



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A – 5th FEBRUARY.

Entrance Antiphon - *“O Come, let us worship God and bow before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.”*

Responsorial psalm - *“The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.”*

Gospel Acclamation - *“Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.”*

Communion Antiphon – *“Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.”*

Sunday Mass Readings 5th February – Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm 111, 1Cor 2: 1-5, Matthew 5:13-16..

Parish Mass Book – The readings and prayers can be found on page 133.

FROM FR. MATTHEW .

We welcome children from our parish primary school to the 9.30am mass, who will be undertaking many of the ministries today. Thanks to all those who attended the parish AGM last Monday. Copies of the report given by Fr. Matthew are at the back of Church. It was decided to move ahead with our plan to provide hot food to the homeless and those in need once a week. We need to know how many parishioners would like to help as part of a monthly rota, helping distribute the meals on Saturday lunchtimes. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church for those interested, and some briefing papers giving more info. There will be a meeting for those interested on Monday 13th February at 7.00pm in the parish room, we will be joined by Mr. Mike Wilkinson, who helps run and co-ordinate some of the other church providers.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK – SACRAMENT OF THE SICK.

This Saturday, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the World day of Prayer for the Sick. Copies of the Message from Pope Francis for this day are available at the back of Church. At the morning mass on Saturday at the earlier time of 9.30am we will be praying for all the sick and housebound members of our community. Also at 11.00am on Saturday there is the Requiem mass for Margaret Thomas at Belmont Abbey, accordingly there are no confessions, exposition or benediction that day.

REFLECTION – LIGHT BREAKING FORTH.

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world. As his disciples, we too are called to be “the light of the world,” he tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see [John 1:4-4, 9; 8:12; 9:5](#)). All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel. God forever aligned his Kingdom with the Kingdom of David and his sons by a “covenant of salt,” salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see [2 Chron. 13:5, 8; Lev. 2:13; Ezek. 43:24](#)). Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations towards the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see [Isa. 2:2; 60:1-3](#)). And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God’s salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see [Isa. 42:6; 49:6](#)). The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel’s mission. By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God’s life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week’s Psalm. This week’s readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God’s mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved. There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbours and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel. So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives, “Christ and him crucified.”

Dates for Your Diary

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

200 CLUB NOVEMBER DRAW.. The January draw took place last week, the winners were 1st prize of £75, No 106 John McGowan, 2nd prize £25, No 3 Brian Tanswell. The February draw takes place on Sunday 19th February after the 11.30am mass.

2nd Collection St. Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Coll Next week – Decoration Fund.

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy Novena before Mass and rosary after mass.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – This year's pilgrimage is from 23rd-28th July. For more info, posters at back of Church and booking forms.

SILENCE BEFORE MASS. Just a reminder that before Holy Mass there should be peace and quiet in Church, to aid people in making a prayerful preparation for mass. **FUNDRAISING CAR WASH TODAY** – Harry Briscoe will be washing cars before and after the morning mass today to raise funds for his Malaysia World Challenge Trip in 2018. (Postponed from last weekend because of the weather.)

NEW WHEELCHAIR – **A new wheelchair has been placed at the back of Church, replacing the old one which was broken. Thanks to the family of Margaret Thomas who have donated it**

JUMBLE SALE – Our next Jumble sale is on Saturday 11th March from 1.30pm. We are in need of all the normal items, and especially cakes etc. There is a sign up sheet for helpers, who are greatly needed, on the back door of Church.

VENNTURE – The local charity Vennture which runs such projects as Street pastors and family pastors, is holding a service on Sunday 12th February 7.00 pm at St Barnabas centre where prayers will be offered for their work and all the people they seek to come to the aid of. All welcome..

MARGARET THOMAS RIP – **The Funeral of Margaret Thomas takes place this Saturday, 11th February, at Belmont Abbey at 11.00am. Therefore the mass here at Our Lady's is at 9.30am. No exposition, benediction or confessions next Saturday.**

SOPHIE AND CHARLOTTE BRAY . Please Keep Sophie and Charlotte Bray in your prayers. They are in the middle of their gap year placements with CAFOD. Sophie has gone to Ethiopia where she will be working with people affected by HIV/AIDS, and Charlotte has gone to Cambodia where she will be working on clean water projects. Also, Charlotte has contributed to some prayer resources being published over the next few weeks by CAFOD. If anyone would like to receive copies of them via e-mail, they can sign up at the following link to CAFOD's web page: <http://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

SICK and HOUSEBOUND – If you know of anyone who cannot get to Church please let Fr. Matthew know so that he can visit them and arrange for them to receive Holy Communion.

DEANERY COUNCIL MEETING. – The parish is hosting a meeting of the Deanery Council, which includes the Deanery Clergy and rep's from each parish, this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the parish room.

