



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER Year C – 17<sup>th</sup> April - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

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

*Entrance Antiphon - “The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.”*

*Responsorial psalm – “We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”*

*Gospel Acclamation - ““Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.”*

*Communion Antiphon – “The good shepherd has risen! who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.”*

**FROM FR. MATTHEW.**

*The Prayer Pilgrimage marking the Archdioceses 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary continues, with our prayers being offered this week for the parish of St. Mary's in Merthyr Tydfil, with St. Benedicts in Merthyr Vale, the Rev'd Barry English and Deacon David O'Keefe. This weekend we welcome to the parish Mr. Mike Scarlett speaking on the work of APF – Mill Hill, and to thank the parish for our support of prayers and donations to the 1069 world missions. Please note that there will be no CASH collection, the thank you and appeal is to inform us of the work of the APF – Mill Hill, and to ask for continued prayers and financial support. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of the traditional Red Boxes to contribute to the work of the APF, you can sign up for a red box today. It would be fantastic if every home was involved in this work of the Church by supporting missionaries throughout the world. It is also the annual world day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life, with the retiring collection will be for Diocesan Priest training fund. This Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the daily mass is at the earlier time of 9.00am, with no exposition or confessions, because of a funeral Fr. Matthew is taking at the Crematorium.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION. “SHEPHERD AND THE LAMB.”** Israel's mission - to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth - is fulfilled in the Church. By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all. The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles, continues their saving work. Through the Church, the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice, and follow Him. The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to pass a new Passover, by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death. The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled. The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life. The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the Kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant. It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly Temple. This is the delight of the Gentiles - that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are - His people, the flock He tends."

## Dates for Your Diary

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

**TOTE for week 25 of the tote 10, 17, 29 & 30 No Winner, Prize money for week 26 £250.00 and 4 numbers to be drawn.**

Second Collection – Diocesan Priest Training Fund. Next Sunday – no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

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

PARISH JUMBLE SALE – Please give your support to our next parish jumble sale on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 1.30pm. We need all the normal donations of items and also help setting up on Friday morning and on Sunday morning.

**DIY Help Please!** We have been given some kitchen cupboards for the small kitchen in the main hall and are now looking for someone handy with a drill and a spirit level to fit them! If you are able to help, please call Lindsay on 07832 694284

**Quiz Night** There will be a quiz night on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets will be on sale from next Sunday at a cost of £2 each, so please come along, have some fun and test your knowledge.

**BELMONT ABBEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9.00pm.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING and RE-COMMISSIONING.**

*Would any parishioners be interested in becoming Eucharistic ministers to help distribute communion in church, we could do with more help with this important ministry, especially at the Sunday evening mass. If interested please let Fr. Matthew know. A short preparation course will be run for all those interested involving 3 sessions on preparation on the following dates, the Wednesdays of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00pm, each lasting about 50 minutes. Or a single session of preparation on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00-4.30pm. All sessions in church in the side chapel. Existing Eucharistic ministers, along with new ministers, will be re-commissioned for their ministry on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, at all masses on that day. If the existing ministers could write a letter or email requesting such a re-commissioning. Existing ministers are welcome at the training course for new ministers.*

**PENTECOST** – The Solemnity of Pentecost is on 15<sup>th</sup> May, and we will mark that day by having the readings read in different languages at all masses. Any volunteers please for those who speak other languages!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** Today is the annual day of prayer for vocations, especially for our own Archdiocese and for the Belmont Monastic Community.

**SPONSORSHIP** – The parish could do with a new Gospel book, to be used for the proclamation of the Gospel in Church and that can be carried in procession. Would any parishioners like to sponsor it in memory of a loved one? It would be quite expensive -£200!!, maybe more than one family can share the sponsorship amount. See Fr. Matthew 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL** Next meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm.

**“A GRAND DAY OUT”** is being held by the 3 welsh dioceses at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, from 11.00am – 3.00pm, to mark both the year of mercy and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese. It will be a fun family day, celebrating especially the role of grandparents, with activities for children, picnic lunch, all ending with mass at 3.00pm. info at back of church.

**SVP** - The next meeting is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm in the side chapel in Church

**CARDIFF PEOPLE.** The April edition of the Diocesan Newspaper – Cardiff People, is available at the back of church.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP.** Meets this Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

# PARISH SCHEDULE. 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL.

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

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:30am Sick of the Parish  
 11:30 am . Shirley Walters  
 6.30pm People of the Parish

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Mass –

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> St. Anselm.

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30).

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

9.30 am Mass –

7.00pm Scripture study group.

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> .

9.30am Mass –

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> .

7.00pm Mass Antonio Foligno

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feast of St. George.

9.00am Mass. People of the Parish (Note earlier mass time.)

(No exposition or confessions today.)

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

9.30 am Mass Lil Green

11.30am Mass George Schmidt

6.30pm Mass People of the Parish

### Rota Schedule for 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Flower Arrangers. Rene and Patrice.

Cleaners: Saturday 9.30am this week. Volunteers please.

Altar Linen: Lyndsaye Briscoe

Counting Kathy, Denise and John

### Welcomers.

9.30. Mr and Mr Scanlon

11.30. Mr and Mrs Cotterell

6.30 . M. Netting and C. Milsom.

### Readers.

9.30, P. Roberts 11.30 J Meenaghan 6.30 R. Seamarks.

### Ministers

9.30. Tim Bray, Jan Winter, Helen Fishlock

11.30 Martin Davies, Arthur Staton, Janucz Wagner.

6.30 Kathy Davis.

### Polish Information:

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

FINANCES - Gift Aid £171.50, 1st £301.62 2nd £170.16

*Please pray for the Sick, especially Karolina Busko, Tess Forder, Agnes Lee, 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 – Antonio Foligno, Bernard Clayton, Anne Graham, Linda Korstorz,*

*Those whose anniversary falls in April, 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, Frederick Whalen and Edward da Silva Elsie Vlahos and Ellen Sloane*

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE.** Still places available on the pilgrimage, Friday 12<sup>th</sup>- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

