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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER Year C 1st – 8th May.

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

Entrance Antiphon - “Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim it to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia!”

Responsorial psalm - “Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.”

Gospel Acclamation - “Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: “If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia.”

Communion Antiphon – “If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. And I will ask the Father and he will send another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, Alleluia.”

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

The Prayer Pilgrimage marking the Archdioceses 100th anniversary continues, with our prayers being offered this week for the parish of St. Iltyd in Dowlais, the Rev'd Barry English, Deacon Gareth Tasker, Bishop Hedley High School and the Convent of the Missionaries of Charity. This Wednesday the training course for new Eucharistic ministers begins, contact me if you are interested, details inside this Bulletin. Copies of a newspaper article on the Popes recent document “The Joy of Love.” written by Archbishop George are available at the back of Church, as are full copies of the Popes letter itself, priced at £4. Next Sunday each of the morning Masses will begin with a short May Procession in honour of Our Lady. Have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend, with the mass on Monday at 9.00am.

GOSPEL REFLECTION- COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM.

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem which we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it. Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews. The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation. Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church. The Church is One, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]." The Church is Holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel. The Church is Catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm. And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is Apostolic - founded on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council. Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] ...the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us." And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son. This should fill us with confidence, free us to worship with exultation, inspire us to rededicate our lives to His Name - to love Jesus in our keeping of His Word, to rejoice that He and the Father in the Spirit have made their dwelling with us.

Dates for Your Diary

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

TOTE for week 27. 8 15 40 42 No Winner, Prize money for week 28 £300.00 and 4 no's to be drawn.

Second Collection – No 2nd Collection. Next Sunday – For World Communications Day.

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

PARISH JUMBLE SALE – Thanks to all those who helped at the Jumble sale. We raised £530.

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 to fit them! Please call Lindsay on 07832 694284

Quiz Night There will be a quiz night on Saturday 14th 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.

HOLY DOOR 1st FRIDAY – This coming Friday there is the opportunity to receive the holy year indulgence by visiting the holy door at Belmont. Mass is at 12.00 noon and a priest available to hear confessions from 11am, with exposition.

PARISH FINANCE: We shall shortly need to appoint a new Parish Accountant and Treasurer. No qualifications necessary as full training will be provided, but you need to be numerate, computer- savvy and familiar with spreadsheets. If you would be willing to take on this role please contact Fr. Matthew.

Pentecost Vigil Service at Our Lady's Church on Saturday 14th May. To include Exposition, music and readings. From 7.30 pm to 9 pm. All welcome.

THANK YOU for all your contributions to the recent collection for the Missions. Together we have accumulated enough items to fill twelve boxes. All these items will now be sent out to help Parishes and Missions abroad.

FRANCES MARTIN RIP. *The Requiem mass for Frances Martin is this Thursday at 10.30am, replacing the normal morning mass. Her coffin is being received into Church at 5.00pm on Wednesday.*

UKRAINE COLLECTION – *Thank you for your generosity for last week's collection for the Ukraine, over £500 was given.*

BELMONT ABBEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION. Wednesday 11th May 9.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING and RE-COMMISSIONING.

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 4th, 11th and 18th May from 6.00pm, each lasting about 50 minutes. Or a single session of preparation on Saturday 14th 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 29th May, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, at all masses on that day.

Churches Together in Herefordshire Open Meeting on Wednesday May 4th at 7pm, at the

Moravian Church, South Street, Leominster, HR6 8JH. RED MISSION BOXES. A big Thank you to everyone who handed in their Red Missio Boxes recently for counting. The total came to £812.54. APF-Mill Hill plays a vital role in the mission of the Church, bringing God's love and renewed hope to the poorest and most in need through prayer and financial support with the Red Box collections. Thank you for your support. Mary Leach.

PENTECOST – *The Solemnity of Pentecost is on 15th May, thanks to all those who have agreed to read in different languages which will include, Polish, French, Hindi and Afrikans.*

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – *Belmont Abbey, Sunday 29th May, 4.00pm Vespers followed by Blessed Sacrament procession and Benediction.*

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY – *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.*

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting Monday 6th June 7.00pm.

"A GRAND DAY OUT" is being held by the 3 welsh dioceses at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 16th July, from 11.00am – 3.00pm, to mark both the year of mercy and the 100th 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.

PARISH SCHEDULE. 1st – 8th MAY.

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Sunday 1st May – 6th Sunday of Easter.

9.30 am Mass Frances Martin.

11.30am Mass Maria Birthday-Th's and Blessing.

6.30pm Mass People of the Parish

Monday 2nd St. Athanasius.

9.00am Mass – Natalie Chadwick 2nd anniv.

(Please note earlier mass time.)

Tuesday 3rd St's Peter and James – Apostles.

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30).

Wednesday 4th. The English Martyrs.

9.30 am Mass – Sick of the parish.

6.00pm Eucharistic Ministers Training session.

7.00pm Scripture study group.

Thursday 5th .

10.30am Requiem Mass - Frances Martin.

Friday 6th .

6.00pm SVP Meeting.

7.00pm Mass –

Saturday 7th .

10.00am Exposition, Confessions & Benediction

11.00am Mass – Henry Balestra.

11.30am Church Cleaning.

Sunday 8th May – Solemnity of the Ascension.

9.30 am Mass Pauline Jones.

11.30am Mass Lil Greene.

6.30pm Mass People of the Parish

Rota Schedule for 1st – 8th May.

Flower Arrangers. Lindsay & Poppy,

Cleaners: Saturday 11.30am this week. Volunteers please.

Altar Linen: Barbara Spanjers.

Counting Kathy and Lindsaye.

Welcomers.

9.30. Ann Rollings & P. King 11.30. D. Schofield & D. Lissaman 6.30 Mr and Mr. Seemarks.

Readers.

9.30, A Spanjers 11.30 Jim Meenagan 6.30 M Woolaway.

Ministers

9.30. Fran Keogh, Helen Fishlock, Jan Winter.

11.30 Kathy Davis, Arthur Staton, Celia Balestra

6.30 Chris Milsom.

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 22 maja o godz 16:00

COLLECTIONS - Gift Aid £143.0, 1st £273.84 2nd £524.90

Please pray for the Sick, especially Pat England, 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 – Pauline Jones, Frances Martin, Antonio Foligno, Bernard Clayton, Anne Graham, Linda Korstorz,

Those whose anniversary falls in May, Kaz & Helena Domalik, Harold Halls, Joseph Greene, Mary Robbins, Desmond Joyce, Hilda Bindon, Mary Turner, Bernadette Lynch, Veronica Lowe, Ann Maloney, Milborough Plummer, Gerhard Kostorz, Josephina Rizzardini, Elizabeth Donovan, Bernadette Graham, Ellen Elkin, Alice Derrick, David Martin, Marguerite Jacobs, Margaret Jones, Francis Meigh, Geoffrey Staton, Ron Tyler, Florence Pockett, Jacqueline Cotton and Franciszek Drynda.

Monday 2nd May at Belmont Abbey guided tours available all day of the Abbey Church.

SVP - The next meeting is this Friday 6th May at 6.00pm in the side chapel in Church.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP. Meets this week on Wednesday 4th May at 7.00pm.

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.

In memory of Tony Colley My daughter Anne will be running in the Hereford half marathon in memory of Tony on Sunday 8th May 2016. All monies raised will go to St Michael's Hospice. If you would like to sponsor her, please donate via www.justgiving.com/Anne-Colley or give to Joan. Many thanks, Joan Colley

