

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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The Third Sunday of Lent, Year A – 23 March 2014

Entrance: *My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor*

Responsorial psalm: *O that today you would listen to his voice; harden not your hearts*

Gospel: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

Communion: *For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the waters I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life*



The Samaritans are an ethno-religious group of the Levant, descended from ancient Semitic inhabitants of the region. Religiously the Samaritans are adherents of Samaritanism, an Abrahamic religion, the most closely related to Judaism. Based on the Samaritan Pentateuch, Samaritans assert their worship is the true religion of the ancient Israelites prior to the Babylonian Exile, preserved by those who remained in the Land of Israel, as opposed to Judaism, which they assert is a related but altered and amended religion, brought back by those returning from the Babylonian exile. Ancestrally, Samaritans claim descent from the Israelite tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh (the two sons of Joseph (son of Jacob)) as well as from the priestly tribe of Levi, who have links to ancient Samaria from the period of their entry into the land of Canaan, while some suggest that it was from the beginning of the Babylonian Exile up to the Samaritan polity of Baba Rabba. Samaritans used to include a line of Benjamin tribe, but it went extinct during the decline period of the Samaritan demographics. In the Talmud, a central post-exilic religious text of Judaism, the Samaritans are called Cutheans (Hebrew: כּוּתִים, Kutim), referring to the ancient city of Kutha, geographically located in what is today Iraq. In the Biblical account, however, Cuthah was one of several cities from which people were brought to Samaria, and they worshiped Nergal. Modern genetics suggests some truth to both the claims of the Samaritans and the account in the Talmud. Archaeological excavations at Mount Gerizim indicate that a Samaritan temple was built there in the first half of the 5th century BC. The date of the schism between Samaritans and Jews is unknown, but by the early 4th century BC the communities seem to have had distinctive practices and communal separation. According to Samaritans, it was on Mount Gerizim that Abraham was commanded by God to offer Isaac, his son, as a sacrifice Genesis 22:2. In both narratives, God then causes the sacrifice to be interrupted, explaining that this was the ultimate test of Abraham's obedience, as a result of which all the world would receive blessing. The Torah mentions the place where God shall choose to establish His Name (Deut 12:5), and Judaism takes this to refer to Jerusalem. However, the Samaritan text speaks of the place where God has chosen to establish His name, and Samaritans identify it as Mount Gerizim, making it the focus of their spiritual values. The Gospel of John relates an encounter between a Samaritan woman and Jesus in which she asserts that the mountain was the centre of their worship (John 4:20). As of January 1, 2012, the Samaritan population was 751, divided between Kiryat Luza on Mount Gerizim and the city of Holon, just outside Tel Aviv. Most Samaritans in Israel today speak Arabic and Hebrew. For liturgical purposes, Samaritan Hebrew, Samaritan Aramaic, and Samaritan Arabic are used, all written in the Samaritan alphabet, a variant of the Old Hebrew alphabet, which is distinct from the Hebrew alphabet. (*Information gleaned from the Internet*)

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 42 were 44, 18, 22 & 25 – no winner

Prize money for week 43 is £75.00 and four numbers to be drawn

First Holy Communion Course: there will be a meeting after the 9:30am Mass today for those parents and children interested in taking part in this year's parish course. Please see Fr Cenydd or Mrs Lynn Johnson for details

Second collection today: will not be taken

Tuesday Devotions: the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass; the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

The Light Is ON for You! You know how it feels when people seem to "kick us when we're down". God is never like that; he always gives us a helping hand. In fact, that's what Confession is all about. On Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm, if you're baptised Catholic come along to Our Lady's parish and experience God's compassionate love in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). You won't be judged and a very warm welcome awaits you. To find Confession times in other parishes and for additional resources visit www.rcadc.co.uk/the-light-is-on-for-you also see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/confession

Wednesday: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am and 9:30am; Confession available from 7:00pm till 8:00pm, and Fr Andrew Berry, monk of Belmont Abbey, will be 'in the box' this week

Lenten talk: on Wednesday at 8:00pm – *The Supper of the Lamb*, by Dr Scott Hahn

Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10:00am and again after the evening Mass (roughly 7:30 pm)

Lenten alms: there will be a box left before the altar; funds will go to charitable work within the Archdiocese

Gift Aid Envelopes: the new envelopes are now available for please collect from the back of the church. So far this year the amount gift aided has netted £3,171 back from the tax man – a very big thank you to all gift aiding parishioners. (If you are a UK taxpayer please consider gift aiding your donation to the church. It can be paid weekly in the collection, or by standing order. Please contact Celia on 269524 or Father Cenydd)

