



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of the Year –Year C – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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

*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 - “Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.”*

*Gospel Acclamation - “Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. 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.”*

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

*Lent begins this Ash Wednesday, masses with the traditional distribution of ashes at 9.30am and 7.00pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for those between the ages of 18 and 60, we are asked to abstain from eating meat and to fast from one meal. Stations will be on Friday evenings at 6.30pm. Beginning this week there will also be exposition and confessions on the Wednesdays of Lent from 6.00pm. Resources for Lent, are 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.*

*Today, Sunday, one of the major events to celebrate the Diocesan 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary take place, High Mass at Belmont at 3.00pm celebrated by Archbishop George. Also to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese a Prayer Pilgrimage will be taking place throughout this year when each week we are asked to pray for the various parishes, works and individuals within the Diocese. This first weekend we pray for Archbishop George and his intentions and for the success of the Diocesan 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION. “INTO THE DEEP.”** Simon Peter, the fisherman, is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke’s Gospel. His calling resembles Isaiah’s commissioning in the First Reading: Confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord’s forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world. No one is “fit to be called an apostle,” Paul recognizes in today’s Epistle. But by “the grace of God,” even a persecutor of the Church—as Paul once was—can be lifted up for the Lord’s service. In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine—no man could stand in God’s presence and live. But in Jesus, we’re made able to speak with Him face-to-face, taste His Word on our tongue. Today’s scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word. God’s Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today’s Psalmist— as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength. Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord’s command, he was exalted—his nets filled to overflowing; later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord. Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God’s holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in today’s Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God’s altar: “Holy, holy, holy....”.

## 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 16 drawn were 17, 16, 46, 10, 26 & 45  
No winner. Prize money, for week 17 £525.00 and 6 numbers to be drawn.

### Second Collection – Marriage Care in Herefordshire.

The Marriage Care branch in Herefordshire provides relationship counselling to couples and also runs marriage preparation course. For info on their work their Telephone appointment service no is 0803893801. Today they ask us to help them fund their valuable work supporting married couples.

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

PARISH JUMBLE SALE – The next parish jumble sale is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Febuary, 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.

1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Please keep the 30 children in your prayers, the 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions take place this Sunday at 12.30pm.

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. The CAFOD Lenten fast day takes place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February when we are asked to fast from a meal and donate the money saved to the collection for CAFOD on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.

An Ignatian Retreat Day at St David's Catholic College in Cardiff, a Lenten preparation towards the joy of Easter. There will be a talk, time for personal prayer followed by a coming together to listen to one another. Lunch will be included. To book a place please contact The Retreat Giver, Christian Mahoney on 07764515864. The day is on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 10:30 am till 3.00 pm.

BAPTISMS – Congratulations to Natasha Ann Long who was baptised in the 11.30am mass last Sunday. Also please pray for Lucy daughter of Wayne and Nicola Edmunds being baptised this Sunday afternoon.

SCHOOL MASS. This Sunday at the 9.30am Mass will be led by children of our Primary school, who will be reading all the readings, and undertaking all the welcoming and offertory ministries etc.

SPUC – SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD, have written to thank parishioners for their generosity to the recent annual White Flower Appeal; in total £376.65 was donated. The local LIFE group have also written to thank us for our donation from the Christmas Crib offerings, which will help them to support the most vulnerable babies from the neediest families in Hereford.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEREFORD – Open meeting this Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm St. Johns Methodist Church Hall, St. Owens st.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday 10th February, there will be masses with the distribution of ashes at 9.30am and 7.00pm. (School service at 11.00am in school.) Stations on Fridays at 6.15pm.

PARISH WEBSITE – Now includes the weekly newsletter and Fr. Matthews Sunday sermons.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP. meets this week on Thursday at 7.00pm, then back to Wednesday the week after. We are making use of a resources called "The Wednesday Word." it can be accessed at [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org).

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. 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.

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

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday.

9:30am People of the Parish. (School Mass.)

11:30 am Mr. Wadley, Sylvia Headon (4<sup>th</sup> Annv.)

3.00pm Mass at Belmont – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniv of the Diocese.

6.30pm Lil Green.

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

9.30am Mass – Kim Robinson & Lucy Keogh.

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30)..Alfred and Catherine Cummings  
and Christina Turville.

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – ASH WEDNESDAY

9.30 am Mass Malcolm Holiday (Wilder.)

11.00 School Service in School Hall

6.00pm Exposition, Confessions & Benediction

7.00pm Mass Wilder Family intention

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Lourdes.

World day of Prayer for the sick.

9.30 am Mass – Maureen Bellamy & Sick of the Parish.

7.00pm Scripture Prayer Group.

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> –

6.30pm Stations of the Cross.

7.15pm Mass – People of the Parish.

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Memoria of Blessed Virgin Mary.

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass – Lil Green

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 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.

## Rota Schedule for 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Flower Arrangers No flowers in Lent.

Cleaners: Cleaning now Saturday after mass. Volunteers please.

Ushers: 9:30am. Mr and Mrs Scanlon.

11:30am. D. Scholfield & D. Lissaman..

6:30pm. Mr and Mrs Seamarks. .

Readers: 9:30am. J. Sullivan.

11:30am. J. Meenaghan

6.30pm. M. Woolaway.

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am. Fran Keogh, Helen Fishlock & Denise Lissaman.

11.30am. Kathy Davis, Arthur Staton & John McGowan.

6.30pm. Celia Sharland.

Altar Linen: See Rota on Church notice board.

Counting. Marlene & Celia.

## Polish Information:

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

## Finance:

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1<sup>st</sup> Coll £293.54 G.A. £125.60 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Coll £180.71

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: 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

