



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD,

YEAR A – 9th APRIL.

Entrance Antiphon - *“Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.”*

Responsorial psalm - *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.”*

Gospel Acclamation – *“Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!”*

Comm Antiphon – *“Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.”*

Sunday Mass Readings 9th April – Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps 21, Phil 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

Parish Mass Book – The readings and prayers can be found on page 176.

FROM FR. MATTHEW - The times of the Holy week services are printed inside this Bulletin, there will be an 6.30pm evening mass on Easter Sunday. Confessions continue this Wednesday from 7-8pm as part of the Archdiocesan “Light is on for you,” and on Saturday morning from 10am – 11am.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS – From outside the Odeon cinema in the Old Market at 10.30am to High Town with stops on the way. All welcome.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES – Next Sundays collection is the traditional clergy offering, envelopes for this are attached to this Bulletin, those who use offertory envelopes will have already have an envelope in their packs. If you pay by direct debit just write your name on the envelope, so we can claim the tax back etc.

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 – ALL IS FULFILLED.

All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see [Isaiah 53:12](#)). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see [Matthew 27:31](#)), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see [Matthew 27:35](#)), and as his enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see [Matthew 27:39-44](#)). He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help...I shall not be put to shame." Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see [Romans 5:12-14,17-19](#); [Ephesians 2:2](#); [5:6](#)). This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion today, that truly this is the Son of God (see [Matthew 27:54](#)).

Dates for Your Diary

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

200 CLUB. The April draw takes place this Sunday 9th April after the 9.30am mass.

2nd Collection – No collection 2nd Coll Next week – Providing meals to the local needy and homeless.

Collection on Easter Sunday, is the traditional clergy offering, there will also be a retiring collection to help fund our plans to provide hot meals to the those in need locally every Saturday lunchtime.

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED – Thank you so much for your generosity to the collection last weekend, over £800 was given.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING. Thanks to all those who volunteered to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. There will be reserved spaces for them on the ends of the first 6 benches in 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO William Robert Powell, son of Gregory and Anna who was baptised last Sunday afternoon.

YOUTH MATTERS – MEGA YOUTH POLL – If you are aged between 13-29 years the Church would like to hear your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Church; all part of preparation for a meeting of the Pope and Bishops in Rome later this year. To help young people give their views there is a online youth poll at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll. After Easter meetings will also be arranged for young people to give their views directly.

BAPTISMS – In the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday there will be the baptisms of 3 children who are also preparing to receive their 1st Holy Communion, so please pray for Sasha White, Charlotte and Connor Mahon; also Jessica Fraser who will be baptised in the 9.30am mass on 23rd April.

WEDNESDAY MASS – This Wednesday Fr. Matthew is attending the Chrism Mass in Cardiff, so there is no morning mass in the parish, instead a evening mass at 6.30pm.

SFX EASTER MASS TIMES are Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Service 3.00pm, Holy Saturday Vigil 8.00pm, Easter Sunday 8am and 10.00am. Poster also at back of Church.

HOT FOOD PROVISION –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, we have also registered to receive free items from the local Tesco store. Details of the teams of helpers and a schedule are at the back of Church. There will be a meeting for all volunteers on Monday 8th May at 7.00pm.

ALTAR SERVERS – Rehearsals for the Holy week services are today 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. Lynne and Josephine. 01432 371654.

FATIMA – 100th ANNIVERSARY - There are now about 16 people signed up or about to for the pilgrimage, and a number of other pilgrims will be joining us from other places, still places available. Monday 25th - Friday 29th September, flying from Manchester. 4 nights, half board. Price £599/person, £120 extra for single rooms (only a few available) and insurance. Booking forms at back of Church,.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY – After Easter from Tuesday 25th April till Friday 5th May, visiting Anglesey once again. Fr. Jonathan will be looking after things.

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.

