

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C – 28 April 2013

**Entrance:** *O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia*

**Responsorial psalm:** *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment, love one another, just as I have loved you.'*  
*Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia*



### Part three of the Message for Vocations Sunday:

Accepting his invitation means no longer choosing our own path. Following him means immersing our own will in the will of Jesus, truly giving him priority, giving him pride of place in every area of our lives: in the family, at work, in our personal interests, in ourselves. It means handing over our very lives to Him, living in profound intimacy with Him, entering through Him into communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit, and consequently with our brothers and sisters. This communion of life with Jesus is the privileged "setting" in which we can experience hope and in which life will be full and free. Vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life are born out of the experience of a personal encounter with Christ, out of sincere and confident dialogue with him, so as to enter into his will. It is necessary, therefore, to grow in the experience of faith, understood as a profound relationship with Jesus, as inner attentiveness to his voice which is heard deep within us. This process, which enables us to respond positively to God's call, is possible in Christian communities where the faith is lived intensely, where generous witness is given of adherence to the Gospel, where there is a strong sense of mission which leads people to make the total gift of self for the Kingdom of God, nourished by recourse to the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and by a fervent life of prayer. This latter "must on the one hand be something very personal, an encounter between my intimate self and God, the living God. On the other hand it must be constantly guided and enlightened by the great prayers of the Church and of the saints, by liturgical prayer, in which the Lord teaches us again and again how to pray properly." (Spe Salvi, 34). Deep and constant prayer brings about growth in the faith of the Christian community, in the unceasingly renewed certainty that God never abandons his people and that he sustains them by raising up particular vocations – to the priesthood and the consecrated life – so that they can be signs of hope for the world. Indeed, priests and religious are called to give themselves unconditionally to the People of God, in a service of love for the Gospel and the Church, serving that firm hope which can only come from an openness to the divine. By means of the witness of their faith and apostolic zeal, therefore, they can transmit, especially to the younger generations, a strong desire to respond generously and promptly to Christ who calls them to follow him more closely. Whenever a disciple of Jesus accepts the divine call to dedicate himself to the priestly ministry or to the consecrated life, we witness one of the most mature fruits of the Christian community, which helps us to look with particular trust and hope to the future of the Church and to her commitment to evangelization. This constantly requires new workers to preach the Gospel, to celebrate the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 2 were 33, 25, 15, 28, 9, 3 & 26 - no winner**

**Prize money for week 3 – £265.00 and eight numbers to be drawn**

Second collection today: there isn't one

Marriage Care: last Sunday's special collection raised **£220.26** – thank you for your help towards this ever-growing need in the local Catholic community, and beyond

Prayer Group: the next meeting will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Lady Chapel. We hope to have Exposition. All welcome

The Herefordshire Catholic History Society: following a very successful visit to the Cathedral Archives the Herefordshire Catholic History Society returns to the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 p.m. The main topic of the evening will be the history of Weobley parish. All interested persons and new members welcome. Information: 01432 760601 or bmwarde@aol.com

Tuesday Devotions: Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass, and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary after Mass

Catholicism: on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7:00 pm – this week's instalment is entitled, "*A Vast Company of Witnesses: the Communion of Saints*" All welcome

Torchlight Procession: in honour of Our Lady will be held 9:00 pm on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at Belmont Abbey

Our Lady of the Taper: the annual pilgrimage to Cardigan will take place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May this year, led by the Bishop of Menevia, the Right Reverend Thomas Burns, SM. Confessions from 1:30 pm, procession at 2:30 pm followed by Holy Mass, Blessing of the Sick and Benediction. Please see poster at the back of church

