

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Second Sunday of Easter, Year A – 27 April 2014

Entrance: *Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia*

Responsorial psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!'*

Communion: *Bring your hands and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia*



Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: *"Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay"* (Mt 28:5-6). This is the culmination of the Gospel; it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death. That is why we tell everyone: *"Come and see!"* In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... *"Come and see!"*: Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness. With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord! Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you. Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible. Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned. Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck by the Ebola epidemic in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and to care for those suffering from so many other diseases which are also spread through neglect and dire poverty. Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped. Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith. We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent. We pray in a particular way for Syria, beloved Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenceless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue! Jesus, Lord of glory, we ask you to comfort the victims of fratricidal acts of violence in Iraq and to sustain the hopes raised by the resumption of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. We beg for an end to the conflicts in the Central African Republic and a halt to the brutal. . .

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 1 were 36, 16, 12, 9 & 5 – no winner
No Bingo next Tuesday; resumes on 29th April
Prize money for week 2 is £175.00 and six numbers to be drawn

Continued from front page: terrorist attacks in parts of Nigeria and the acts of violence in South Sudan. We ask that hearts be turned to reconciliation and fraternal concord in Venezuela. By your resurrection, which this year we celebrate together with the Churches that follow the Julian calendar, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace in Ukraine so that all those involved, with the support of the international community, will make every effort to prevent violence and, in a spirit of unity and dialogue, chart a path for the country's future. On this day, may they be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen, *Khrystos voskres!* Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace! Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter! (*Urbi et Orbi* message of Pope Francis, 20th April 2014)

The collection: today will be for the parish

Divine Mercy Sunday: the annual afternoon devotions to Divine Mercy will be celebrated here today, starting at 1:30 pm – please see poster above the newsletter pile for details

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

Diamond Jubilee: Fr. Owen Hardwicke will be celebrating his Diamond Jubilee of priesthood with a Mass at St. Mary of the Angels, Cardiff, on Friday 25th April at 7.30 pm. There will be light refreshments in the hall afterwards

Belmont Abbey Parish: are holding one of their popular Quiz Suppers at Hedley Lodge on Wednesday, 7th May for the benefit of Longworth Pre-Reformation Catholic Chapel. Entry is by ticket, to assist in catering, available from the presbytery at Belmont, or after the Sunday Masses at Belmont, or call 01432 277319

Curry and Quiz Night: Saturday, 17th May - tickets on sale after Mass, cost £4.00 per person, children under 12 free. Teams of 4-6

Thank you: the Abbot and community of Belmont are very grateful for the **£632.47** that the parish donated to the monastery through last Sunday's Easter clergy collection and they send you their sincere thanks

Holy Land: the collection the relief of the persecuted Christians of the Holy Land and for the holy places of Jerusalem taken on Good Friday raised **£189.05**

Lenten Alms: raised **£542.88** for good causes working for the poor and for families within the archdiocese

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s): the weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! Theme: Discerning God's call in my life, Dates: 23rd - 25th May 2014, Broadstairs, Kent. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Deanery Day Pilgrimage: to Stonyhurst College on Friday 18th July. The visit will include Mass in one of the College Chapels, a guided tour of the College, an opportunity to see the world famous Stonyhurst Collection and Library, memorabilia from the Jesuit Mission. Cost about £25. Please see Fr Cenydd for further details

National Dementia Strategy: small actions make a massive difference. Can you help? Would you like to help your church become more dementia aware? Look out for your chance to play bingo, line dance and make tea - and you even get a badge - all for free and while learning how you can become a Dementia Friend this year. Poster with details can be found in the porch and hall. Thank you

Second Week of Eastertide

Psalter week II

Today:

9:30 am Raymond Carroll
11:30 am Karen Royer
6:30 pm

Monday 28 April 9:30 am Mass – Edward Dzierza
St George, Martyr

Tuesday 29 April 7:00 pm Mass – Teresa Govett
St Catherine of Siena, Virgin

Wednesday, 30 April 9:30 am Mass – Elsie Vlahos
St Pius V, Pope

Thursday, 1 May 9:30 am Mass – Mulloy Family Int
St Joseph the Worker

Friday, 2 May 7:00 pm Mass – Grace Gillespie
St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, 3 May 9:30 am - Confessions
Ss Philip & James, Apostles 10:30 am Mass – A Leach & E Gates

Sunday, 4 May (Third Sunday of Easter)

9:30 am Special Intention (C&K)
11:30 am Jack McGowan
6:30 pm *Fr Nicholas Wetz*

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, Joe and Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Sheila Seamarks, Judith Carter, Katie Richardson, Pearl Bray and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Elsie Vlahos, Ellen Sloane and Grace Gillespie

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, Frederick Whalen and Edward da Silva

There are four basic food groups: milk chocolate, dark chocolate, white chocolate and chocolate truffles. Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake. If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you? If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves. So, make a list of important things to do today, and at the top of your list put 'eat chocolate.' Now you'll get at least one thing done today.

Rota Schedule for 2 to 8 May 2014

Flower Arrangers: L Scanlon & H Meenaghan

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan & volunteer

11:30am J Kelly & volunteer

6:30pm R & R Seamarks

Readers:

9:30am C Sharland

11:30am J Meenaghan

6:30pm V Woods

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am T Bray, H Fishlock, (F Keogh)

11:30pm J Meenaghan, M Davies, A Staton

6:30pm D Lissaman, G McAleer, J McGowan

Altar Linen:

C Simons

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 27 kwietnia godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 20th April came to **£632.47** – thank you

