

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 August 2013

Entrance: *Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you*

Responsorial psalm: *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

Communion: *O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat*

"I would like to speak of three simple attitudes: hopefulness, openness to being surprised by God, and living in joy.

1. Hopefulness. How many difficulties are present in the life of every individual, among our people, in our communities; yet as great as these may seem, God never allows us to be overwhelmed by them. In the face of those moments of discouragement we experience in life, in our efforts to evangelize or to embody our faith as parents within the family, I would like to say forcefully: Always know in your heart that

God is by your side; he never abandons you! Let us never lose hope! Let us never allow it to die in our hearts! Evil is present in our history, but it does not have the upper hand. The one with the upper hand is God, and God is our hope! It is true that nowadays, to some extent, everyone, including our young people, feels attracted by the many idols which take the place of God and appear to offer hope: money, success, power, pleasure. Often a growing sense of loneliness and emptiness in the hearts of many people leads them to seek satisfaction in these ephemeral idols. Dear brothers and sisters, let us be lights of hope! Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality. Let us encourage the generosity which is typical of the young and help them to work actively in building a better world. Young people are a powerful engine for the Church and for society. They do not need material things alone; also and above all, they need to have held up to them those non-material values which are the spiritual heart of a people, the memory of a people.

2. The second attitude: openness to being surprised by God. Anyone who is a man or a woman of hope – the great hope which faith gives us – knows that even in the midst of difficulties God acts and he surprises us. God always saves the best for us. But he asks us to let ourselves be surprised by his love, to accept his surprises. Let us trust God! Cut off from him, the wine of joy, the wine of hope, runs out. If we draw near to him, if we stay with him, what seems to be cold water, difficulty, sin, is changed into the new wine of friendship with him.

3. The third attitude: living in joy. Dear friends, if we walk in hope, allowing ourselves to be surprised by the new wine which Jesus offers us, we have joy in our hearts and we cannot fail to be witnesses of this joy. Christians are joyful, they are never gloomy. God is at our side. Jesus has shown us that the face of God is that of a loving Father. Sin and death have been defeated. Christians cannot be pessimists! They do not look like someone in constant mourning. If we are truly in love with Christ and if we sense how much he loves us, our heart will "light up" with a joy that spreads to everyone around us."

(Taken from the homily of Pope Francis, Wednesday, 24 July 2013)



Dates for Your Diary

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

Bingo is having a break for two weeks, so the tote will resume on Sunday 11th August

Prize money for week 16 – £340.00 and nine numbers to be drawn

Second collection: is for parish use

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

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2013: our pilgrimage will now run from Saturday 24th August to Saturday 31st August. Thank you all for your patience and good grace in coping with the changes! In order to discuss the final details, including departure and return times, and to answer any queries you may have, a meeting will be held in the parish room on Wednesday 14th August at 7pm. In the meantime, should you have any urgent questions, Tim can be contacted on 07709921807

Celebrate the Glorious Assumption of Our Lady: at Belmont Abbey this Thursday 15th August - a day of prayer and reflection, 10.00am to 4.00pm, with Solemn Sung Mass at 12 noon (with the Community). The cost is £15, which includes Morning Coffee, 2 Course Lunch, and Afternoon Tea. Booking essential Tel. 01432 374735

Holy Day of Obligation: one of the very few Holy Days of Obligation remaining arrives this week – the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be offered in the parish church twice that day, at 9:30am and 7:00pm

Invitation: Adam & Magda Michniok would like to welcome parishioners to refreshments in the parish hall after the evening Mass this Thursday, 15th August, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their wedding

Annual pilgrimage: to the grave of St. John Kemble takes place next Sunday, 18th August, at 3:00pm at Welsh Newton churchyard. *"According to the course of nature, I have but a few years to live. It will be an advantage to suffer for my religion and, therefore, I will not abscond."*

