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**Solemnity of the Ascension Year C 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May.**

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

*Entrance Antiphon - “Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.”*

*Responsorial psalm - “God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.”*

*Gospel Acclamation - “Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!”*

*Communion Antiphon – “Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.”*

**FROM FR. MATTHEW.**

*Today is World Communications day when we are asked to pray for the work of the Media, and the Catholic Communications network, for which the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is being taken today; prayer cards are available at the back of Church. The Prayer Pilgrimage marking the Archdioceses 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary continues, with our prayers being offered this week for the parish of the Immaculate Conception in Tredegar, with All Saints in Ebbw Vale, and St. John Rumney and the Rev'd Edmund Neizer. This Wednesday at 6.00pm the training course for new Eucharistic ministers continues, 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. This Sunday each of the morning Masses will begin with a short May Procession in honour of Our Lady.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION- PERFECTION AS ONE.** Jesus is praying for us in today's Gospel. We are those who have come to believe in Him through the Word of the Apostles, handed on in His Church. Jesus showed the Apostles His glory, made known the Father's name, and the love He has had for us from "before the foundation of the world." He revealed that He and the Father are one (see [John 14:9](#)). Jesus is the "first and the last" (see [Isaiah 44:6](#)), the root of David (see [Isaiah 11:10](#); [2 Samuel 7:12](#)), as today's Second Reading declares. Wrapped in clouds and darkness as God was at Sinai (see [Exodus 19:16](#)), He is "the king...the Most High over all the earth," as we sing in today's Psalm. Exalted at God's right hand, as Stephen sees in the First Reading, the Lord calls to us through the Church, His Bride. He calls us to "the tree of life," to communion with God. This is the goal of His love, His saving purpose from all eternity - that each of us enter into the life of Blessed Trinity, be "brought to perfection as one" with the Father and Son in the Spirit. The story of Stephen, the first martyr, shows us how we are to answer His call. Listen for the echoes of the crucifixion: Stephen, like Jesus, sees the Son of Man in glory and dies with words of forgiveness and self-offering on his lips (compare [Acts 7:56-60](#); [Matthew 26:64-65](#); [Luke 23:24,46](#)). We, too, are to commend our spirits to the Father, to pray and offer our lives in love for our brethren, awaiting His coming in judgment. We renew our vows in every Mass, coming forward to receive the gift of His life. We answer His call by crying out a call of our own: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" And in our communion we answer our Lord's prayer: "That they may all be one, as You, Father are in Me and I in You."

## Dates for Your Diary

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

The numbers drawn for the tote week 28 were 26, 18, 34, 36 & 30 no winner Prize money for week 29 £275.00 and 5 numbers to be drawn.

**Second Collection – For World Communications Day. Next Sunday- no collection.**

*On this world communications day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is to support the Catholic Communications network, which is the media office of the church in England and Wales. This office supports the work of the Bishops in promoting the Gospel through the modern mass media. Today we are also asked to pray for all those who work in the media industry, using this prayer*

*“O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.”*

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

**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.

**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.

**SFX PARISH FILM NIGHT “MAN FOR ALL SEASONS.” Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm In annex Free..**

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

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

*The preparation course for new and existing ministers continues this Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and on 18<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00pm, each lasting about 50 minutes. There is also 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.*

**RED MISSION BOXES.** A big Thank you to everyone who handed in their Red Mission 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 next Sunday, thanks to all those who have agreed to read in different languages which will include, Polish, French, Hindi and Afrikaans.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion mass – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 9.30am, distribution of certificates at 9.30 mass on Sunday 22nd May.**

'St Francis Xavier's Church Broad Street - May Procession in the Garden, Sunday May 15th after the 10.00 am Mass. On Sunday 29th May, again after the 10.00 am Mass, we will have our annual Corpus Christi Procession through the streets of Hereford. All

**FLOWER FESTIVAL – CARDIFF CATHEDRAL.** *As part of the Archdiocesan 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, a Festival of Flowers is being held from 30<sup>th</sup> June- 4<sup>th</sup> July. Leaflets are available at back of Church*

**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 6<sup>th</sup> June 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.

# PARISH SCHEDULE. 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> MAY.

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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Solemnity of the Ascension.

9.30 am Mass *Pauline Jones.*

11.30am Mass *Lil Greene.*

6.30pm Mass *Joanne Addis*

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup>.

9.00am Mass – *Sick of the Parish*

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30). *Holy Souls*

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>.

9.30 am Mass – *Frances Martin.*

6.00pm Eucharistic Ministers Training session.

7.00pm Scripture study group.

9.00pm Torchlight Procession Belmont Abbey.

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>.

9.30am Mass – *Private Intention (S.W.)*

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

7.00pm Mass – *Special intention (A.M.)*

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am Exposition, Confessions & Benediction

11.00am Mass – *Frances Martin.*

11.30am Church Cleaning.

Quiz Night in Parish Hall..

7.30pm Pentecost Vigil Service.

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Solemnity of Pentecost.

9.30 am Mass *Joanne Addis*

11.30am Mass *Victoria Jones.*

6.30pm Mass *People of the Parish*

## Rota Schedule for 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May.

*Flower Arrangers.* Lesley Meredith.

*Cleaners: Saturday 11.30am this week. Volunteers please.*

*Altar Linen: Barbara Spanjers. Counting Celia & Marlene.*

Welcomers. FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY.

9.30. *M. Whent, E. Pawlowicz, H. Kuriakose* 11.30. *M and Mrs. Cotterell* 6.30 *M. Netting.*

## Readers. PENTECOST

9.30, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - *Alina Stowjeski* in Polish, *Tim Bray* (Psalm and Bids in English. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading *Damsel Binoy* in Malayalam, *Gospel Magda Michniok* in Polish.

11.30 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Polish by *Janucz Wagner.* *Hilary Meenaghan* (Psalm and Bids in English.) 2<sup>nd</sup> reading *Arthur Staton* in Africans, *Gospel Veronica Thomas* in French 6.30 *R. Maloney* (all English, unless volunteers?)

Ministers 9.30. *Simon Thompson, Helen Fishlock, Denise Lissaman.* 11.30 *Eileen Cotterell, Martin Davies, John McGowan.* 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 £128.90, 1st £292.57.

*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.*

*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.*

**Tintern Abbey** Prayers for Peace on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon.

**SVP - The next meeting is Friday at 6.00pm in the side chapel in Church.**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP.** Meets this week on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm.

**Herefordshire Catholic History Society** The next meeting of the HCHS will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 pm in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey. The subject of the talk will be “**Reginald Charles Francis Schomberg (1880-1958), soldier, explorer, diplomat, priest and parishioner of St. Frances of Rome, Ross.**”

**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.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – Belmont Abbey, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 4.00pm Vespers followed by Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction.**

