



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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5th Sunday of Easter – year cycle B – 3rd May 2015

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: *You Lord and my praise in the great assembly.*

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia: *Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty Alleluia*

Communion: *I am the vine and you are the branches; says the Lord. Whoever remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, Alleluia*

Pope Francis speaks out on women's pay and rights

Women are still prohibited from most jobs in the Catholic church but Pope Francis has said that the wage gap between men and women was a "pure scandal" that Christians ought to reject.

"Why is it taken for granted that women must earn less than men? No! They have the same rights," he told tens of thousands of people at his general audience in St Peter's Square on Wednesday.

Pope Francis was hitting on an issue that affects women across the globe. In the EU, women were paid 16.4% less than men on average in 2013, according to statistics agency Eurostat, and US Census Bureau data indicate women earn 77 cents for every dollar a man earns, based on annual median salaries.

His remarks during a general audience in St Peter's Square were part of a broader address on the role of marriage in which the pontiff denied that women's emancipation was responsible for the decline in the institution. Instead, he pointed a finger of blame at the "culture of the provisional", where nothing is "definitive".

The proclamation about women's rights came days after the Argentinian pontiff declared another feminist truism: namely, that men and women are equal.

Recalling the story of Genesis, when God first created Adam and then created woman out of his rib to be a "helper suited to him", Pope Francis said: "The image of the 'rib' does not in any way express inferiority or subordination, but on the contrary, that man and woman are of the same substance and are complementary."

The comments this week were some of Pope Francis's most forceful to date on the issue of gender equality.

Although he has said that the "door is closed" to the possibility of women becoming priests – the Catholic church teaches that women cannot become priests because Jesus willingly chose only men as his apostles – he has said he wants women to have a bigger role within the church.

Advocates of a female priesthood reject the church's view, saying that Jesus was acting according to the norms of his times. Earlier this month, the Vatican brought to an abrupt conclusion a crackdown on an influential group of nuns in the USA who had been chastised by the church for straying too far from church teachings with "radical feminist" ideas.

Dates for Your Diary

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

The numbers drawn week 31 were 25, 28, 24, 23, 38 & 16
No Winner
Prize money for week 32 is £475.00, and six numbers to be drawn

Second Collection For the victims of the earthquake in Nepal

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary afterward.

Jumble Sale Don't forget next Saturday 9th May. Helpers please on Friday 8th from 9.00am until about 12 for setting out and on Saturday to man the stalls doors open at 1.30pm. Please bring all your brilliant cakes on Saturday.

The Gift

Belmont Abbey Parish will be running a course between Easter and Pentecost called The Gift. Open to everyone from any parish, this is an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. The talks are on DVD and include a time for discussion in small groups. The teachings are relaxed, personal and informative, rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, Evangelii Gaudium and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis.

They will be held on consecutive Wednesday evenings in Belmont Abbey Parish Hall from 7.00pm on April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13 and 20 concluding in time for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 24 May.

Archbishop Kevin McDonald said, "The speakers are offering witness to God's action in the world and in their own lives. I warmly commend this resource." More information is available on www.thegiftofthespirit.org or from Chris Moore on 01432 358699

Quiz Night will be on Saturday 16th May. Please see posters for further details. Tickets are £2 with under 16s free and are available after Sunday Masses or by calling Lindsay on 07832 694284

Wednesday May 13th is the date of the Belmont Torchlight May Procession in honour of Our Lady, beginning at 9.00pm, Vespers at 6.00pm. Food and drink available from Hedley Lodge from 6.30p

Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey - Sunday 6th September 2015 - 3.00pm We are hoping to organise a coach from the Herefordshire Deanery joining other members of clergy and parishioners of the Archdiocese of Cardiff in attending this annual ecumenical service. To give an indication of numbers of those who are interested please email tintern.herefordshire@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01989 563463 with your name, contact details and number of places required by Monday 18th May. Further details about this year's service may be

Reception we give a warm welcome a mum and her two daughters, Angela Chloe and Holly Powell, who are being received into the church at the 9.30 this morning. Congratulations to all three. They will making their first Holy Communion on Sunday 14th June, with the other children who are not attending Catholic schools, this will take place at the 11.30.am mass. It is hoped that a small celebration can take place in the hall, for the children and their families afterwards.

Pentecost Vigil A vigil held here on Saturday 23rd May at 7.30pm this will include music, prayer, scripture and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We would encourage everyone to pray the prayer of Pope St John XXIII for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit

"Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen"

Sick & Housebound We are attempting to compile a list of people who are housebound and would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament, if anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from a priest (who does see one at present), please let a Special Minister or one of the priests know.

