

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 November 2013

Entrance: *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord*

Responsorial psalm: *I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!*

Communion: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose; near restful waters he leads me*

Thoughts on Purgatory (part two)

Pope Innocent IV (1243-1254) provided a synthesis of the doctrine of purgatory and declared its name for the Universal Church. He wrote to the Bishop of Tusculum stating: *“Finally, in the Gospel the Truth declares that whoever speaks blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this world or in the world to come (see Matt. 12:32). By this it is to be understood that certain faults are pardoned in this life, and certain others in the life to come, and the Apostle says that the fire will assay the quality of everyone’s work, and if his work burns he will lose his regard, but himself will be saved, yet so as through fire (I Cor. 3:13, 15). And it is said that the Greeks themselves unhesitatingly believe and maintain that the souls of those who do not perform a penance which they have received, or the souls of those who die free from mortal sins but with even the slightest venial sins, are purified after death and can be helped by the prayers of the Church. Since the Greeks say that their Doctors have not given them a definite and proper name for the place of such purification, We, following the tradition and authority of the holy Fathers, call that place purgatory; and it is Our will that the Greeks use that name in the future. For sins are truly purified by that temporal fire not grievous or capital sins which have not first been remitted by penance, but small and slight sins which remain a burden after death, if they have not been pardoned during life.”* The Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Vienna (1311-1312), the Council of Florence (1438-1445) and the Council of Trent (1545-1563) affirm this definition of doctrine. When we sin, there are both eternal and temporal consequences. Through the ministry of forgiveness, the eternal consequences of sin namely, hell, are remitted simultaneously with the guilt of sin. Temporal consequences remain, requiring one to atone for or repair the sins we have committed. When a man dies without having atoned for these sins, he requires purification before entering heaven (Rev. 21:27). This purification takes place in purgatory. Though the word ‘purgatory’ is not found in the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments provide textual support of the doctrine. Matthew 12:32 offers a strong point on which to begin. *“And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”* This age obviously refers to our time on earth now. The age to come refers to a time after death. It cannot refer to hell because hell is an eternal state and no sins are forgiven there. It cannot refer to heaven, because when we enter heaven we will already be cleansed of all sin. There is an implied temporal, third state after death where sins may be forgiven. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that those who do not live according to the New Law in this life, even by being unduly angry, will be liable to judgment and imprisonment in the next. But in saying this, Jesus also implies that this punishment is not necessarily eternal: *“Truly I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny”* (Mt. 5:21-26)



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 week 28 were 37, 25, 5, 7 & 26 - no winner

Prize money for week 29 is £175.00 and five numbers to be drawn

Today's second collection: is cancelled

Helping to build confidence to share our faith: evening talks by Fr. Gareth Leyshon at the Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff; Monday 11th November at 7:00pm, A Question of Faith: Church – challenge our panel to answer your questions about the Church

Can we know anything about the historical Jesus? a lecture by Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB in the Faraday Lecture Theatre, Swansea University at 7:00pm on Monday, 11th November

Tuesday Devotions: Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass, and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary after Mass

Reminiscences of a Catholic Seafarer: on Sunday 17th November at 3pm at St David's Six Form College, Tygwyn Road, Penylan, Cardiff. Entrance is free; for further information please phone 02920 595 899

Youth Sunday: which falls on 24th November, (Solemnity of Christ the King) – the 6:30pm Deanery Mass will include some contemporary Catholic music and some traditional hymns with a contemporary feel. It is hoped that this will be the first one of a monthly 6:30pm Mass with contemporary music

Our Christmas Fair: is on Saturday 30th November, 1.30pm. We would be very grateful for donations of gifts for Christmas, good quality Bric-a-brac, books (especially children's books), Toys & Games in good condition, Bottles, Tombola gifts, Christmas crafts/decorations, Raffle Prizes, Cakes, but no jumble please. These can be brought to the church during the week before the Fair. Any help with setting up in the morning and manning stalls in the afternoon would be very gratefully received. Other ideas for stalls, games, activities are also very welcome. If you would like to sign up to help on a stall, there is a list in the Parish Room, or contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847 to volunteer to help and if you have a good idea for a game/activity/stall

S.O.S from the Life shop manager: we have lost several of our shop volunteers for the excellent reason that they have now got paid jobs. However, we are finding it difficult to replace them. If you feel you could help out for just one morning or afternoon session a week please call Sam on 01432 842800. Thank you, *Jean Payne*

Timely reminder: Advent Calendars, Advent Candles, plus cards, diaries and other items – parish piety shop

From a parishioner: a found this and thought it may be of use - www.maynoothparish.org/reconciliation - and oh boy, it is!

Extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops October 2014: *"Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation"* - in preparation for the Synod, Bishops Conferences around the world have been asked to gather and submit the views of their member dioceses. The Bishops' Conference of England Wales has issued a questionnaire which people are invited to complete. This can be done online or by e-mail. The questionnaire can be accessed at www.rcadc.org where details are also given of how to return a completed questionnaire. Completed questionnaires must be returned by 30 November 2013. *(The Archdiocese has sent Fr Cenydd a 'hardcopy' version of the questionnaire for anyone who hasn't got internet access, which is the case for the majority of Catholics around the world. If you'd like a copy, please see Fr Cenydd.)*

Good start: the second collection last week, which was designated for the cost of the upcoming church redecoration, raised **£199.94** – thank you

Hereford Food Bank: we plan to carry out food collections at the two Tesco stores in Hereford on 29 and 30 November and 1 December. If you are able to help for an hour or so on any of these days please contact the Food Bank on 01432 353347 or Phil King on 01432 276365. Demand has increased by 37% since the beginning of 2013; the Food Bank helped 148 people in October, including 37 children. Thank you

Thirty Second Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week IV

Today:

9:30 am Edward Dzierza
11:30 am Pawlowicz Intention
6:30 pm

Monday 11 November 9:30 am Mass – Lynch deceased
St Martin of Tours, Bishop

Tuesday 12 November 7:00 pm Mass – Busko/Stojewski
St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Wednesday 13 November 9:30 am Mass – Dennis Leach
Feria

Thursday, 14 November 9:30 am Mass – November Lists
St Dyfrig, Bishop

Friday, 15 November 7:00 pm Mass – John Farren

Saturday, 16 November 9:30 am Confessions
St Edmund Rich, Bishop 10:30 am Mass – Edgaras Balsevicius

Sunday, 17 November (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Harry Carroll
11:30 am Mulloy/Hornby deceased
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison

Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Karen Royer, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Katie Balnaves, Damian Brackley, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Leo Hornby, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Jason Houten, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Sr Catherine Jackson OP, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Glyn Matthews, Joan Sheeran, Janet McNamara, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Ann Griffin, Dr Mike O'Kane, Simon Williams and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially David Thomas

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of November, including: Joan Delaney, Amelia Perry, Cecil Evans, Moira Kelleher, Catherine Taylor, Rose Rivers, Terence Davies, Phyllis Jones, Edward Keogh, John Faraday, Bridget Mullens, Mary Matthews, Albert Williams, Ivor Brace, John Frayne, Timothy Langley, John Doherty, Rose Pick, Anthony Keogh, Harold Carroll, Timothy Dillon and Corrine Wiles

An American tourist in Dublin asks a local citizen: "Is Irish whiskey REALLY strong?" The Irishman answered him: "Aye, it's very strong; after only two Irish whiskies, I went to Holy Mass." "What's so strange about that?" the American inquired. The Irishman replied: "I'm Jewish!"

Why did the priest giggle? Mass hysteria

Q: Did you hear about all the drama down at the convent?

A: Well, it's nun of your business

Rota Schedule for 15 to 21 November 2013

Flower Arrangers:	S West & A Rollings
Cleaners:	Volunteers
Ushers:	9:30am A Rollings & volunteer 11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield 6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting
Readers:	9:30am A Spanjers 11:30am G Markham 6:30pm M Woolaway
Eucharistic Ministers:	9:30am F Keogh, T Bray, (L Johnson) 11:30pm E Cotterell, J McGowan, P King 6:30pm R Jones, J Winter, C Sharland
Altar Linen:	C Simons

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 24 listopada godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 3rd November came **£400.51** - thank you

