

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year A – 4 May 2014

Entrance: *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia*

Responsorial psalm: *Show us, Lord, the path of life*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!*

Communion: *The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia*



Quotes from St Catherine of Siena, Dominican Tertiary and Doctor of the Church

From *On Divine Revelation*: “Eternal God, eternal Trinity, you have made the blood of Christ so precious through his sharing in your divine nature. You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for you. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When you fill my soul I have an even greater hunger, and I grow more famished for your light. I desire above all to see you, the true light, as you really are.

I have tasted and seen the depth of your mystery and the beauty of your creation with the light of my understanding. I have clothed myself with your likeness and have seen what I shall be. Eternal Father, you have given me a share in your power and the wisdom that Christ claims as his own, and your Holy Spirit has given me the desire to love you. You are my Creator, eternal Trinity, and I am your creature. You have made of me a new creation in the blood of your Son, and I know that you are moved with love at the beauty of your creation, for you have enlightened me.

Eternal Trinity, Godhead, mystery deep as the sea, you could give me no greater gift than the gift of yourself. For you are a fire ever burning and never consumed, which itself consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. Yes, you are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates the mind with its light and causes me to know your truth. By this light, reflected as it were in a mirror, I recognise that you are the highest good, one we can neither comprehend nor fathom. And I know that you are beauty and wisdom itself. The food of angels, you gave yourself to man in the fire of your love.

You are the garment which covers our nakedness, and in our hunger you are a satisfying food, for you are sweetness and in you there is no taste of bitterness, O triune God!”

On the Eucharist: “O inestimable charity! Even as You, true God and true Man, gave Yourself entirely to us, so also You left Yourself entirely for us, to be our food, so that during our earthly pilgrimage we would not faint with weariness, but would be strengthened by You, our celestial Bread. O man, what has your God left you? He has left you Himself, wholly God and wholly Man, concealed under the whiteness of bread. O fire of love! Was it not enough for You to have created us to Your image and likeness, and to have recreated us in grace through the Blood of Your Son, without giving Yourself wholly to us as our Food, O God, Divine Essence? What impelled You to do this? Your charity alone. It was not enough for You to send Your Word to us for our redemption; neither were You content to give Him us as our Food, but in the excess of Your love for Your creature, You gave to man the whole Divine essence . . .”

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 2 were 31, 25, 21, 14, 49 & 45 – no winner

Prize money for week 3 is £210.00 and seven numbers to be drawn

The second collection: today will be for the redecoration fund

Benediction: this afternoon at 3:30pm

Bank Holiday: the morning Mass tomorrow will be at 10:00 am

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

Funeral arrangements: the funeral service of Mrs Grace Gillespie will be held at noon on Wednesday, 7th May at the chapel of the Hereford Crematorium. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. *Requiescant in pace*

Belmont Abbey Parish: Quiz Supper at Hedley Lodge on Wednesday, 7th May; tickets available from after the Sunday Masses at Belmont, or call 01432 277319

Continued talking: due to popular demand the series of talks started during Lent will recommence at 7:00 pm on Thursday, 8th May. This week's talk – *Why Do We Have A Pope?* by Dr Scott Hahn

Funeral arrangements: the funeral service of Mrs Joyce McDermott will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, 9th May at Our Lady's. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. *Requiescant in pace*

Faure "Requiem": plus choral and instrumental music by Handel, Vaughan Williams Lassus and Hely-Hutchinson at Hereford Cathedral on Friday 9th May at 7:30 pm in aid of the Friends of the Cathedral. Tickets: £8 (Under 16s free) or phone 01432 274783 or from Elizabeth Wilson on 01432 853283

Stations of the Resurrection – an Easter Journey: a retreat at Belmont Abbey from 9th to 11th May. We see the drama of the Resurrection brought to life by the great artists, and follow the reaction of the disciples in fear, awe, disbelief and wonder. Led by Dom Brendan Thomas

Good Shepherd Sunday: the world day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life will be held on 11th May this year. On a daily basis though we are asked to create a *culture of vocation* by living lives dedicated to service rather than living lives dedicated to financial or material gain. To be a teacher, doctor, nurse, dustman, electrician, plumber etc., for love of people rather than love of money – in other words, to have a *vocation* rather than a job – so that others may 'catch' their own vocation through our lived example

Torchlight Procession: in honour of Our Lady – Wednesday, 14th May at Belmont Abbey, commencing at 9:00pm. The preacher this year will be Dom. Brendan Thomas

Hereford Fire Choir: will be singing here at Our Lady's on Wednesday, 14th May at 7:30pm, providing an evening of songs from the shows. See poster at the back of church for details

The Cradle of Christianity: a special day retreat to raise funds for the suffering people of Syria, where Christianity has existed from the days of the Apostles. See poster for details

Curry and Quiz Night: Saturday, 17th May - tickets cost £4.00 per person, under 12's free. Teams of 4 to 6

Invisible Monastery: are you prepared to give some time to pray for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? If so why not join others from around the world online at the Invisible Monastery. It only takes a moment to pledge to pray in one of a number of ways: www.invisiblemonastery.com

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

Third Week of Eastertide

Psalter week III

Today:

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

Monday 5 May 10:00 am Mass – Int of A McGowan
Eastertide

Tuesday 6 May 7:00 pm Mass – George Schmidt
Eastertide

Wednesday, 7 May 9:30 am Mass – Int of S Harrison
Eastertide

Thursday, 8 May 9:30 am Mass – Grace Gillespie
Eastertide

Friday, 9 May 7:00 pm Mass – Special Int (DD)
Eastertide

Saturday, 10 May 9:30 am - Confessions
Eastertide 10:30 am Mass – Henry Balestra

Sunday, 11 May (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

9:30 am Ciaran Greene
11:30 am John Farren
6:30 pm *Fr Michael Evans*

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 Ellen Sloane, Grace Gillespie and Joyce McDermott

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

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tyre. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tyre was flat?"

God is talking to one of his angels. He says, "Boy, I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth." The angel says, "What are you going to do now?" God says, "Call it a day"

Rota Schedule for 9 to 15 May 2014

Flower Arrangers: N & C Scotford

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings & volunteer
11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield
6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting

Readers:
9:30am J Sullivan
11:30am H Meenaghan
6:30pm R Seamarks

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am F Keogh, J McGowan, T Bray
11:30pm F Davies, H Meenaghan, C Balestra
6:30pm G McAleer, R Jones, C Sharland

Altar Linen: C Simons

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 25 maja godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 27th April came to **£372.95** – thank you

Let's eat grandma!



Let's eat, grandma!

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SAVES LIVES!**