May Procession The school children will be having a procession in honour of Our Lady 2.15pm on Friday 8th May parishioners are all welcome to attend

As you all know, the month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, so for a parish dedicated to Our Lady it is a month of special devotion and extra prayer. It is also a month when we celebrate some of the most important Christian feasts such as the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let us make a special point of praying for each other this May, especially for those members of the parish who are suffering in any way, often unknown to us.

This week we have all been shocked by the terrible earthquake in Nepal and its horrific consequences. Please be generous in the second collection, if you can. It will go to help the victims of this tragic disaster. May the good Lord bless the dead and the injured, the bereaved and the homeless. Suffering and death, while a great testing of faith, can also transform our faith into something living and powerful. It is in his Passion, Cross and Death that Jesus reveals to us his love and mercy.

I will be away from 6th to 12th May, mostly in hospital for my annual check up, something I've learned to look forward to and enjoy since major surgery for cancer six years' ago. I look on it as my holiday, the chance for a real rest!

God bless you all,

Fr Paul

5th Sunday of Easter

Psalter week I

<p><i>Today:</i> 9:30 am <i>Audrey Leach & Edith Gales</i> 11:30 am <i>30th Wedding Anniversary</i> 6:30 pm</p> <p><i>Monday 4 May</i> 10.00 am Mass – <i>Pat Cotterell RIP</i> <i>All Martyrs of England & Wales</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday 5 May</i> 7.00pm Mass – <i>Feria</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday 6 May</i> 10.00am Mass – <i>Feria</i></p> <p><i>Thursday, 7 May</i> 10.00am Mass – <i>Feria</i></p> <p><i>Friday 8 may</i> 7.00pm Mass – <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Feria</i></p> <p><i>Saturday, 9 May</i> 10.00am <i>Confessions & Exposition</i> <i>Feria</i> 11.00am Mass –</p> <p><i>Sunday 10 May 6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 am 11:30 am 6.30pm <i>Father Andrew/Paul</i></p>	<p>Rota Schedule for 4 May – 10 May 2015</p> <p>Flower Arrangers: <i>M Woolaway C Thompson</i></p> <p>Cleaners: <i>Manuel Paiva</i></p> <p>Ushers: 9:30am <i>P Roberts C Sharland</i> 11:30am <i>D Lissaman D Scofield</i> 6:30pm <i>M Netting C Milsom</i></p> <p>Readers: 9:30am <i>T Bray</i> 11:30am <i>G Markham</i> 6.30pm <i>G McAleer</i></p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: 9.30am <i>S Thompson C Sharland T Bray</i> 11.30am <i>C Mulloy, A Staton E Cotterell</i> 6.30pm <i>C Milsom</i></p> <p>Altar Linen: <i>L Briscoe</i></p> <p>Counting <i>Janet Richard Paul</i></p> <hr/> <p>Polish Information: Następną Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 24 Maja godz 16:00</p> <p>Finance: Collection on Sunday 26th April £393.26 + £135.80 - for redecoration fund Thank you</p>
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Please pray for: The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O’Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O’Leary Pat Spence, Joshua Isada and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, Marjorie Berry Glyn Mathews Pat Cotterell

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of May, including: Kaz & Helena Domalik, Harold Halls, Joseph Greene, Mary Robbins, Desmond Joyce, Hilda Bindon, Mary Turner, Bernadette Lynch, Veronica Lowe, Ann Maloney, Milborough Plummer, Gerhard Kostorz, Josephina Rizzardini, Elizabeth Donovan, Bernadette Graham, Ellen Elkin, Alice Derrick, David Martin, Marguerite Jacobs, Margaret Jones, Francis Meigh, Geoffrey Staton, Ron Tyler, Florence Pockett, Jacqueline Cotton and Franciszek Drynda, Joyce McDermott, Natalie Chadwick, Ryszard Dabek Grace Gillespie

Two cannibals are discussing recipes, the first says, “You know, I just can’t seem to get a missionary tender, I’ve baked them; I’ve roasted them; I’ve stewed them; I’ve barbecued them. I’ve tried every sort of marinade on them nothing works.”

The second cannibal asks, “What kind of missionary do you use?” The other replies you know the ones that have those brown cloaks with a rope round the waist and they’re sort of bald on top”.

“Ah” the second cannibal replies, “That’s your problem. Those are friars!”

By other’s faults the wise correct their own