



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### Third Sunday of Advent, Year B – 14 December 2014

**Entrance:** *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near*

**Responsorial psalm:** *My soul rejoices in my God*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us*



### Christmas Mass times in Hereford

#### Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs:

Christmas Eve – 6:30pm, with nativity play; 9:00pm 'Midnight' Mass

Christmas Day – 10:00am

#### St Francis Xavier's:

Midnight Mass (preceded by Christmas Carols at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day – 10:00am

#### Belmont Abbey:

Christmas Eve – *no Midnight Mass* – Mass will start at 10:30 pm

Christmas Day – 9:00 am Parish Mass and 11:00 am Monastic Mass

**NB:** there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day anywhere in the Herefordshire deanery



## 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 12 were 9, 24, 32, 16 & 21**  
**No winner**  
**Prize money for week 13 is £500.00, and five numbers drawn**

Second collection: is for the parish

Nativity Play on Christmas Eve: we are practicing after the 9.30am Mass today

Advent Prayer and Carol Service: at the Poor Clare Monastery today from 3:00 pm. Refreshments to be served afterwards – everyone most welcome. See poster for full details

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet before Mass and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Bible Study: this coming Wednesday at 7:00pm in the parish house

Our Lady's School: would like to invite all parishioners to our Carols around the Christmas tree on Friday 19th December 9.00am in the school hall

Churches Together in Hereford: invite you to join them carol singing in High Town, (under cover if raining), on Saturday December 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Carols and readings and the St John's Methodist Church Brass Band

"Many hands make church beautiful" - we will be doing our usual decorating and cleaning of the church on Christmas Eve, (Wednesday 24th!!) from 10am - it is a sociable & fun way to start Christmas, and you get refreshments too! Thank you in anticipation

Crib Competition: If you are a creative person, then this is the competition for you. Make a crib from any material and bring it to the parish hall on Sunday 28th December by 10:15am. Everyone is welcome to view the entries and vote between 10:30 and 11:30. See the posters and flyers for more details. Prizes for all age categories - you are not too old to enter!

Diocesan Year Books: are now available for 2015. They can be found at the back of church, by the piety shop. While there, browse our Christmas cards and gifts of a holier nature than you can find in most shops

New Year Scoop! St. Mary's High School is offering a great opportunity to come and listen to two talks by renowned speaker Dr. Anthony Towey, Head of Theology at St. Mary's University College, London. He is a skilled and lively communicator and he will be giving his presentations at the school in Lugwardine. 09:30-10:40 Why God? Why Jesus? 11:05-12:30 Why Church? Why Catholic Schools? Come to either/both: Monday 5th Jan 2015 in Main Hall. Not to be missed! Free admission. ALL WELCOME!

PROCLAIM '15: on 11 July next summer, invited representatives of all the dioceses in Wales and England will gather in Birmingham for a national convention on how we can best spread our Catholic Faith among those who do not yet share it. We are encouraged to hold local events that same evening, to pray for the national event and for God's blessing on our local efforts to share our faith. A diocesan PROCLAIM convention will follow later in the year, on Saturday 10 October 2015. To learn more visit the website at: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15) or Facebook: [facebook.com/cbcew](https://facebook.com/cbcew) or Twitter: @catholicew #proclaim15 or Email: [proclaim15@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:proclaim15@cbcew.org.uk)

Kraków is preparing ... are you? Plans are underway as Kraków prepares to welcome over a million young people from around the World to celebrate World Youth Day 2016 with Pope Francis. The last World Youth Day (WYD) celebrations were held in 2013 in Rio and this was the moment when Pope Francis asked the world to meet in Poland. Dioceses throughout the world are already making arrangements to converge on Kraków and the Archdiocese of Cardiff intends to be there! Will you join us in Kraków? We sure hope so ... why not register your interest? Kraków is preparing ... Cardiff is preparing ... are you? Full information can be found on the diocese's WYD website - [www.Cardiff2Krakow.org](http://www.Cardiff2Krakow.org)

# Third Week of Advent

## Psalter week III

Today:

9:30 am  
11:30 am            Helena Grabowska  
6:30 pm

Monday 15 December            9:30 am Mass –  
*Advent weekday*

Tuesday 16 December            7:00 pm Mass –  
*Advent weekday*

Wednesday, 17 December            9:30 am Mass – Int. of Rita O’Leary  
*Advent weekday*

Thursday, 18 December            9:30 am Mass – Int. of Lil Green  
*Advent weekday*

Friday, 19 December            7:00 pm Mass – Int. of Sr. Maria  
*Advent weekday*

Saturday, 20 December            9:30 am Confessions  
*Advent weekday*            10:30 am Mass – Monica Thompson

Sunday, 21 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B)

9:30 am            Edward Dzierza  
11:30 am            Kathleen Chesterman  
6:30 pm            *Fr Cenydd Marrison*

### Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O’Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Anne Jenkins, Michael Morris and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Monica Thompson and Helena Grabowska

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of December, including: Winifred Hawes, Mary Bagnall, Ellen Jennings, Margaret Coughlan, Matthew Joynt, Jamie McGoran, David Halley, Matthew Robson, Stuart Powell, Anthony Jones, Herbert Eastwood, Erica Eastwood, Mary Clinton, Florence Marsh, Ann Wilding, James Fleming, Kathleen Hatcher, Richard Price, Thomas Morgan, Ann-Marie Sully, Mary Edwards, Robert Stanness, Betty Westmoreland, Kathleen Chesterman, Louis Avenin, the Rignall Twins, James Jamfrey and Henry Grafen

Sr. Immaculata’s solemn profession was attended by many of her family and friends, but Mother Abbess was surprised to see two Orthodox Jewish rabbis in the congregation. During the refreshments in the cloister afterwards she found an opportunity to sidle up to the two gentleman. “You are most welcome,” Mother said, “but I wasn’t aware that Sr. Immaculata had any Jewish connections.” The older rabbi smiled, and replied, “Dear lady, am I right that Sr. Immaculata is now understood to be a bride of Christ?” “Oh yes,” said Mother. “Well,” the rabbi continued, “we are here to represent the groom’s family.”

### Rota Schedule for 19 to 25 December 2014

**Flower Arrangers:** Help on Christmas Eve!

**Cleaners:** Volunteers

**Ushers:**            9:30am            A Rollings & M Went  
                         11:30am            D Lissaman & D Schofield  
                         6:30pm            C Milsom & M Netting

**Readers:**  
                         9:30am            J Sullivan  
                         11:30am            V Thomas  
                         6:30pm            M Woolaway

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
                         9:30am            S Thompson, H Fishlock, F Keogh  
                         11:30pm            H Meenaghan, F Davies, J McGowan  
                         6:30pm            G McAleer

**Altar Linen:**            A Whitehead

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 28 grudnia godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December raised **£420.89** thank you

