

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A – 6 April 2014

Entrance: *Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength*

Responsorial psalm: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption*

Gospel: *Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Communion: *Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord*

“Although a Monk’s life ought at all times to resemble a continual Lent, yet because few have such virtue, we exhort all in these days of Lent to live in all purity, and during this holy season to wash away all the negligences of other times. This we shall worthily accomplish if we refrain from all defects, and apply ourselves to tearful prayer, to reading, to compunction of heart, and abstinence. In these days, therefore, let us add something over and above to our wonted task, such as private prayers, and abstinence from meat and drink; let every one offer to God, of his own free will, with joy of the Holy Spirit, something above the measure appointed him; that is to say, let him withhold from his body something in the way of food, drink, sleep, talk, laughter, and with spiritual joy and desire, await the holy feast of Easter.”

(From Chapter XLIX of the Rule of St Benedict - Of the observance of Lent)

“Hail, Caesar! Miles Gregarius reporting for duty.”

“How went yesterday? Any news?”

“Busy. We had three to do, two brigands, and the King of the Jews.”

“King of the Jews? You jest!”

“No! He wore a crown. Of thorns. Germanicus made it, and hammered it into his head.”

“He would! He lives to hurt and maim.”

“We dived for his kit. I won his vest. Good stuff. He was different, though. No scruff. His mother stood by the cross with others. She was class. Then darkness fell at noon, till three. And silence. Eerie and odd. The Son of God, they said. Maybe.”

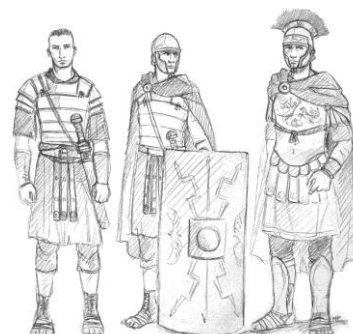
“I don’t understand these Jews. Mithras for me!”

“Why are we here at this quiet tomb?”

“We do what is ordered. There is talk he will rise again. Herod fears the followers will grave-rob, and claim He has risen.”

“What! Do you really think he will walk?”

“We do what is ordered. You know that. Have you brought your dice? A game will pass the time. Last night was quiet, long. Tonight I’m sure will be the same. . . ”



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 44 were 43, 44, 23 & 11 – no winner
No tote this week, due to the Station Mass on Tuesday; it will resume on Sunday 13th April
Prize money for week 1 is £145.00 and five numbers to be drawn

Mission Appeal 2014: today we welcome Fr Jack Thora of the Missionaries of Africa, (the White Fathers), who will speak to us about the work undertaken by his Order. The retiring collection will be for the mission appeal

Tuesday Devotions: the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are suspended this week due to the Deanery Lenten Station Mass

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 – if you'd rather not see Fr Cenydd there is a penitential service at Belmont Abbey at 7:00pm, (which is why he couldn't arrange a guest priest this week)

Lenten talk: on Wednesday at 8:00pm – *The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture* by Dr Scott Hahn

Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10:00am and again after the evening Mass (roughly 7:30 pm)

Clean pair of heels: please sign up for Foot Washing at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. We need twelve pairs of feet, so please don't leave it thinking someone else will sign up! Thank you

Lenten alms: there will be a box left before the altar; funds will go to charitable work within the Archdiocese

Taize Evening: at St Francis Xavier's on Monday 7th April at 7.00pm. There will be a candle-lit service of prayer, meditation, music and silence led by the Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School. No charge (but donations welcome for their music dept.)

Wednesdays in Lent at Belmont Abbey: **9th April, John's Hidden Stories 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

Bromyard & District Local History Society: the church needlework of Helena Wintour, 17th century Worcestershire recusant, a talk by Sophie Holroyd. Wednesday 9th April, 7.30pm at the Conquest Theatre, Bromyard. Members free, non members £3.00 per person; ALL WELCOME

Palm Sunday: which is next Sunday – Procession at the 9:30 am, (line up along the path from the car park to the church, weather permitting); Solemn Entrance at the 11:30 am; Simple Entrance at the 6:30 pm. Palms will be available at each Mass – please, one per person, see Fr Cenydd with the names of the sick you would like a palm sent to rather than take it yourself

Churches Together Walk of Witness: on Good Friday, 18th April, begins at 10.30 a.m. from the Apple Tree Mosaic outside the Great West Door of Hereford Cathedral. All the details are on the flyer.

W Kościele Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: poświęcenie pokarmów Wielkanocnych odbędzie się 19.04.2014 o godzinie 13:00. Informacja dla kierowców – prosba o nieparkowanie pojazdów na parkingu FARMFOOD, ponieważ jest to parking tylko dla klientów

Celebrate Wales Weekend: 3rd – 4th May, a lively, Catholic, faith filled weekend for the whole family - with inspiring talks and workshops, streams for children & young adults aged 3 to 21 and daily Mass, praise and worship. Talented speakers include Pastor Clyde Thomas and Charles Whitehead. Visit our webpage at www.celebrateconference.org/wales to find out more and see why each year hundreds of people recommend Celebrate Wales as something the whole family can enjoy together as they grow in faith. Pick up a leaflet at the back of the church, download a booking form at the website or phone 07961346343 for more details

Pilgrimage to Rome 2015: led by Fr Thomas Regan, our former parish priest; for details please see Fr Cenydd

Fifth week of Lent

Psalter: Week I

Today:

9:30 am John Farren
11:30 am Preedy family deceased
6:30 pm

Monday 7 April 9:30 am Mass – Morison Family Int
Lent

Tuesday 8 April 7:00 pm Mass – People of the Deanery
Lent

Wednesday, 9 April 7:00 am Mass – John Artindale
Lent 9:30 am Mass – Ann Meaker

Thursday, 10 April 9:30 am Mass – John Young
Lent

Friday, 11 April 7:00 pm Mass – Colin Armstrong
Lent

Saturday, 12 April 9:30 am Confessions
Lent 10:30 am Mass – Therese Cameron

Sunday, 13 April (Palm Sunday)

9:30 am Stanley Addison
11:30 am Anthony Bunclark
6:30 pm Celebrated by 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, Dr Mike O'Kane, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Sheila Seamarks, Katie Richardson 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, Elsie Vlahos and Ellen Sloane

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

God greets Mother Teresa at the Pearly Gates. "You'll be hungry, Mother Teresa?" says God. "I could eat," Mother Teresa replies. So God opens a can of tuna and reaches for a chunk of rye bread and they share it. While eating this humble meal, Mother Teresa looks down into Hell and sees the inhabitants devouring huge steaks, lobsters, pheasants, pastries and fine wines. Curious, but deeply trusting, Mother Teresa



Rota Schedule for 11 to 17 April 2014

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: Wagner family

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan & volunteer

11:30am J McGowan & J Kelly

6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seamarks

Readers:

9:30am J Sullivan

11:30am G Markham

6:30pm M Woolaway

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland, F Keogh, (A Hepworth)

11:30pm F Davies, A Staton, J Meenaghan

6:30pm J Winter, R Jones, Gavin McAleer

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, 30th March came to **£511.80** – thank you

remains quiet. The next day God again invites Mother Teresa to join him for a meal. Again, it is tuna and rye bread. Once again looking down, Mother Teresa can see the denizens of Hell enjoying caviar and champagne. Meekly, she says: *"God, I am grateful to be in heaven with you. But all I get to eat is tuna and a piece of rye bread and in the Other Place they eat like emperors and kings! Forgive me, O God, but I just don't understand..."* God sighs. *"Let's be honest, Mother Teresa, for just two people, does it pay to cook?!"*