St Mary's Syro-Malabar Community Mass. Next mass in May. **POLISH MASS –** Easter bread service, Holy Saturday, 15th April, 1.00pm. **SCRIPTURE GROUP.** No scripture group this week. **SVP.** Friday 12th May at 6.00pm. **PARISH COUNCIL –** Next meeting, Monday 5th June at 7.00pm.

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

PARISH SCHEDULE. 9th – 16th APRIL.

PSALTER WEEK 2. YEAR A SUNDAYS. PALM SUNDAY. YEAR 1 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 9th April – PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Dzierza Family int. 11.30am Tony Bunclark

6.30pm John Young RIP.

Monday 10th. –

9.30am Mass – Richard Tonkin.

12.30pm Requiem Mass - Albert Piotr.

Tuesday 11th –

7.00pm Mass – Krystina Frac and David Martin

(Divine Mercy prayers before mass and Rosary after.)

Wednesday 12th . (No morning mass.)

6.30pm Mass – Paul Carruthers.

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

Confessions, exposition and Benediction.

Holy Thursday 13th (No morning mass.)

7.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper – Sick of the Parish

(watching at altar of repose till 10.00pm, night prayer at 9.45pm.)

Good Friday 14st

(10.30am Good Friday Walk of Witness.)

11.00am Stations of the Cross.

3.00pm Good Friday Service (incl Kids Liturgy.)

Holy Saturday 15th April.

10.00am – 11.00am Confessions,

11.30am Cleaning and preparing Church for Easter.

1.00pm Polish blessing of bread service.

8.00am Easter Vigil Mass – Albert Piotr.

Sunday 16th April – EASTER SUNDAY.

9.30am. Sick & Housebound 11.30am In th’s and for sick friends

6.30pm People of the Parish .

Polish Information:

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

Collection for 28th February – 1st Coll £281.40 Gift Aid

£233. 2ND Coll £844.94 Thank you.

Rota Schedule for 9th – 15th April.

Flowers - Holy Thursday Altar of Repose-Lesley Meredith, Easter Sunday – Jan & Kerry, Patrice & Rene, Lindsaye & Poppy.

Cleaners: Saturday 11.30am Volunteers please.

Altar Linen – Lindsaye Briscoe. Counting–Volunteers please!

Ministries for HOLY WEEK.

Holy Thursday 7.00pm Mass. Reader –Tim Bray, Ministers – Hilary Meenaghan, John McGowan & George Mecina. Foot washing - as arranged.

Good Friday 3.00pm Service – Welcomer - Denise Schofield, Reader - Fran Keogh, Passion Readers - Hilary and Jim Meenaghan, Bidding Prayers - Andy Spanjers, Minister - Jan Winter

Holy Saturday Vigil.

(Psalm response to be sung, verses read.)

OT 1. Genesis 1: 1-2,2 and Psalm John Patten.

OT 2. Exodus 14: 15-15:1 and Psalm Jan Winter.

OT 3. Isaiah 55: 1-11 and Psalm Richard Maloney.

OT 4. Ezekeil 36: 16-28 and Psalm Peter Leach.

Epistle Romans 6: 3-11 Mary Leech.

Ministers –Kath Davis, Sandy Bray, Sarah Crowley.

Easter Sunday - Readers

9.30pm. Carol Thompson 11.30pm. Veronica Brown

6.30pm. Mike Netting.

Welcomers - 9.30pm, P. Roberts & Celia Sharland

11.30pm Mr and Mrs Cotterell 6.30pm. C. Milsom

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30pm. (4) Celia Sharland, Fran

Keogh, Simon Thompson, Binoy Kuriakose. 11.30pm.

Cecilia Balestra, Kath Davis & Hilary Meenaghan.

6.30pm. Chris Milsom, Margaret Bowe and Cynthia

Fookes.

Please pray for the Sick – Andrew Orchard, Baby Ruby Chandler-Marsh, Teresa Shaw, 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, , 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