

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Easter Sunday, Year C – 31st March 2013

**Entrance:** *I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand on me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia*

**Responsorial psalm:** *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia*



A good priest can be recognized by the way his people are anointed: this is a clear proof. When our people are anointed with the oil of gladness, it is obvious: for example, when they leave Mass looking as if they have heard good news. Our people like to hear the Gospel preached with “unction”, they like it when the Gospel we preach touches their daily lives, when it runs down like the oil of Aaron to the edges of reality, when it brings light to moments of extreme darkness, to the “outskirts” where people of faith are most exposed to the onslaught of those who want to tear down their faith. People thank us because they feel that we have prayed over the realities of their everyday lives, their troubles, their joys, their burdens and their hopes. And when they feel that the fragrance of the Anointed One, of Christ, has come to them through us, they feel encouraged to entrust to us everything they want to bring before the Lord: “Pray for me, Father, because I have this problem”, “Bless me Father”, “Pray for me” – these words are the sign that the anointing has flowed down to the edges of the robe, for it has turned into a prayer of supplication, the supplication of the People of God. When we have this relationship with God and with his people, and grace passes through us, then we are priests, mediators between God and men. What I want to emphasize is that we need constantly to stir up God’s grace and perceive in every request, even those requests that are inconvenient and at times purely material or downright banal – but only apparently so – the desire of our people to be anointed with fragrant oil, since they know that we have it. To perceive and to sense, even as the Lord sensed the hope-filled anguish of the woman suffering from haemorrhages when she touched the hem of his garment. At that moment, Jesus, surrounded by people on every side, embodies all the beauty of Aaron vested in priestly raiment, with the oil running down upon his robes. It is a hidden beauty, one which shines forth only for those faith-filled eyes of the woman troubled with an issue of blood. But not even the disciples – future priests – see or understand: on the “existential outskirts”, they see only what is on the surface: the crowd pressing in on Jesus from all sides (cf. Lk 8:42). The Lord, on the other hand, feels the power of the divine anointing which runs down to the edge of his cloak. We need to “go out”, then, in order to experience our own anointing, its power and its redemptive efficacy: to the “outskirts” where there is suffering, bloodshed, blindness that longs for sight, and prisoners in thrall to many evil masters. It is not in soul-searching or constant introspection that we encounter the Lord: self-help courses can be useful in life, but to live our priestly life going from one course to another, from one method to another, leads us to become pelagians and to minimize the power of grace, which comes alive and flourishes to the extent that we, in faith, go out and give ourselves and the Gospel to others, giving what little ointment we have to those who have nothing, nothing at all. (*From Pope Francis’ sermon at the Chrism Mass last Thursday*)

## 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 50 were 24, 33, 13, 31 & 11 - no winner**

**Prize money for week 1 – £190.00 and six numbers to be drawn  
(Tote will resume on Sunday 14th April 2013)**

Today's collection: is for the work of the monastic community at Belmont. Thank you

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

Afterward

Catholicism: the fourth in the series of programmes, entitled *The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure* will be shown in the parish room on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Refreshments provided. All welcome

Divine Mercy Sunday: the annual devotions in honour of the Mercy of God will take place at Our Lady's on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Bible Study: will resume on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm in the parish house. All welcome

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](http://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

Belmont Retreat: Jesus and the world He knew - can we discover the historical Jesus? Dom Henry Wansbrough sets the life of Jesus against the background of 1st century Israel. April 5 - 7

Art Exhibition: six pieces from the Methodist Collection of Modern Christian Art will be on display at St John's Methodist church every Wednesday and Saturday between 10:00 am and 12 noon from now till Saturday 20th April

A way of listening: from 17 April, 'We believe in the Resurrection of the Body' - a talk for the Year of Faith, by Rev Dr Gareth Leyshon. Why do we believe that Jesus actually rose from the dead? What do we believe will happen to us when we die? How can we know whether a person has gone to heaven? Listen to the talk through [www.stjohnlloyd.org.uk](http://www.stjohnlloyd.org.uk)

One for the diary: the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Penrhys will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013; devotions will begin at 4:00p.m at the shrine. His Grace, Archbishop George will preside at the pilgrimage, and afterwards at the Mass to be celebrated at Our Lady with Ss. Gabriel and Raphael church, Tonypany. Refreshments will be served at the school hall

Easter Greetings: Fr Roman and Fr Cenydd send greetings to all the parishioners and their families on this joyous Easter Day, and invoke the blessing and love of Almighty God on each and every one of you. Thank you for your cards, personal greetings and acts of kindness. We particularly remember in prayer those parishioners who have moved away from Hereford and yet follow parish life through the parish website

# Easter Week

## Psalter: Easter Octave

9:30 am	Fr Benjamin Busko
11:30 am	Tony Bunclark
6:30 pm	
Monday 1 April	10:00 am Mass – Bartestree Int
<i>Easter Octave</i>	
Tuesday 2 April	7:00 pm Mass – Ray Preedy
<i>Easter Octave</i>	
Wednesday 3 April	9:30 am Mass – Ken Davis
<i>Easter Octave</i>	
Thursday, 4 April	9:30 am Mass – Belt Family Int
<i>Easter Octave</i>	
Friday, 5 April	7:00 pm Mass – M Tomaszewicz
<i>Easter Octave</i>	
Saturday, 6 April	9:30 am Confessions
<i>Easter Octave</i>	10:30 am Mass – Jan & Fran Filosof
Sunday, 7 April (Divine Mercy Sunday)	
9:30 am	John Farren
11:30 am	John Young
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Nicholas Wetz</i>

### Rota Schedule for 5 to 11 April 2013

<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	L Scanlon & H Meenaghan
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Volunteers
<b>Ushers:</b>	9:30am A Rollings & M Langford
	11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell
	6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting
<b>Readers:</b>	9:30am C Sharland
	11:30am J Meenaghan
	6:30pm A Staton
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	
	9:30am F Keogh, L Johnson, (P King)
	11:30pm C Mulloy, J Meenaghan, D Lissaman
	6:30pm G McAleer, A Staton, C Milsom
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	J Callingham

### Polish Information:

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

### Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 24 March came to **£480.41** – thank you

### **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 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 Vallely, Shirley Maher, Bridget Robakowski, Robert Edward, Myrna Thomas and Harry Forder

Church notice: This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar

Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' His son asked, 'What happened to the flea?'



"I'm getting too old for painted Easter eggs. I want them pierced and tattooed!"