



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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5th Sunday of Lent – Year C – 13th March 2016

Holy Year of Mercy – “Merciful, like the Father.”

Entrance Antiphon - “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 - “What marvels he Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.”

Gospel Acclamation - “Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!”

Communion Antiphon – “Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.”

(The mass readings and prayers can be found on Page 177 of the Parish Mass Books in Church.)

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

The Prayer Pilgrimage marking the Archdioceses 100th anniversary continues, with our prayers being offered this week for the parish of St. Dyfrig, Treforest with All Hallows in Llantrisant. The Rev'd Allan Davies Hale. The University of South Wales, and Cardinal Newman secondary school with its Chaplain Katherine Duffin. Times of the Holy Week services are posted at the back of Church and are within this Bulletin. Palm Sunday masses at the normal times, the 9.30am mass will begin with the Palm Sunday procession from the grassed area behind the church, weather permitting.

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN OF MARTYRS!

This coming Saturday we are asking for parishioners to come and help clean up the Church and hall grounds, where a lot of rubbish has accumulated. We will need lots of help, from 11.30am this Saturday. Everything you need will be provided, including refreshments.

GOSPEL REFLECTION –. “SOMETHING NEW.”

The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done "great things" for His people, as today's Psalm puts it. But the "things of long ago," Isaiah tells us in today's First Reading, are nothing compared to the "something new" that He will do in the future. Today's First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvellous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel which had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth. The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today's Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord's compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today's Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father. In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His "chosen people" living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world. But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, "forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead," as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, "the power of His resurrection." We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing "the goal, the prize of God's upward calling," striving in faith to attain the last new thing

God promises - "the resurrection of the dead."

Dates for Your Diary

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

Tote no's for week 21 8 9 15 22 24 31 35 . A winner F PREEDY £625! Week 1, 3 numbers to be drawn.

Second Collection – Flowers for Easter. No 2nd collection next week.

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy Novena before Mass and the joyful mysteries of the rosary.

EASTER MINISTRIES – Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the holy week ministries, a full list is on the notice board at the back of church.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES. Holy Thursday 7.00pm, Good Friday Stations 11am, Service at 3pm, with children's liturgy. Holy Saturday Polish blessing of bread service at 1.00pm, vigil mass 8.00pm. On Easter Sunday 9.30, 11.30 AND 6.30pm. Please note there is a evening mass on Easter Sunday.

MESSAGE OF FATIMA – Day retreat, Saturday 11th June, Pantasaph, Holywell, poster at back of church. More info 01352 711053.

COUNTING THE COLLECTION. We need more volunteers for either Sunday evening or Monday mornings, see Fr. Matthew or Celia Sharland if interested.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY – Fr. Matthew is part of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team. If you have a relative or friend admitted to hospital please make sure they are registered as a Catholic so Fr. Matthew can visit them and also let Fr. Matthew know by phone or e-mail.

SHOP – A selection of Easter cards is now available in the Church shop.

CHURCH CLEANING – We need volunteers to help do the cleaning on Saturday about 11.30am.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE. Next Sunday 20th March at 3.00pm in Church for holy week.

PARISH COUNCIL The new Councillors are Fran Keogh, Lynn Johnson, Alina Stojewski, Marion Smith and Dr. Binoy Kuriakose. All existing counsellors are continuing, with the exceptions of Arthur Staton and John McGowan who are retiring, after many years of service. Many thanks to them for all their hard work on the council over many years. Next meeting Monday 25th April, 7.00pm.

RED BOXES - Please can Red Boxes be handed into Father Matthew or Peter or Mary Leach for counting. The Spring Mission Today magazines have arrived and are at the back of the church for Red Box holders and anyone interested in reading about the work of APF- Mill Hill. It plays a vital role in the mission of the Church, bringing God's love to the most in need through prayer and financial support with the Red Box collections. New boxes and sign up sheet at back of Church.

WORKS. In recent weeks various repairs and improvements have been undertaken, all of the electrical systems in our buildings have undergone an inspection as have all the portable electrical appliances, and new external lights have been fitted to the various doors on the hall and church.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH – MILL HILL MISSIONARY FATHERS. The annual Mill Hill novena (St. Josephs' Missionary Society) takes place from 10th-18th March, in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph on 19th March, praying for their missionary work and all those who support and pray for them. If you would like to send in petitions to be prayed for and/or request a Novena booklet please e-mail novena@millhillmissionaries.com

SVP - The next meeting is this Friday 18th March at 6.00pm in the side chapel in Church.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS – Churches together walk of witness, Friday 25th March, beginning outside the Odeon cinema in the old market at 10.30am.