Stratford and Compton Verney Art Gallery: a coach trip is being run by Ledbury and Ross parishes on Friday 21st June 2013, to Stratford and the exhibition "Bellini, Botticelli, Titian... 500 years of Italian Art" at Compton Verney. This comprises forty of the City of Glasgow's greatest Italian paintings – the finest and most comprehensive civic collection in the UK, and mostly unseen outside Glasgow. The works are of the highest quality and richness and chronicle a remarkable time span from 1400 - 1900, demonstrating the gradual move from religious to secular subjects. This exhibition includes landscapes, portraits and devotional works from the Renaissance by artists such as Giovanni Bellini, Sandro Botticelli, Titian, Salvator Rosa and Francesco Guardi. The exhibition will be accompanied by a redisplay of works within Compton Verney's own Neapolitan Collection in the first Naples gallery. Exhibition organised by Glasgow Museums. Friday 21st June 2013; Coach Ticket only £13 pp, 53 seater Coach, leaving Ledbury parish at 8:30 am and Ross-on-Wye parish at 9:00 am, returning 6:00 pm at Ross and 6:30 pm at Ledbury. To book or for more details please contact Erica Philp on 01989 563463 or email [erica.adrian.philp@live.co.uk](mailto:erica.adrian.philp@live.co.uk)

Offered by a parishioner: a website intended to help children with parents suffering from cancer, [http://www.riprap.org.uk/support/links/if\\_you\\_have\\_a\\_parent\\_with\\_cancer.asp](http://www.riprap.org.uk/support/links/if_you_have_a_parent_with_cancer.asp)

Parenting Programme: for parents of children aged 0 - 15 to be held in St Francis Xavier's primary school, on Wednesday afternoons starting 1<sup>st</sup> May, between 1.30 – 3.30 pm. Mr Paul Williams will be facilitating the programme

Confirmation 2013: His Grace Archbishop George will be coming to Our Lady's on Sunday 9th June to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11.30am Mass. Please pray for the young people of our parish who will be confirmed - Luke Johnson, Christina Windall, Weronika Jeruk - and the young people from other parishes who will be confirmed with them

Prayer Sponsors for Confirmation Candidates: please sign the list in the narthex if you would like to be a "prayer sponsor" for one of our confirmation candidates - there is no limit on numbers

# Fifth Week of Easter

## Psalter: Week I

9:30 am	Pat King
11:30 am	Thanksgiving (MM)
6:30 pm	
Monday 29 April	9:30 am Mass – Wroe family int <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>
Tuesday 30 April	7:00 pm Mass – Thanksgiving (A) <i>Easter Feria</i>
Wednesday 1 May	9:30 am Mass – Forgotten Souls <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>
Thursday, 2 May	9:30 am Mass – Roger James <i>St Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>
Friday, 3 May	7:00 pm Mass – Aubrey Leach <i>Ss Philip &amp; James, Apostles</i>
Saturday, 4 May	9:30 am Confessions <i>Beatified Martyrs of E &amp; W</i>
10:30 am Mass – Holy Souls	
Sunday, 5 May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)	
9:30 am	Thanksgiving (MH)
11:30 am	Ken Davis
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Nicholas Wetz</i>

### Rota Schedule for 3 to 9 May 2013

<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	L Brazewell
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Volunteers
<b>Ushers:</b>	9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland
	11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell
	6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting
<b>Readers:</b>	9:30am P Roberts
	11:30am M Brown
	6:30pm M Woolaway
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	
	9:30am F Keogh, L Johnson, (A Hepworth)
	11:30pm E Cotterell, J McGowan, H Meenaghan
	6:30pm C Milsom, M Langford, A Staton
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	B Spanjers

### Polish Information:

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

### Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 21 April came to **£341.76** – thank you

### Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Pat Spence, 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, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially George Goodswen, Iris Burch, Laurence Montagu, Alan Weaver and 'Marjorie'

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, Amaryllys 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 and Frederick Whalen



"Flood insurance is very expensive, Mr. Noah, and besides, it would have to rain 40 days and 40 nights to flood around here."

Fr Norton woke up one spring Sunday morning and decided he just had to play golf. So he told the curate that he was sick and asked him to say the Masses for him. As soon as the curate started the first Mass, Fr Norton headed off to a golf course forty miles away, so that he wouldn't meet anyone he knew from the parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. Looking down, St Peter leaned over to the Lord and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Fr Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. It was a 420 yard hole in one! St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"