Wednesdays in Lent at Belmont Abbey: the parables of Jesus present us with a 're-imagined' world; one in which we are challenged to adopt a new way of living and relating. **26th March: Death and Re-growth, with Dom Andrew Berry** - morning coffee at 10.30, talk at 11.00, Mass at 12 noon; 1.00 simple bread & soup lunch, talk at 2.00pm, afternoon tea at 3.00pm. Suggested offering of £10.00, which includes lunch

Soldier to Saint: is an explosive, original one-act play by RISE theatre, packing a powerful punch and bringing to life the inspirational story of Saint Alban, Britain's first Christian martyr. Belmont Abbey Parish is delighted to be hosting the professional theatre company RISE Theatre at Hedley Lodge on Friday 28th March at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm. The performance is suitable for ages 12+. Tickets are £6 each and can be purchased via the Parish Office (01432) 277319 or online at <http://www.risetheatre.ticketsource.co.uk/>

Mission Appeal 2014: the Missionaries of Africa, (the White Fathers), are the missionary group that have been given permission to make appeals in the archdiocese this year. Fr Jack Thora will be visiting our parish on Sunday, 5th April. More details will be given next week

Deanery Lenten Station Mass: to be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, 8th April here in our parish. His Grace the Archbishop will be the main celebrant. Fr Cenydd is looking for some willing volunteers to help with the refreshments in the parish hall afterwards

Chrism Mass: will be celebrated at 11.30am on **WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL** at St. David's Cathedral

Parish repository: has a supply of fonts, rosary's, statues, missals, (Sunday & Daily), and cards for most occasions. Selections of Easter cards are now in stock

Third week of Lent

Psalter: Week III

Today:

9:30 am Mieczysław Wojtczak
11:30 am Sylvia Headon
6:30 pm

Monday 24 March 9:30 am Mass – Pick Family Intention
Lent

Tuesday 25 March 7:00 pm Mass – Leo Diggins
The Annunciation of OLJC

Wednesday, 26 March 7:00 am Mass –
Lent 9:30 am Mass – Special Int (CR)

Thursday, 27 March 9:30 am Mass –
Lent

Friday, 28 March 7:00 pm Mass – Special Int (ML)
Lent

Saturday, 29 March 9:30 am Confessions
Lent 10:30 am Mass – Special Int (AN)

Sunday, 30 March (Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare)

9:30 am Fr. Benjamin Busko
11:30 am Anthony Bunclark
6:30 pm Celebrated by 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, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Dr Mike O'Kane, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Margaret Anderson, Sheila Seamarks, and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Łukasz Maziarski, Ivan Champion, Karen Royer, Ann Meaker, Peter Tonner, Mary McGowan, Ricardo Belzoni, Sr. Marie Clare of the Assumption and Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of March, including: Frank Gillich, June Lapsley, Joseph Miller, Philomena Doherty, Sylvia King, Margaret Davis, Geoffrey Lyons, Eileen Foster, Daniel Higgins, Henry Lavell, Boleslaw Chojnowski, Anthony Bunclark, Brian Halligan, Rose Hughes, Bridget Burns, John Lavell, Mark Vallely, Shirley Maher, Bridget Robakowski, Robert Edward, Myrna Thomas, Harry Forder, George Goodswen and Iris Burch

A little boy always went next door to play even though his mum had warned him against doing so. When his mum asked him why he was so disobedient he replied that Satan tempted him. His mum advised him to say 'get behind me Satan' whenever he was tempted. This worked for a week, then one sunny afternoon his mum looked out the window and there was her son playing on the neighbour's lawn again. "Jeremiah", she yelled, "did I not tell you to say 'get behind me Satan' whenever he tempted you?" "Yes", the boy replied, "I said, 'get behind me Satan', then he went behind me and pushed me through the hole in the fence."

Rota Schedule for 28 March to 3 April 2014

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings & volunteer

11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield

6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting

Readers:

9:30am C Sharland

11:30am C Thompson

6:30pm R Seamarks

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am T Bray, C Sharland, (H Fishlock)

11:30pm F Davies, J Meenaghan, D Lissaman

6:30pm J Winter, G McAleer, R Jones

Altar Linen:

A Hepworth

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 marca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 16th March came to **£563.81** – thank you

