



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Year C – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

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

*Entrance Antiphon - “When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory. I will grant him length of days”*

*Responsorial psalm - “Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.”*

*Gospel Acclamation - “Alleluia, alleluia! Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.. Alleluia.”*

*Communion Antiphon – “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”*

*(The mass readings and prayers can be found on Page 153 of the Parish Mass Books in Church.)*

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

*Please make use of the traditional Lenten devotions taking place, stations will be on Friday evenings at 6.30pm, also exposition and confessions on the Wednesdays of Lent from 6.00pm. Resources for Lent, continue to be available at the back of Church, booklets and magazines for adults and children, please take one or more and make use of them in your daily Lenten prayers etc.*

*The CAFOD Lenten fast day is this Friday, when we are asked to fast from a meal and give the money saved to next Sundays retiring collection for CAFOD. Envelopes for this purpose are attached to this bulletin which also contains information on CAFOD'S work. Also available at the back of Church are some Fairtrade Easter eggs, which celebrate the real meaning of Easter, and contain booklets detailing the Easter story, they cost £3.50.*

*The Diocesan Prayer Pilgrimage marking the Archdioceses 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary continues, with our prayers being offered this week for the parish of Our Lady and Saint Illtyd, Llantwitt Major and St. Cadoc's in Cowbridge, the Parish Priest Mark Rowles and also Atlantic College. Special prayer cards are available at the back of Church.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION. 40 DAYS.** In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel. We've already seen that like Israel, Jesus has passed through water, been called God's beloved Son. Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights. He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food). As Israel quarrelled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care. When the Devil asks His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf. Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings. Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty, the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification. Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. “Call upon me, and I will answer,” the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle. This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: “We cried to the Lord...and He heard.” But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters. Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and “bow down in His presence,” offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

## 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 17 drawn were are 39 44 26 14 27 38  
No winner. Prize money, for week 18 £550 and 6 numbers to be drawn.

Second Collection – No Collection. Next week – CAFOD Lent fast day collection.

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

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY – Fr. Matthew is now a member of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team, working with the Rev Philip Roberts, the hospital chaplain and a large team of volunteers. 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.

CHURCH CLEANING – There is a need for volunteers to help clean the church. We are asking parishioners who can help, to do the cleaning on Saturday about 11.30am, immediately after the morning mass.

Hereford LIFE there will be a meeting of Hereford LIFE on the Monday 29th February at 7 pm at St Martins which has an entry to the car park from Holme Lacey Rd. All are very welcome and if you would like to come but have no transport please ring 371654.

HEREFORDSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY - The next meeting of the HCHS will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre at Belmont Abbey. The subject of the talk will be “**Catholic Archives in 2016**”, given by one of our members, Margaret Harcourt –Williams. This promises to be a subject of great interest to all of us wishing to research our Catholic history.

HAPPY HALF TERM. To all the children and staff of our catholic schools,

PARISH JUMBLE SALE –The next parish jumble sale is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, please give it your support, we need help setting things up on the Friday from 8-12noon and on Saturday 8 am onwards. Any items, especially cakes are very welcome.

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.

NEW DEAN - Fr. Matthew has been appointed Dean of the Hereford Deanery.

1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Last Sunday the children made their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession, so congratulations to them and their families. The next session of preparation is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

SVP. Next meeting at 6.00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February in Church. (Please note earlier meeting time.)

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS – The Parish Advisory Council is coming to the end of its term of office and nominations are invited, to re-nominate existing members or prospective new members. Please write to Richard Seamarks, the PAC Chairman or Fr. Matthew Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> February.

CAFOD FAST DAY PRAYER – Merciful God, source of all that is good, wash us clean of that prevents us from seeing you in each of our brothers and sisters around the world. Transform our hearts this Lent, through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to be open to the needs of all those who thirst. Spirit of compassion, move us to share with all people the water of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

BAPTISMS – Congratulations to Lucy daughter of Wayne and Nicola Edmunds who was baptised last Sunday afternoon.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP. Meets this Wednesday at 7.00pm. We use the “The Wednesday Word.” it can be accessed at [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org). Copies also at the back of Church.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY AT BELMONT ABBEY. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 24 continuous hours of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Belmont, from 11.00am on Friday till 11am on Saturday, including the divine office, confessions, rosary and other devotions. There is a request for volunteers to fill a rota for adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, forms available at the back of Church.

# PARISH SCHEDULE. 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY.

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

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent.

9:30am Edward Dzierza

11:30 am. Heather & Jim Butt and Family/ Bernard Mulloy.

6.30pm. Pat Franklin.

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Mass – Con and Annie McGee.

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30) Zuhai, Peter and Stephanie Bellamy.

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> –

9.30 am Mass – Mary Shovlin.

6.00pm Exposition, Confessions & Benediction

7.00pm Scripture Prayer Group.

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> –

9.30 am Mass – Sheila and David Bartlett.

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – CAFOD LENT FAST DAY.

6.30pm Stations of the Cross.

7.15pm Mass – Eva Zakrzewska.

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – Memoria of Blessed Virgin Mary.

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass – Wilder Family int.

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent.

9:30am Lil Green

11:30 am. Bernard Mulloy/Alma Hornby.

6.30pm. Erna and Jamie Bellamy and Family.

## Rota Schedule for 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Flower Arrangers No flowers in Lent.

Cleaners: Cleaning now Saturday after mass. Volunteers please.

Ushers: 9:30am. J. Sullivan & M. Slane.

11:30am. Mr and Mrs Cotterall.

6:30pm. . M. Netting & C. Milsom.

Readers: 9:30am. P. Roberts 11:30am. H. Meenaghan.

6.30pm. R. Maloney.

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am. Tim Bray, Jan Winter & Helen Fishlock.

11.30am. Felicity Davies, Jim Meenahan & Janucz Wagner.

6.30pm. Kathy Davis.

Altar Linen: Lyndsay Briscoe

Counting. Denise, John and Kathy.

## Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 27 Lutego o godz 16:00

Finance: 1<sup>st</sup> Coll £ 331.04 G.A. £ 168.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll for Marriage Care £ 231.38 .

Please pray for the Sick, especially Sandi Bray, 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 – Eva Zakrzewska, Lil Green, Pat Franklin & Bernard Mulloy,

Those whose anniversary falls in February, Prezmyslav Grzybowski, Sister Veronica, Ann Jenkins, Phylis Warzynski, Canon Tom Keane, William Johns, Bill Morris, Agnes Cooper, Emil Bieler, Mary Mulraine, Joan Keogh, Lucy Dale, Michael Wadley, David Stanton, Alexandra Podmore, Joseph Lambert, Paul Harrison, Mary Anderson, Jay Bourne, Elizabeth McColgan, Phyllis Price, Trevor Tipping, Margaret Jones, Edward Dzierza, Teresa Govett and Alice Deans John Hodgson, Jason Houten, Łukasz Maziarski, Ivan Champion & Ken Davis

COMMUNION MINISTERS DAY: A day for Ministers of Communion, Communion Catechists, and all involved in Building up the Body of Christ in the Parish. Workshops on Home Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Catechesis, and Prayer. At Pastoral resources centre in Cardiff, CF3 1XQ, on Saturday 27th February, 10.30 – 3.30. There are booking forms at the back of Church, please complete and return to Fr. Matthew, the parish will pay the £5 fee.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE. The dates for the pilgrimage are from Friday 12<sup>th</sup>- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August, flying now from Stanstead, apologies for the change. Booking forms are available at the back of Church, Return forms to Fr. Matthew ASAP. Led by Fr. Matthew. Organised by Tangey Tours.

