

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A, *Laetare* –30 March 2014

Entrance: *Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast*

Responsorial psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want*

Gospel: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

Communion: *The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God*

Priests should sit and wait patiently for faithful in the confessional at times that are convenient for penitents. Cardinal Mauro Piacenza said this this afternoon during the inauguration of the course on the inner conscience, the private inner space of each individual. The week-long course has become something of a tradition. It will be taking place in the Chancery office and attended by about five hundred priests and seminarians who are approaching ordination. The meeting will conclude Friday with an Audience with Pope Francis. The Sacrament of Reconciliation “is possibly the most concrete and real way to renew one’s personal meeting with Jesus Christ,” Piacenza said. Although it is true that the celebration of this sacrament often comes after a long and trying inner journey and is a destination one reaches after a previous personal Church-mediated encounter with the Lord, there are cases of radical conversions taking place during the very celebration of the sacrament. During this time, a supernatural grace acts through the confessor, working on the penitent’s conscience and can lead to brief instants of unimaginable spiritual highs.” “When we deal with the inner conscience, what we’re dealing with is God!” the cardinal said. “The conscience is a shrine where God always speaks to all humans in accordance with creation and to Christians in accordance with creation and redemption... Accompanying a brother in the process of discerning his or her personal way of acting and receiving everything that emerges from the inner conscience, means entering into sacred territory with this person and one needs to be extremely careful when doing so. It’s like walking on silk.” Piacenza invited confessors to prepare for the celebration of this sacrament by “invoking the Spirit of prudence and wisdom, asking the Lord to be his obedient instruments” and to pause for a moment of prayer after confession “to thank the Lord for what he has achieved through our poor persons and always invoke the protection of the Holy Spirit and the powerful intercession of the Mother of Mercy on each of the souls that have renewed their personal encounter with Christ through us. What all of us as well as penitentiaries of papal basilicas have noticed, is that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is going through a crisis, particularly where confessors are facing a crisis. That is, where the sacrament is only offered to “Catholic adults” who consciously ask for it and may even have the priest’s phone number at hand. But this risks reducing the sacrament to something individualistic which has nothing to do with one’s personal encounter with Christ,” the cardinal said. The Father who sees his youngest child arriving in the distance is a good example of this. It is a patient, often painful and sometimes disappointed wait but we can always pray, meditate, read spiritual texts and offer our sacrifice as we wait. If even just one penitent finds reconciliation with God because the priest waited for them faithfully in intense prayer possibly, the time spent waiting will have been well worth it. Even if no one turns up, the majority within the Church, that is the angels and saints, will have been witness to our sacrifice and our willingness.” (ANDREA TORNIELLI, Vatican City, 24th March, 2014)



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 43 were 12, 10, 11 & 46 – no winner

Prize money for week 44 is £110.00 and four numbers to be drawn

Second collection today: will be for redecorating

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

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

Lenten talk: on Wednesday at 8:00pm – *Why is there Hell?* 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

Wednesdays in Lent at Belmont Abbey: **2nd April, Deception and Dishonesty by Abbot Paul Stonham** - coffee at 10.30, talk at 11.00, Mass at 12 noon; simple lunch at 1.00pm, talk at 2.00pm, afternoon tea at 3.00pm. Suggested offering of £10.00, which includes lunch

Mission Appeal 2014: Fr Jack Thora of the Missionaries of Africa, (the White Fathers), will be visiting our parish next Sunday, 5th April. Founded in 1868 by Cardinal Charles Lavigerie, the Missionaries of Africa work throughout the African continent, implanting the Gospel, providing relief, and aiding the development of men, women and children. Today there are 1,737 men serving as Missionaries of Africa in twenty three countries throughout the Africa

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes: are you interested? Would you like more information? There will be a general meeting in the Hall at St Cadoc's, Llanrumney, Cardiff at 2.30pm on Sunday, 6th April. If you have any questions we will try to answer them. We are also looking for helpers (youth and adult) – if you are interested, come along. There will be Adult Helpers and a Youth Rep. at the meeting. Also, do you know of anyone who would benefit from the Pilgrimage but needs assistance, medical or physical? Let us know. All are welcome!

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

Choose How You Move Hereford (CHYM): nearly half of all households in England may already be struggling with the costs of car ownership. Transport poverty is a complex issue but its impact is clear: people who cannot afford a car, struggle to cover rising public transport fares and lack access to public or private transport and services. Car ownership is simply not an option for many people for other reasons too, e.g. age or disability. The absence of practical alternatives, such as affordable and adequate bus services and safe and convenient walking and cycling environments, can be a real problem for them. Here in Hereford, many people are choosing to give the car a rest and the Choose How You Move team are doing all they can to help them. Last year over 700 people who live in the city told the team that they were walking and cycling more. The CHYM team of personal travel advisors are on hand to help anyone living in the city to rediscover active travel for short local journeys. By providing information and training, not only can they help people save money, but active has the added benefits of providing gym free fitness and social glue; just ask anyone who walks their dog or rides a bicycle how many people they meet and greet each time they are out and about. As we look forward to spring and beyond to summer, you will find information in the porch of the church about online travel, walking, bus and bicycle use and car sharing, and all year round you can find out more on www.herefordmove.org.uk or follow the team on Twitter @ChooseHereford Look out this weekend for information about the new Greenway route at Rotherwas and a free family fun event - Bike Fest at Bishops Meadow on Saturday 5th April 2014, helping you and yours spring into action.

Fourth week of Lent

Psalter: Week IV

Today:

9:30 am Fr. Benjamin Busko
11:30 am Anthony Bunclark
6:30 pm

Monday 31 March 9:30 am Mass – Mary Cook
Lent

Tuesday 1 April 7:00 pm Mass – Kathleen McShane
Lent

Wednesday, 2 April 7:00 am Mass – Brenda Slatter-Dunn
Lent
9:30 am Mass – Ray Preedy

Thursday, 3 April 9:30 am Mass – Colin Armstrong
Lent

Friday, 4 April 7:00 pm Mass – Holy Souls
Lent

Saturday, 5 April 9:30 am Confessions
Lent
10:30 am Mass – Special Int (CB)

Sunday, 6 April (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

9:30 am John Farren
11:30 am Preedy family deceased
6:30 pm Celebrated by 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, 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, Sheila Seamarks, Joe Aiello and all in our prayer book

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

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 and Frederick Whalen

A new vicar came out to his first church. As usually seems to be the case, several of the older parishioners had waited for his arrival before dying - consequently in four weeks he did ten funerals. Having no time to write his Sunday sermons, he used the same sermon three Sundays in a row. A group went to the bishop to complain. "What was the sermon about?" the Bishop asked. They hummed and hawed, but they couldn't remember. The Bishop smiled and said, "We'll let him use it one more time then."



How long should a sermon be? It should be like a woman's skirt; long enough to cover the essentials but short enough to keep you interested!

Rota Schedule for 4 to 10 April 2014

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am S West

11:30am Children of OLPS

6:30pm J Winter

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock, A Hepworth, (F Keogh)

11:30pm C Balestra, M Davies, E Cotterell

6:30pm D Lissaman, J McGowan, C Milsom

Altar Linen:

B Spanjers

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 23rd March came to **£349.54** – thank you