



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – year cycle B – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Entrance:** *As for me in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

**Responsorial psalm:** *Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help..*

**Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia:** *Your words and spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life . Alleluia*

**Communion:** *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

#### Proclaim '15 - A National Evangelisation Initiative

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, introduces this key evangelisation initiative with a letter to parishes.

My Dear Friends,

In 2015 a significant evangelisation initiative called *Proclaim '15* is being launched to support, inspire and encourage new expressions of parish evangelisation. A project of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, it is designed to affirm the good work that is already being done by the Catholic community, and to provide resources and events to profile and develop new expressions of Catholic joy and missionary outreach. A major highlight of what is being offered is the organisation of a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham on 11 July 2015.

*Proclaim '15* has five parts:

#### **1. PREPARATION**

Parish small group sessions – three evangelisation-themed sessions will be provided for download from mid-January 2015.

#### **2. PRAYER**

Network of prayer vigils - parishes are invited to host an evening of prayer on 11 July 2015.

#### **3. EVENT**

National Catholic Evangelisation Conference - on **11 July 2015 in central Birmingham** for 850 evangelisation representatives from across England and Wales. There is a quota of places allocated to each diocese, with live streaming also being explored to potentially enable every member of the Catholic community to participate.

#### **4. LEGACY**

Local events - templates will be provided online to enable dioceses, deaneries and parishes to have their own *Proclaim '15* gatherings in autumn 2015.

#### **5. RESOURCES**

New Evangelisation resources – these will also be made available as a fruit of the National Conference to equip parish evangelisation in autumn 2015.

*Proclaim '15* has a practical and 'how to' focus because while there is enthusiasm within the Catholic community to share confidently and joyfully our Faith, it can at times be hard to discern where to begin. This initiative aims to address that difficulty and is inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, in which he writes: "I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come."

Accompanying this cover letter is a booklet summarising the content of *Proclaim '15*, including an invitation to get involved so that together we can discover, and perhaps rediscover, ways of joyfully sharing our faith as missionary disciples. Please do use and share it with those who may play a role in developing evangelisation locally.

Thank you in advance for your support and please do remember this initiative in your prayers.

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*Archbishop of Westminster*

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*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*

## Dates for Your Diary

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

**The numbers drawn week 41 were 20, 25, 1, 36 & 26**  
**No winner**  
**Prize money for week 42 is £500.00, and six numbers to be drawn**

**Second Collection** Today is Sea Sunday so second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea

**Tuesday devotions:** Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Joyfull Mysteries of the Rosary after mass.

**Bible Study:** This will recommence next Thursday 16 July at 7 pm in the house. We are considering St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, which has special relevance to the recent Sunday Mass readings. All welcome.

**Holy Communion photo's** The CD's of photo's taken at Holy Communion on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June are at the back of church.

**Carpet** The new carpet will be put in place week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> July. A sample of the carpet at the back of church

**THANK YOU** for all your contributions to the recent collection for the Missions. Together we have accumulated enough items to fill six big boxes. All these items will now be sent out to help Parishes and Missions in East Africa.

**Our Lady's School Crossing Patrol details:**

This role will be term-time only and you must be available to work between 8.40am and 9.10am and again between 3.05pm and 3.35pm each day. Full training and uniform are provided. If you are interested in applying for this post please contact the School Administrators on 01432 274814 or email [admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk)

**School Places** There are spaces in year 5 – children with birthdays between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006 For the term beginning in September 2015

**Confirmation Course at Our Lady's**

We will be starting a Confirmation course at Our Lady's in the autumn term, leading up to Confirmation with the Archbishop in the summer term 2016. The course will involve catechesis sessions, activities, & visits. There will be a meeting in late September/early October, after Fr Matthew has had a few weeks to settle into the Parish, which all candidates and their parents will be invited to attend - so please look out for the date in the newsletter. At this meeting we will be able to give you an outline of the course and some dates for the sessions. The course is open to anyone in Year 9 and above (from Sept 2015). In the meantime, please contact Fran Keogh (email:- [fran.keogh1461@gmail.com](mailto:fran.keogh1461@gmail.com)) if you would like to join us on the course or would like to find out more about it.

**Holy Mass** will be celebrated at Longworth pre-reformation chapel on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am

Unfortunately, the Strawberry Tea and Craft Sale planned for the 19th July has had to be cancelled. If you were planning on bringing your crafts, please save them and book a table at the Christmas Fair.

The annual Pilgrimage to the grave of St John Kemble, will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August beginning after the 9.00am mass at St Mary's Church Monmouth to walk to Welsh Newton Rosary, Readings and Prayers at the Grave at 3.00pm, Benediction at 4.15 at St Mary's, followed by tea in the garden.

There are still a great many rota's for the various church duties at the back of the church, please check that you have taken yours

My dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the volunteers in Our Lady's Parish, who give up so much of their time and energy to contribute to the life and mission of the Church. There are too many to mention by name, but I am amazed by the great amount of good work you all do to keep the parish running smoothly and all its ministries and outreaches active and fruitful. Christ founded his Church to be based on the work and goodwill of its members, whether lay or ordained. There is a role for each one of us and no one is more important than anyone else. Our beautiful beaches are made up of individual grains of sand and the great oceans from countless drops of water. May the good Lord bless and keep you all, and thank you again for all you do week in week out.

Abbot Paul

