



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A – 2nd APRIL.

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 - *“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.”*

Gospel Acclamation - *“Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!”*

Communion Antiphon – *“Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.”*

Sunday Mass Readings 2nd April – Ezekiel 37: 12-14, Ps 129, Romans 8: 8-11, John 11:1-45.

Parish Mass Book – *The readings and prayers can be found on page 170.*

FROM FR. MATTHEW - AID TO CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) APPEAL

Dee Thomas from Aid to the Church in need will be speaking and making an appeal for the ACN at all masses today. There will also be the opportunity to purchase prayer cards, kids bibles and other religious artefacts. More info on www.acnuk.org. Also today, at the 9.30am mass, there will be the commissioning of two new Eucharistic ministers, Binoy Kuriakose and Sandi Bray. Confessions continue this Wednesday from 7-8pm as part of the Archdiocesan “Light is on for you.” Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy week, with the traditional procession, blessing of palm branches and the passion gospel at all masses.

GIFT AID APPEAL – Thanks to all those who responded to the appeal to gift aid their offertory collections to the parish; could those who took forms please return them ASAP;

PETITION FROM LIFE and SPUC. We have been asked to publicise a petition calling on the government to strip Marie Stopes International of its license to perform abortions in the UK, a petition organised by LIFE and SPUC. Recent inspections have revealed shocking levels of safety violations putting the lives and health of women at risk, and a callous disregard for the lives of unborn children . A CQC report revealed over 2600 such incidents in 2015/16. More info and the petition are at the back of Church.

REFLECTION – AT LAZARUS' TOMB.

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see [John 12:3,7](#)). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back. When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see [John 20:1,6,7](#)). Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead man"—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see [John 11:37](#)). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God" (see [John 9:3](#)). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see [John 11:40](#)). If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live. "I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

Dates for Your Diary

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

200 CLUB. The winners of the March draw were 1st Prize of £75 – No 56 Teresa Collins, 2nd Prize of £25, No 17, Lesley Meredith. The April draw takes place next Sunday 9th April after the 9.30am mass.

2nd Collection – Aid to the Church in need appeal. 2nd Coll Next week – No Collection.

REDECORATION IN PRESBYTERY – redecoration has taken place in the presbytery, undertaken by volunteers from the parish, and also some new carpet been laid on the corridors and stairs.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING. If you would like to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday at the 7.00pm mass, ladies and gentlemen, please tell Fr. Matthew or sign up at the back of Church.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL – The Governors are canvassing opinion on whether to establish a school nursery at Our Lady's. If you have young children we would like to know if you would be interested in this and would welcome your feedback. Questionnaires are available in the Church entrance or contact the school by e-mail – admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk or 274814.

Walsingham Way – a weekend retreat for those considering their vocation. Young Catholics aged 18-30 are invited to come to the ancient pilgrim site at Walsingham in Norfolk to pray and to discern God's calling in their life. The event takes on 30 June - 2nd July. www.ukvocations.org and church noticeboards.

WALSINGHAM – Brochures are available at the back of Church from the Catholic Shrine of Our Lady, detailing their programme of retreats and the accommodation they have available, also see www.walsingham.org.uk

CAFOD – Has written to thank us for our recent contribution of £664.72, the fruits of the Lenten fast day collection. We have also sent them a cheque for £150 from parish funds towards their East Africa emergency appeal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR William Robert Powell, son of Gregory and Anna who is being baptised this Sunday afternoon.

CLEANER – Elderly couple require a cleaner one to two hours a week, contact 266919.

SVP. The national office for the SVP has written to thank us for our recent donation of £350 towards holidays for needy families.

HOT FOOD PROVISION – Thanks to those who attended the organising meeting last Monday. We plan to start on Saturday 20th May from 12.00noon till 1.00pm and every Saturday following. Volunteer information forms need to be filled in by all volunteers, they are available at the back of Church. We have registered with the local environmental health department and a number of volunteers are doing an online Food Hygiene Course. Shortly Fr. Matthew will publicise the teams of helpers and a schedule. There will be a meeting for all volunteers on Monday 8th May at 7.00pm.

ALTAR SERVERS – Rehearsals for the Holy week services are on Palm Sunday 9th April at 2.00pm and Holy Saturday 15th April, at 11.00am.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE - will take place in Birmingham on Saturday 20th May. A small group of us from Hereford are planning to join it. We will be travelling to Birmingham by train on the morning of the March for Life. Please think about coming with us, there will be more details posted a little nearer the time. Lynne and Josephine. 01432 371654.

