



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Third Sunday of Lent - year cycle B – 8 March 2015

Entrance: *My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me for I am alone and poor.*

Responsorial psalm: *You, Lord have the message of eternal life.*

Gospel: Glory and Praise to you O Christ! King of eternal glory: *I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord, Whoever believes in me will never die*

Communion: *The sparrow finds a nest and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.*



PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, pour forth your spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

In his Angelus address on the Second Sunday of Lent, Pope Francis called Christians to fix their gaze on the ultimate goal of Lenten conversion: an intimate participation in the glory of God, shining on the face of Jesus Christ. Addressing the faithful and pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope reflected on the Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor, an event which took place at the climax of his public ministry. "Jesus was on his way towards Jerusalem," the Pope explained, "where the prophecy of 'God's Suffering Servant' would be fulfilled and his redemptive sacrifice consummated."

Pope Francis said that Jesus chose to reveal his glory to Peter, James and John before his Passion "in order to confirm them in faith, and to encourage them to follow him on the way of the Cross." The crowds, and even the Apostles, could neither understand nor accept the idea that the Messiah's saving mission would be accomplished through suffering, he observed. "And so, on a high mountain, immersed in prayer, Jesus was transfigured before them: his face and his whole person radiate a brilliant light."

He continued: "The three disciples were exceedingly afraid as a cloud overshadowed them, and the Father's voice resounded from above, as at the Baptism in the Jordan, saying: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Jesus is the Son become servant, sent into the world to fulfil, through the cross, the plan of salvation to save us all. His full adherence to the will of the Father makes his humanity transparent to the glory of God, who is Love." Indeed, he said: "Jesus reveals himself as the perfect image of the Father, the radiance of his glory. He is the fulfilment of Revelation. That is why Moses and Elijah — who represent the Law and the Prophets — appear alongside him transfigured, as if to signify that everything begins and ends in Jesus, in his Passion and glory."

What message does the mystery of the Transfiguration hold for us? Pope Francis said the message is clear: "Listen to him. Listen to Jesus. He is the Saviour; follow him." He explained

A Message from

The Abbot and Community of Belmont have great pleasure in inviting the parishioners of Our Lady's to the Priestly Ordination of Br. Jonathan Rollinson on Thursday, 12th March, at 2.30pm.

If you are free and would like to join us for the Ordination, you are most welcome.

We will be inviting Fr. Jonathan to celebrate a First Mass at Our Lady's very soon.

Most important of all, please pray for him, that he be a good and holy priest.

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 24 were 1, 44, 14, 31
No Winner
Prize money for week 25 is £300.00, and four numbers to be drawn
Get your Tote Tickets on Sale after all masses

Second Collection for the redecoration of the church

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

Stations of the Cross. During Lent there will be Stations at 6.30 on Friday

Many thanks to everyone who helped put everything back in its place on Friday, Thanks also to the painters who kept the disruption to a minimum. We now have a "new" confessional, with grill and curtains. The potholes in the car park have also been filled. The painters are now working in the hall, this should be finished by next weekend God willing.

Family Fast Day Please remember your Cafod envelopes. Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on the poorest communities. Every £1 donated between Ash Wednesday and 17th May 2015 will be covered by UK Aid Match up to £5million. Envelopes are at the back of church. Please remember your offering

Lenten Talks The first of the talks given by Father Andrew took place on Saturday 28th February it was informative and enjoyable by the parishioners attending the second on the 7th March at the time of printing has not taken place, but it is hoped that the attendance was better, last chance next Saturday 14th March.

A Request has been received asking if anyone during the visit to Gavamie in 2013, during the pilgrimage to Lourdes took a photograph of St John the Baptist church, if anyone can help with a photo please contact Sheila at shamdaff58@btinternet.com

Belmont Abbey Parish is delighted to welcome the professional Christian theatre company RISE Theatre, who will be performing their brand new original play 'White Rabbit' at: Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey on Friday 20 March 2015, at 7.30pm

'White Rabbit' is a powerful story about two people and their journey to faith – an imaginative and moving tale of love, loss and self-discovery. The play features an original score by singer-songwriter and director Charley Pinfold - www.charleypinfold.com. The performance is suitable for adults and ages 12+. Tickets are £8 (£6 for under 18s.) For booking information and tickets please contact Fr Nick, Chris Moore and the parish office.

Week of Prayer & Awareness for Dementia: 12th March to 19th March 2015

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick for Dementia Suffers and their Carers, will be celebrated on Thursday 19th March at 12:00 Noon in All Hallows Church, Miskin, CF72 8PG. Please come together and pray for all who experience the effects of Dementia

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the great advantages of a reasonably new church like Our Lady's is that it's easier to maintain and keep clean. The effect to the eye of the newly painted church is quite stunning, Imagine, then, what our souls look like when we've been to Confession and we've had all our sins forgiven. Don't forget that you can go to Confession at any time by asking one of the priests. There is also Confession every Saturday morning from 10 until 11 with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament going on in the church at the same time. This year there will also be a Penance Service on the Tuesday of Holy Week at 7pm with several priests hearing Confessions. Don't miss the opportunity. Just think how clean and shiny the church looks now with its fresh coat of paint.

God bless you all, Fr Paul & Fr Andrew

Third Sunday in Lent

Psalter week III

Today:

9:30 am Elizabeth Corbin RIP
11:30 am Harry Forder RIP
6:30 pm

Monday 2 March 10.00 am Mass – Deceased Sisters & girls of Bartestree Convent

Tuesday 3 March 7:00 pm Mass – Forgotten Souls
Feria

Wednesday, 4 March 10.00 am Mass –

Thursday, 5 March 10.00am Mass –
Feria

Friday 6 March 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
Feria 7.00pm Mass –

Saturday, 7 March 10.00-11.00 am Adoration,
SS Perpetua & Felicity Benediction & Confession
11.00am Mass- Thanksgiving CB

Sunday 8 March (3Sunday in Lent)

9:30 am
11:30 am
6:30 pm Father Andrew/Paul

Rota Schedule for 9-15 March 2015

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: Janusz Wagner

Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings P King
11:30am D Lissaman D Schofield
6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seamarks

Readers:

9:30am T Bray
11:30am M Brown
6:30pm M Woolaway

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am S Thompson J Winter F Keogh
11:30pm C Mulloy A Staton E Cotterell
6:30pm R Jones

Altar Linen: Aileen Hepworth

Counting Marlene, Kathy & Paul

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 22 Marca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday 1st March raised **£518.84** thank you

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, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Chris Burns Rita O'Leary Pat Cotterell Kathy Davis Merriel Cotterill Pat Spence and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, Ann Jenkins, Phylis Warzynski, Canon Tom Keane,

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of March, 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, Harry Forder Charles Bagley, John McEwan Frederick Whalen, Karen Royer, Ann Meaker, Peter Tonner, Mary McGowan, Ricardo Belzoni, Sr. Marie Clare of the Assumption, Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn and Elsie Vloss

The new priest stood at the church door greeting parishioners as they left following his first Mass after being appointed by the bishop. The comments were generally welcoming except for 1 man who said "That was a very dull and boring homily Father" A few minutes later the same man appeared again in the line, this time muttering "Father I don't think you gave much thought to what you had to say this morning." Minutes later the same man came along the line muttering "you really blew it Father" The priest had had enough and called the deacon over and asked who the man was. "Him? Oh, that's Oliver. Don't let him bother you" he's a little slow. All he does is repeat whatever he hears other people saying"