C Scotford

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland
 11:30am R Cotterell & Volunteer
 6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:
 9:30am P Roberts
 11:30am M Langley
 6:30pm R Maloney

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am F Keogh, J Winter, S Thompson
 11:30pm C Mulloy, A Staton, E Cotterell
 6:30pm R Jones

Altar Linen: A Whitehead

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 14th December raised **£535.95** 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, Anne Jenkins, Michael Morris, Phil Thompson, Chris Burns and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Monica Thompson, Helena Grabowska, Brian Marsh and David Jones

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of December, including: Winifred Hawes, Mary Bagnall, Ellen Jennings, Margaret Coughlan, Matthew Joynt, Jamie McGoran, David Halley, Matthew Robson, Stuart Powell, Anthony Jones, Herbert Eastwood, Erica Eastwood, Mary Clinton, Florence Marsh, Ann Wilding, James Fleming, Kathleen Hatcher, Richard Price, Thomas Morgan, Ann-Marie Sully, Mary Edwards, Robert Stanness, Betty Westmoreland, Kathleen Chesterman, Louis Avenin, the Rignall Twins, James Jamfrey and Henry Grafen

A 7-year old child was drawing a picture of the Nativity. The picture was very good, including Mary, Joseph and, of course, baby Jesus. However, there was also a fat man standing in the corner of the stable. When the child was asked about it, she replied, "Oh, That's Round John Virgin."

This holiday season, in lieu of gifts, I've decided to give everyone my opinion.