Kingdom Come: come to the UK's largest gathering of Catholic young people, Kingdom Come. When? 22nd - 26th of August // Where? Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6AL // Who? age 16-30. Join with over 1,000 young adults for a fresh experience of faith and friendship, prayer, talks, workshops, sports, camping and more, all in a festival atmosphere. This prayer festival is totally run on donations, so don't let money be a barrier. For further info: www.youth2000.org or find us on Facebook. Jump onboard the Wales coach, at Merthyr Tydfil / Cardiff / Newport. To book a seat, email us at: youth2000wales2walsingham@gmail.com. If you cannot come but would like to sponsor a seat on the coach, please contact the email address above

Image and Icon – the beauty of faith: a retreat at Belmont Abbey, August 30 - Sep 1. "Love enters into the heart through the eyes" wrote Michelangelo. We reflect on how iconographers and artists, East & West, make us eyewitnesses to the deep mysteries of faith. Dom Brendan Thomas & Dom Alex Echeandía Loro

Tintern Abbey Vespers: this annual event will take place on Sunday 8th September at 3pm. The preacher will be the local Anglican incumbent, Revd Nora Hill, Associate Priest of Llandogo and Tintern Parva

Wanted urgently: back numbers of Far East Magazine (Columbans); contact Jim on 07972893061

LIFE News: Hereford Life's Charity Shop at 42 Eign Gate (opposite Poundstretcher) is now trading and would be pleased to receive donations of items for sale especially baby clothes, toys and equipment, but other items would also be very welcome. The Care Service will re-open as soon as the refurbishment of the upper floors is complete. Meanwhile, we are hoping to recruit volunteers to help in the shop for a morning or afternoon session, and we also need volunteers to train as counsellors or skilled helpers for the caring team. There is a short-term drop off place at the rear of the shop in Bewell Street near to the Tesco entrance. For enquiries relating to the shop please contact Sam Morgan on 07508778147 and for the Care Service Jean Payne on 01432 278146

Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week III

Today:

9:30 am Mieczysław Wojtczak
11:30 am Vocations to Belmont Abbey
6:30 pm

Monday 12 August 9:30 am Mass – Dzioba family int
Feria

Tuesday 13 August 7:00 pm Mass – Bernard Mulloy int
Feria

Wednesday 14 August 9:30 am Mass – Ros Foster
St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Thursday, 15 August 9:30 am Mass – Parish intentions
Assumption of the BVM 7:00 pm Mass – Michniok intention

Friday, 16 August 7:00 pm Mass –
St Stephen of Hungary, King

Saturday, 17 August 9:30 am Confessions
Votive Mass of the BVM 10:30 am Mass –

Sunday, 18 August (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Edward Dzierza
11:30 am John Farren
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Nicholas Wetz

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, Barbara Hampton, Leo Hornby, 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, Bernard Mulloy, Margaret Heathcote, Jonathon Stogdon and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Audrey Pearce, Pauline Thompson, Kerry Niblett, Susan Doherty and Angela Smith

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of August, including: Elizabeth Turner, Norman Michael, Neil Payne, Kathleen Jones, William Townsend, Ellen Parton, Tadeusz Radon, John Murray, Agnes Thomas, Monica Holt, John Nordell, Julianna Simon, June Szantay, Archibald Doherty, Ellen Gallagher, Francis Williams, Albert Kelly, Joseph Flanagan, Kathleen Morrell, Wilfred Jefferson, Mieczysław Wojtczak, Gary Bourne, Vera Taylor, Bridget Keenan, Michael Weaver, Wojciech Panek, Mary Norris, Agnieszka Wieclawek and Bridget Kinsella

Our first day at a resort my wife and I decided to hit the beach. When I went back to our room to get something to drink, one of the hotel maids was making our bed. I grabbed my cooler and was on my way out when I paused and asked, "Can we drink beer on the beach?" "Sure," she said, "but I have to finish the rest of the rooms beforehand."

Q: What do frogs like to drink on a hot summer day?

A: Croak-o-cola

Rota Schedule for 16 to 22 August 2013

Flower Arrangers: N & C Scottford

Cleaners: Janusz & Ilona

Ushers: 9:30am P Roberts & J Sullivan

11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield

6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting

Readers:

9:30am C Bray

11:30am V Thomas

6:30pm R Maloney

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, 22 września godz 16:00

Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 28 July came to £551.19 and those on Sunday, 4 August to £434.53 - thank you