DEANERY STATION MASS – This years Deanery Lenten Station Mass is being held here at Our Lady's on Thursday 30th March at 7.00pm, being celebrated by Archbishop George.

BAPTISM. *Please keep in your prayers Sofia Kananska who is being baptised this Sunday afternoon.*

St Mary's Syro-Malabar Community Mass. The next mass is Sunday ?? February, at 4.00pm,

POLISH MASS – next one is Sunday 26th February at 4.00pm.

WIGL News: We have two main projects this term. On Sunday 12th February, we hope that you will donate spare coins which we can arrange onto chalk patterns on the ground outside church. After 12:30 mass, the coins will be collected up and sent to Macmillan. On the afternoon of Sunday 26th February, we will be having a party to celebrate our preparations for Lent. We would like to invite you all to come along and eat British pancakes and Polish doughnuts, take part in a Mardi Gras fancy dress parade, play games, dance and have a lot of fun. As you can see, we have lots to arrange and we would love to have some more WIGLs to join us. If you are in Y4-Y8, please come and meet us in the hall from 10:40 until 11:20 on Sunday mornings.

EMMAUS YOUTH GROUP – meeting at Our Lady's Parish Hall, 3-6pm on 4th March. You are invited to share in some Praise and Worship, Liturgy and then some refreshments and time to socialize. Come and join us for some fun!! Rob and Jacqui Corrigan, Annie Ridgway and Ben Aldridge 01432 352241 07739 566578 jacqui.corrigan@bopenworld.com **SCRIPTURE GROUP.** No meeting this week, next meeting on

Wednesday 15th February at 7.00pm. **SVP.** This Friday 10TH February at 6.00pm. **PARISH COUNCIL** – Next meeting, Monday 27th February 7.00pm.

PARISH SCHEDULE. 5th - 11th FEBRUARY.

PSALTER WEEK 1. YEAR A SUNDAYS. 5th WEEK OF THE YEAR. YEAR 1 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 5th February – 5th Sunday of the Year.

9.30am Forgotten Souls **11.30am** – Sylvia Headon RIP

6.30pm – Maria and Hugh 50th Wedd anniv.

Monday 6th . St. Paul Miki & Companions.

9.30am Mass – Keith Davies & Maria Mecina.

Tuesday 7th –

7.00pm Mass – Agatha Johns. (Divine Mercy prayers before mass and Rosary after.)

Wednesday 8th

9.30am Mass – Kim Robinson.

Thursday 9th

9.30am Mass - Ken Davies.

Friday 10th - St. Scholastica.

6.00pm SVP.

7.00pm Mass – Holy Souls.

Saturday 11th – OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

9.30am Mass - Lilly Cummings.

(Please note earlier mass time – no exposition, confessions or benediction.)

10.00am Church Cleaning.

11.00am Requiem Mass at Belmont Abbey – Margaret Thomas.

Sunday 12th February – 6th Sunday of the Year.

9.30am – Margaret Thomas

11.30am Michael Wadley and Christina Turville RIP

15TH Anniv. 6.30pm – Patricia Shoolin

Rota Schedule for 5th – 12th February.

Flower Arrangers. Lesley M.

Cleaners: Saturday 11.30am Volunteers please.

Altar Linen – Barbara Spanjers. Counting – Marlene, John and Denise.

Ministries for Sunday 12th February.

Welcomers

9.30pm M. Whent & E. Pawlowicz. **11.30pm.** J.

McGowan & J/ Kelly. **6.30pm** Mr and Mrs. Seemarks.

Readers.

9.30pm, C. Thompson **11.30pm,** V. Thomas. **6.30pm.** V. Woods.

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30pm. Simon Thompson, Celia Sharland, Sarah Crowley.

11.30pm. Janucz Wagner, Kathy Davis and George Mecina.

6.30pm. Chris Milsom, John Patten and Daniel Coyne.

Polish Information:

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

Collection for 15th January – 1st Coll £295.27

Gift Aid £164.00. Thank you.

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

Please remember in your prayers the recently dead – Margaret Thomas, Martine Ruck, Jean Johns, Lilly Cumming, Mona Donnelly, Anne Morris, Veronica French, Aniella Calleta and those whose anniversary falls in February – Linda Kostorz, Prezmyslav Grzybowski, Sister Veronica, Ann Jenkins, Phyllis 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.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE. The next preparation session is Sunday 5th March. The date for 1st confessions has been changed, no longer this Sunday, 5th February, but now on Sunday 19th March at 12.30pm.

2016/17 CONFIRMATION COURSE Next session this Sunday 5th February, here at Our Lady's after the 9.30am mass, from 10.30am – 12.30pm, then on Friday 24th February from 6.30pm.