

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C – 7 April 2013

**Entrance:** *Like new born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia, alleluia*

**Responsorial psalm:** *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving, but believing, alleluia*



### Summa Theologica of St Thomas Aquinas - Whether mercy can be attributed to God

**Objection 1:** It seems that mercy cannot be attributed to God. For mercy is a kind of sorrow, as Damascene says (De Fide Orth. ii, 14). But there is no sorrow in God; and therefore there is no mercy in Him.

**Objection 2:** Further, mercy is a relaxation of justice. But God cannot remit what appertains to His justice. For it is said (2 Tim. 2:13): "*If we believe not, He continueth faithful: He cannot deny Himself.*" But He would deny Himself, as a gloss says, if He should deny His words. Therefore mercy is not becoming to God.

On the contrary, it is said (Ps. 110:4): "He is a merciful and gracious Lord." I answer that, Mercy is especially to be attributed to God, as seen in its effect, but not as an affection of passion. In proof of which it must be considered that a person is said to be merciful [*misericors*], as being, so to speak, sorrowful at heart [*miserum cor*]; being affected with sorrow at the misery of another as though it were his own. Hence it follows that he endeavors to dispel the misery of this other, as if it were his; and this is the effect of mercy. To sorrow, therefore, over the misery of others belongs not to God; but it does most properly belong to Him to dispel that misery, whatever be the defect we call by that name. Now defects are not removed, except by the perfection of some kind of goodness; and the primary source of goodness is God. It must, however, be considered that to bestow perfections appertains not only to the divine goodness, but also to His justice, liberality, and mercy; yet under different aspects. The communicating of perfections, absolutely considered, appertains to goodness; in so far as perfections are given to things in proportion, the bestowal of them belongs to justice; in so far as God does not bestow them for His own use, but only on account of His goodness, it belongs to liberality; in so far as perfections given to things by God expel defects, it belongs to mercy.

**Reply to Objection 1:** This argument is based on mercy, regarded as an affection of passion.

**Reply to Objection 2:** God acts mercifully, not indeed by going against His justice, but by doing something more than justice; thus a man who pays another two hundred pieces of money, though owing him only one hundred, does nothing against justice, but acts liberally or mercifully. The case is the same with one who pardons an offence committed against him, for in remitting it he may be said to bestow a gift. Hence the Apostle calls remission a forgiving: "*Forgive one another, as Christ has forgiven you*" (Eph. 4:32). Hence it is clear that mercy does not destroy justice, but in a sense is the fulness thereof. And thus it is said: "*Mercy exalteth itself above judgement*" (James 2:13).

## 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 parish

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions: today at 3:00 pm, confession available from 1:30 pm

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

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

Catholicism: the fifth in the series of programmes, entitled *A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The mystical union of Christ and the Church* will be shown in the parish room on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Refreshments provided. All welcome

Science and Religion: the next Year of Faith event takes place at St. Mary's School, Lugwardine on Monday 15th April at 7pm, in main hall. Fr. Andrew Pinsent will talk on "Science and Religion." It is a real coup for the deanery to have someone as distinguished as Fr. Pinsent speaking to us on such a burning issue. And he really is supremely qualified to speak on this subject having been an eminent scientist, working at CERN in Geneva, before becoming a priest

Frassati Youth Group: if you are in Year 7 or above, you are invited to come along to the Frassati Youth Group meetings on the following Thursday evenings in the Parish Room, 7pm to 9pm - meetings for the next half term will be on 18th April, 2nd May, & 16th May. For further details contact Lucy on 01432 840847

Prayer Group: the next meeting will be on Monday 29th April at 7pm in the Lady Chapel. We hope to have Exposition. All welcome

### **Be Still**

Turn off the television,  
the radio as well,  
drop the crossword and the pen upon the floor,  
then be still...

Tune out the thoughts of yesterday,  
today, tomorrow too,  
switch off daily anxiety,  
and be still...

Don't meddle with your spectacles,  
or wonder at your watch,  
don't fidget in the in the seat you're sitting in,  
just be still...

Then in the silence close your eyes  
and it will come as no surprise,  
that the Lord our God  
is right there,  
in your heart,  
so be still...  
be still...  
still.

(Written by a parishioner)

*Be Still*  
AND KNOW  
THAT I AM GOD  
-PSALM 46:10

# Second Week of Easter

## Psalter: Week II

9:30 am	John Farren
11:30 am	John Young
6:30 pm	
Monday 8 April	9:30 am Mass – Jack & Rose Pick
<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
Tuesday 9 April	7:00 pm Mass – Ken Davis
<i>Easter Feria</i>	
Wednesday 10 April	9:30 am Mass – Bess Lee
<i>Easter Feria</i>	
Thursday, 11 April	9:30 am Mass – Mary Hall
<i>St Stanislaus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	
Friday, 12 April	7:00 pm Mass – Therese Cameron
<i>Easter Feria</i>	
Saturday, 13 April	9:30 am Confessions
<i>St Martin, Pope &amp; Martyr</i>	10:30 am Mass – Thanksgiving (PB)
Sunday, 14 April (Third Sunday of Easter)	
9:30 am	Jan Jakubowicz
11:30 am	Tony Bunclark
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Michael Evans</i>

### Rota Schedule for 12 to 18 April 2013

<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	N & C Scottford
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Denise & James
<b>Ushers:</b>	9:30am Langford family
	11:30am Volunteers
	6:30pm Volunteers
<b>Readers:</b>	9:30am C Bray
	11:30am G Markham
	6:30pm Volunteer

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am	P King, T Bray, (C Sharland)
11:30pm	E Cotterell, H Meenaghan, M Davies
6:30pm	R Jones, J Winter, A Staton

**Altar Linen:** A Hepworth

### Polish Information:

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

### Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 31 March came to **£621.61** – 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, Iris Burch and Alan Weaver

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

During a visit to a hospital for the mentally infirm, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was that defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. "Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub; then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," said the Director, "a normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed by the wall or near the window?"

A forbidden fruit will create many jam



"I wasn't always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950's!"