

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Passion Sunday, Year C – 24 March 2013

Entrance: *the entrance antiphon is different at each Mass today – space does not allow them to be printed. If you have a Sunday missal you will be able to follow from that*

Responsorial psalm: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Gospel: *Praise to you, oh Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, oh Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Communion: *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done*

In the Gospel we heard that “Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took Mary as his wife” (Mt 1:24). These words already point to the mission which God entrusts to Joseph: he is to be the custos, the protector. The protector of whom? Of Mary and Jesus; but this protection is then extended to the Church, as Blessed John Paul II pointed out: “Just as Saint Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ’s upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ’s Mystical Body, the Church, of which the Virgin Mary is the exemplar and model” (Redemptoris Custos, 1). How does Joseph exercise his role as protector? Discreetly, humbly and silently, but with an unflinching presence and utter fidelity, even when he finds it hard to understand. From the time of his betrothal to Mary until the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, he is there at every moment with loving care. As the spouse of Mary, he is at her side in good times and bad, on the journey to Bethlehem for the census and in the anxious and joyful hours when she gave birth; amid the drama of the flight into Egypt and during the frantic search for their child in the Temple; and later in the day-to-day life of the home of Nazareth, in the workshop where he taught his trade to Jesus. How does Joseph respond to his calling to be the protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church? By being constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God’s presence and receptive to God’s plans, and not simply to his own. This is what God asked of David, as we heard in the first reading. God does not want a house built by men, but faithfulness to his word, to his plan. It is God himself who builds the house, but from living stones sealed by his Spirit. Joseph is a “protector” because he is able to hear God’s voice and be guided by his will; and for this reason he is all the more sensitive to the persons entrusted to his safekeeping. He can look at things realistically, he is in touch with his surroundings, he can make truly wise decisions. In him, dear friends, we learn how to respond to God’s call, readily and willingly, but we also see the core of the Christian vocation, which is Christ! Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation! The vocation of being a “protector”, however, is not just something involving us Christians alone; it also has a prior dimension which is simply human, involving everyone. It means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tells us and as Saint Francis of Assisi showed us. It means respecting each of God’s creatures and respecting the environment in which we live. It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about. It means caring for one another in our families: husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents.

From Inauguration Mass sermon



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 49 were 32, 28, 27 & 31 - no winner

Prize money for week 50 – £160.00 and five numbers to be drawn

Second collection: not this week

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society: our next talk will be held today Sunday 24th March, the speaker being Tyrone O'Sullivan (Tower Colliery); 2:30pm at St. David's Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff. Everyone is very welcome. Admission free. Further information: www.wamchs@btck.co.uk or call Tricia Coulthard on 029 2059 5899

Tuesday Devotions: chaplet of Divine Mercy before Mass, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Catholicism: the fourth in the series of programmes, entitled *Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God* will be shown in the parish room on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Refreshments provided. All welcome

Holy Week Services:

Monday: Mass at 9:30 am

Tuesday: Mass at 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Mass at 7:00 am

Maundy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm,

followed by watching until 10:00 pm

Good Friday:

Solemn Stations of the Cross at 11:00 am

Liturgical Action of the Passion at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday:

Blessing of Easter food (in Polish) at 1:00 pm

Vigil begins with the blessed fire at 8:00 pm

Red Boxes: please can Red Boxes be handed into Father Cenydd or Peter or Mary Leach for counting

Help needed: if you fancy doing a little polishing/cleaning in the church for Easter – Saturday at 10:00 am

Deanery Pilgrimage to Walsingham: I now have confirmation that we can have fifty places at Elmham House, Walsingham; we will arrive on Wednesday 10th and depart Saturday 13th July. The cost will be in the region of £160 (if we fill all 50 places). The extra cost over last year is because of the extra day, both accommodation and transport, but also includes a visit to the shrine of Julian of Norwich. Last date for places is 31st March. From Stephen Cleeve, pilgrimage organiser. (If you'd like to book a place, please see Fr Cenydd)

Divine Mercy Sunday: the annual devotions in honour of the Mercy of God will take place at Our Lady's on Sunday, 7th April, beginning at 1:30 pm with a chance to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Devotions followed by Benediction begin at 3:00 pm. Please see poster at the back of church for details of the Divine Mercy Novena

Choose How You Move Hereford: promotes travel choices for short city journeys, helping Hereford people to save money, get fit and cut congestion. If you would like more information please follow us on Twitter @ChooseHereford or call 07792 881 612. (These are the kind people who have lent us a coat stand and bike safety planter for the parish church)

CAFOD Syria Crisis appeal: over 2.5 million people are in urgent need of food aid, while thousands are fleeing into neighbouring countries every day. Because of the severity of the crisis, the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), of which CAFOD is a member, has launched an emergency appeal. Over the next few days you may well see their appeals on TV and in newspapers. We recognise that you may have only recently supported our Lent Appeal. However, please donate to our Syria crisis appeal by going to cafod.org.uk/syriacrisis or ringing 0500 85 88 85. We would be grateful for any support you can give at this time of extreme need



Holy Week

Psalter: Week II and Triduum Offices

9:30 am	Jan Jakubowicz
11:30 am	Holy Souls
6:30 pm	
Monday 25 March <i>Holy Week</i>	9:30 am Mass – Elizabeth Corbin
Tuesday 26 March <i>Holy Week</i>	7:00 pm Mass – Peggy King
Wednesday 27 March <i>Holy Week</i>	7:00 am Mass – Private Int 9:30 am Mass – L & M Diggins
Thursday, 28 March <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 pm Mass – Parish Clergy Int
Friday, 29 March <i>Good Friday</i>	11:00 am Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm Lit Action of the Passion
Saturday, 30 March <i>Easter Vigil</i>	1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food 8:00 pm Vigil & 1 st Mass of Easter
Sunday, 31 March (Easter Sunday)	
9:30 am	Fr Benjamin Busko
11:00 am	Tony Bunclark
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison</i>

Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Pat Spence, Laurence Montagu, 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 and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Mavis Whitehead, Helena Karska, Maureen Hartley, Alice Deans, George Goodswen, Beverley Parry, Tom King and Iris Burch

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 Valley, Shirley Maher, Bridget Robakowski, Robert Edward, Myrna Thomas and Harry Forder

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Sammy stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Sammy inquired as to what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father responded. 'Wouldn't you just know it?' Sammy complained, 'the one Sunday I don't go he shows up.'

Since God gave us two ears and one mouth, He must have wanted us to do twice as much listening as talking

Rota Schedule for 29 March to 5 April 2013

Flower Arrangers:	All hands on deck
Cleaners:	All hands on deck
Ushers:	9:30am Langford family 11:30am J McGowan & A Sully 6:30pm Volunteers
Readers:	9:30am P Buckley 11:30am C Thompson 6:30pm G McAleer
Eucharistic Ministers:	9:30am Eucharistic Ministers 11:30pm Eucharistic Ministers 6:30pm Eucharistic Ministers
Altar Linen:	J Callingham

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 24 marca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 17 March came to **£513.85** – thank you

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**"If I refer to God as 'He' I offend women.
If I refer to God as 'She' I offend men.
In my profession, I find it's best
not to talk about God at all."**