



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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First Sunday of Lent - year cycle B – 22 February 2015

Entrance: *When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

Responsorial psalm: *Your ways Lord are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

Gospel: **Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!** *Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God* **Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory**

Communion: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God*



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*

Pope Francis for Lent 2015 (Part 1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each communities and every believer. Above all it is a "time of grace" (2 Cor 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. "We love because he first has loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem, which we, as Christians, need to confront. When the people of God are converted to his love, they find answers to the questions that history continually raises. One of the most urgent challenges, which I would like to address in this message is precisely the globalization of indifference.

Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience.

God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation. In the Incarnation, in the earthly life, death, and resurrection of the Son of God, the gate between God and man, between heaven and earth, opens once for all. The Church is like the hand holding open this gate, thanks to her proclamation of God's word, her celebration of the sacraments and her witness of the faith which works through love (cf. Gal 5:6). But the world tends to withdraw into itself and shut that door through which God comes into the world and the world comes to him. Hence the hand, which is the Church, must never be surprised if it is rejected, crushed and wounded.

God's people, then, need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves. To further this renewal, I would like to propose for our reflection three biblical texts.

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 22 were 9 26 29 4 33 & 25
One winner Mr B Mulloy
Prize money for week 23 is £250.00, and four numbers to be drawn
Get your Tote Tickets on Sale after all masses

Second Collection None this week

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

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The National Pilgrimage will be from 25th July – 2nd August full details on the notice board at the back of church.

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 This Friday is 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.

Wanted for the Missions. Statues (even damaged ones), religious pictures, rosaries, prayer books, religious books, relics etc. Items can be handed into the Repository until the end of Lent when they will be collected together for despatch.

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 noon in the Parish Room.

Skills. We will be asking for parishioners to donate any skills and talents for the good of the parish. If you are able to help in any way, we are compiling a directory of people we can call on to assist with any maintenance type jobs, or just general assistance when needed. Please give your details to any Parish Council member.

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.

Dear friends in Christ,

The beginning of Lent must have been chosen for the repainting of Church and Hall as a powerful symbol of what should be going on in our personal lives and in our souls. We all need a spring clean and a new coat of paint, not so much on the exterior but in the interior. Lent is a time for getting rid of the clutter accumulated over the years and making a fresh start with the help of God and the grace of Christ's Passion and Cross. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, i.e. Confession, is available every Saturday morning from 10 until 11 and you can always ask one of the priests to hear your Confession any day after Mass. We wish you every blessing this Lent,

Fr Paul and Fr Andrew

First Sunday in Lent

Psalter week I

Today:

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:30 pm

John Farren RIP

Monday 23 February 10.00 am Mass –
Feria

Tuesday 24 February 7:00 pm Mass –
Feria

Wednesday, 25 February 10.00 am Mass – Ernie Lomax RIP

Thursday, 26 February 10.00am Mass –
Feria

Friday 27 February 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
7..00pm Mass –
Feria

Saturday, 28 February 10.00-11.00 am Adoration and
Benediction & Confession
Feria 11.00am Mass

Sunday, 1 March (1 Sunday in Lent)

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:30 pm

Tony Bunclark

Fr Michael

Rota Schedule for 23 February – 1 March 2015

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: Lindsaye Briscoe

Ushers: 9:30am Mr & Mrs Scanlon

11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell

6:30pm M Netting C Milsom

Readers:

9:30am F Keogh

11:30am H Meenaghan

6:30pm R Seamarks

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock C Sharland T Bray

11:30pm K Davis J Meenaghan A Staton

6:30pm R Jones

Altar Linen: Lindsaye Briscoe

Counting Janet Richard M & Paul

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

The collection on Sunday,15 February raised **£489.43 inc £123. 27** 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 and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, Prezmyslav Grzybowski, Sister Veronica, Ann Jenkins, Phylis Warzynski, Canon Tom Keane,

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of February, including William Johns, Bill Morris, Agnes Cooper, Emil Bieler, Mary Mulraine, Joan Keogh, Lucy Dale, Michael Wadley, David Stanton, Alexandra Podmore, Joseph Lambert, Paul Harrison, Mary Anderson, Jay Bourne, Elizabeth McColgan, Phyllis Price, Trevor Tipping, Margaret Jones, Edward Dzierza, Teresa Govett and Alice Deans John Hodgson, Jason Houten, Łukasz Maziarski Ivan Champion Ken Davis

An Irishman moves into a village in County Kerry, and walks into the pub and order 3 beers. An hour later he orders 3 more, this happens time and again. Finally a week later the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town, and asked why he always ordered three beers. The man replies I have two brothers one in Australia and one in America and we promised each other we would always order and extra two beers to keep the family bond. The man became a local celebrity and source of pride in the village. Then one day he orders only 2 beers this continues for the rest of the evening, and prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day the bartender offered condolences for the death of his brother. The man replies you will be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well, it's just that I have given up drinking for Lent

Resolve always to do right this will gratify some people and astonish the rest