WANTED FOR THE MISSIONS. Do you have any of the following items you no longer need? Statues, including damaged ones, religious pictures and books, prayer books, rosaries, relics etc. These items can be left by the Repository during Lent and will be sent onto mission parishes.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP. Meets this Thursday at 7.00pm.

CAFOD school volunteers needed! CAFOD needs volunteers to work with children in schools and parishes to help them learn about global poverty and to put their faith into action. Could you spare a few hours a month to give a talk or presentation on an aspect of CAFOD's work? Full training and excellent resources are available. For further information please contact CAFOD South Wales on 029 20 344 882, email southwales@cafod.org.uk

PARISH SCHEDULE. 13th – 20th MARCH.

PSALTER WEEK 1. YEAR C SUNDAYS. YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 13th – 5th Sunday of Lent.

(3rd Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis.)

9:30am June Lapsley 20th anniv. 11:30 am. Bernard Mulloy.

6.30pm..Maggie Given & Spec Int.

Monday 14th.

9.30am Mass – Freda Davies.

Tuesday 15th.

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30). Special int.

Wednesday 16th

9.30 am Mass – Rose and Jack Pick.

6.00pm – 6.30pm Exposition, Confessions & Benediction

Thursday 17th- Feast of St. Patrick.

9.30 am Mass – Agnes McGowan.

7.00pm Scripture Prayer Group.

Friday 18th.

9.30am Full School mass in Church.

6.00pm SVP meeting in church.

6.30pm Stations of the Cross.

7.15pm Mass –Aniela Nowosielska

Saturday 19th – Feast of St. Joseph.

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass Rita O'Leary.

11.30am Clean for the Queen – cleaning our parish grounds.

Sunday 20th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the

Lord. 9:30am. Sick of the Parish. 11:30 am. Nancy Harris

& Sylvia Headon. 6.30pm..People of the Parish.

Rota Schedule for 13th – 20th March.

Flower Arrangers No flowers in Lent.

Cleaners: Cleaning now Saturday after mass. Volunteers please.

Ushers: 9:30am. Mr and Mrs Scanlon.

11:30am J. McGowan and J. Kelly

6:30pm. Volunteers please.

Readers: 9:30am. P. Buckley. Passion Gospel Tim and Fran

11:30am. Jim Meenaghan, Passion Gospel Hilary and Jim

6.30pm. Jan Winter, Passion Gospel Mike and Maria

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am. Simon Thompson, Helen Fishlock & Celia Sharland

11.30am Eileen Cotteral, Arthur Staton & John McGowan

6.30pm. Kathy Davis

Altar Linen: Jackie Callingham.

Counting. Kathy and Lindsaye.

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 24 Kwietnia o godz 16:00

Finance: 1st Coll £302.63 G.A. £142.20

Please pray for the Sick, especially Karolina Busko, Tess Forder, Emilia Dzierza, Albert Piotr, Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna & John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris, Rita O'Leary, Joshua Isada, Petal O'Hea, Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book.

The recently dead – Linda Korstorz, Eva Zakrzewska, Lil Green, Pat Franklin & Bernard Mulloy, Those whose anniversary falls in March, Frank Gillich, June Lapsley, Joseph Miller, Philomena Doherty, Sylvia King, Margaret Davis, Geoffrey Lyons, Eileen Foster, Daniel Higgins, Henry Lavell, Boleslaw Chojnowski, Anthony Bunclark, Brian Halligan, Rose Hughes, Bridget Burns, John Lavell, Mark Vallely, Shirley Maher, Bridget Robakowski, Robert Edward, Myrna Thomas, Harry Forder, George Goodswen and Iris Burch Łukasz Maziarski, Ivan Champion, Karen Royer, Ann Meaker, Peter Tonner, Mary McGowan, Ricardo Belzoni, Sr. Marie Clare of the Assumption and Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn.

Part time cleaning work available. Would you, or anyone you know, like to earn a little extra by cleaning our church hall on a weekly basis? You might like to consider taking on this opportunity alone or with one or two friends/colleagues. For more information contact Lindsaye at lindsayebriscoe@hotmail.com or Fr Matthew.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE. Still places available on the pilgrimage, Friday 12th- Friday 19th August, flying now from Stanstead. £630 all inclusive. Booking forms are available at the back of Church, Return forms to Fr. Matthew ASAP. Led by Fr. Matthew. Organised by Tangey Tours.