FATIMA – 100th ANNIVERSARY - This year is the 100th anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima, I am proposing to run a pilgrimage there for the whole Deanery, from Monday 25th - Friday 29th

September, flying from Manchester. 4 nights in a good standard hotel, half board. Price £599/person, £120 extra for single rooms (only a few available) and insurance. Booking forms at back of Church.

BELMONT ABBEY MAY PROCESSION – Wednesday 10th May 9.00pm, with the visit of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco.

LENT WEDNESDAYS @ BELMONT ABBEY – Continuing this Wednesday 5th April with “Edith Stein: The Science of the Cross” led by Fr. Andrew. Begins 10.00am through till 3.30pm. Simple lunch included, offering of £10. Call 374750.

St Mary's Syro-Malabar Community Mass. POLISH MASS – Easter bread service, Holy Saturday, 15th April, 1.00pm. **EMMAUS YOUTH** We are putting on an overnight retreat on 8th and 9th April with some fantastic activities planned. If you are interested please contact us to reserve a space at:-

jacqui.corrigan@btopenworld.com or phone 01432 352241. There will be more details to follow. We hope you can join us. Annie, Ben, Jacqui & Rob

PARISH SCHEDULE. 2nd – 9th APRIL.

PSALTER WEEK 1. YEAR A SUNDAYS. 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT. YEAR 1 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 2nd April – 5th Sunday of Lent.

9.30am – Baby Nicholai Frances 11.30am Raymond Preedy and Peggy King 6.30pm –Tom Reay.

Monday 3rd –

9.30am Mass – Fr. Gareth Leyshon & Albert Piotr.

7.00pm Parish Council.

Tuesday 4th –

7.00pm Mass – Raymond Preedy RIP. (Divine Mercy prayers before mass and Rosary after.)

Wednesday 5th .

9.30am Mass – Andrew Orchard sick

6.00pm Scripture Group.

7.00pm –8.00pm “The Light is on for you.”

Confessions, exposition and Benediction.

Thursday 6th

9.30am Mass - Callingham int.

Friday 7st

6.00pm SVP, 6.30pm Stations of the Cross.

7.15pm Mass – Forgotten Souls.

Saturday 8th April .

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction

11.00am Mass – Mottram and Booth Families.

11.30am Church Cleaning.

Sunday 9th April – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD..

9.30am Dzierza Family int. 11.30am Tony Bunclark

6.30pm John Young RIP.

Rota Schedule for 26th March – 2nd April.

Flowers. Not needed. Cleaners: Saturday 11.30am
Volunteers please.

Altar Linen – Denise Lissaman. Counting– Kathy, Lindsay & Eileen.

Ministries for Sunday 9th April – PALM SUNDAY..

Welcomers

9.30pm. M. Whent and E. Pawlowicz 11.30pm. D. Schofield & D. Lissaman. 6.30pm. M. Netting.

Readers.

9.30pm, Roy Mead 11.30pm Arthur Staton 6.30pm. Jan Winter.

Passion Readers 9.30am Patrice Roberts & Fran Keogh
11.30am Hilary and Jim Meenaghan, 6.30pm Richard Seemarks & Mike Netting.

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30pm. Celia Sharland, Sandy Bray, Binoy Kuriakose.
11.30pm. Eileen Cotterall, Cecilia Balestra, Kath Davis
6.30pm. Chris Milsom, Daniel Coyne, Denise Lissaman.

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 26 Kwietnia o godz 16:00

Collection for 28th February – 1st Coll £215.77 Gift Aid £151.20. 2ND Coll 146.03 Thank you.

Please pray for the Sick – Andrew Orchard, Baby Ruby Chandler-Marsh, Katie and Jane Balnaves, Genny and Bernard Wojtczak, Phil Thompson, Pat England, Marie Williams, Agnes Lee, Emilia Dzierza, Michael Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna O’Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Rita O’Leary, Petal O’Hea, Neil Hillyer & all in our prayer book.

Please remember in your prayers the recently dead – Albert Piotr of Credenhill Court, Mary Jo Donnelly, , Kitty Sargent, Gladys Bradshaw, Edith Melva Hopkins, Pamela Portman, Irene Kulakowski, Tom Supple, Margaret Thomas, and those whose anniversary falls in April – Antonio Foligno, Frances Martin, Pauline Jones, 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

SCRIPTURE GROUP. This Wednesday 29th March at 6.00pm. SVP. This Friday 7th April at 6.00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL – Next meeting, this Monday 3rd April at 7.00pm.

CONFIRMATION COURSE - Next session Saturday 29th April here at Our Lady’s 10.30am. .

