



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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11th Sunday Ordinary Time – year cycle B – 14th June 2015

Entrance: *O Lord hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Saviour.*

Responsorial psalm: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia: *I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia*

Communion: *There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

Pope Francis reflects on the Sacred Heart

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the highest human expression of divine love. Just this past Friday, in fact, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: the feast that sets the tone for the whole month. Popular piety highly prizes symbols, and the Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy – but it is not an imaginary symbol, it is a real symbol, which represents the centre, the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth.

In the Gospels, we find several references to the Heart of Jesus, for example, in the passage where Christ says, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. (Mt 11:28-29)” Then there is the key story of the death of Christ according to John. This evangelist testifies to what he saw on Calvary: that a soldier, when Jesus was already dead, pierced his side with a spear, and from the wound flowed blood and water (Jn 19.33-34). John recognized in that sign, the fulfilment of prophecies: from the heart of Jesus, the Lamb slain on the cross, flow forgiveness and life for all men.

But the mercy of Jesus is not just sentiment: indeed, it is a force that gives life, that raises man up. The Gospel tells us this as well, in the episode of the widow of Nain (Lk 7:11-17). Jesus, with his disciples, is just arrived in Nain, a village in Galilee, at the very moment in which a funeral is taking place. A boy is being buried, the only son of a widow. Jesus' gaze immediately fixes itself on the weeping mother. The evangelist Luke says: “Seeing her, the Lord was moved with great compassion for her (v. 13).” This “compassion” is the love of God for Man, it is mercy, i.e. the attitude of God in contact with human misery, with our poverty, our suffering, our anguish. The biblical term “compassion” recalls the maternal viscera: a mother, in fact, experiences a reaction all her own, to the pain of her children. It is in this way that God loves us, the Scriptures say.

And what is the fruit of this love? It is life! Jesus said to the widow of Nain, “Do not weep,” and then called the dead boy and awoke him as from sleep (cf. vv. 13-15). The mercy of God gives life to man, it raises him from the dead. The Lord is always watching us with mercy and always awaits us with mercy. Let us be not afraid to approach him. He has a merciful heart. If we show our inner wounds, our sins, He always forgives us. He is pure mercy! Let us never forget this: He is pure mercy! Let us go to Jesus!

Let us turn to the Virgin Mary: her immaculate heart – a mother's heart – has shared the “compassion” of God to the full, especially at the hour of the passion and death of Jesus. May Mary help us to be meek, humble and compassionate with our brothers and sisters.

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 38 were 8, 27, 35 & 47
No winner
Prize money for week 39 is £400.00, and five numbers to be drawn

Second Collection No second collection today

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

First Holy Communion 18 children will be receiving their 1st Communion today at the 11.30 Mass. These are children who are not attending a Catholic primary school. They come from a variety of countries: England; Poland; Romania and Portugal and will have many family members visiting.

The Piety shop has many beautiful gifts and cards for those receiving Holy Communion, ie Missals, Rosaries, and many other religious items, at very reasonable prices. Please take a look.

Ministries if you have agreed to any of the ministries, such as cleaning, reading, altar linen etc.... the new rotas are at the back of church. The rota for Special Ministers is at present unavailable so please check the newsletter lists for the following week.

Belmont Fete takes place on Saturday 20th June, Many stalls and activities including Body Zorbs, Steve Esly woodcutter extraordinaire, Classic Car display, Face painting, Ju jitsu display, climbing wall and many other attractions, and of course Strawberry Cream Teas. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Calling all Golfers Men & Women The Knights of St Columba will be holding their annual golf tournament on Thursday 5th September, supporting the Priest's training fund of the Archdiocese see notice on the notice board.

Our Lady's School Is in need of a "Crossing Patrol" person for the September term, Please contact the school secretary for further details.

Our Lady's Parish BBO - Sunday 28th June, from 12.30pm (after the 11.30am Mass). Good food, bar, beverages & a bouncy castle. Tickets must be purchased or ordered in advance. They will be on sale after Sunday Masses, or to reserve tickets please contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847 - Adults & children over 12yrs - £5, Concessionary & children 5-11 years - £3, Children under 5 - free. If the weather is inclement, we will be in the Parish Hall. If you can make a salad see Fran or Annie, or just sign the list at the back of church.

Father Andrew Thanks everyone for their prayers for his mother who is still very ill,

St Michaels Hospice Eign Gate shop volunteers are a having a "Big Tea" at St Martins Church Hall Saturday 27th June 2pm – 5pm all welcome for tea, cake and raffles etc. Please come and join us

Advance Notice Holy Mass will be celebrated at Longworth pre-reformation chapel on Friday 17th July at 11.00am

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend 42 of our children and young people are making their First Communion. Already on 24th May, 18 children also made their First Communion at the monthly Polish Mass, so that's 60 children in all. I do hope and pray that, encouraged and accompanied by their parents and siblings, these 60 children will continue coming to Mass each Sunday and receiving Holy Communion. If we do not eat, we grow weak and die. Likewise, unless we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus regularly, we die spiritually and lose our faith. Herefordshire, like the rest of England, is full of lapsed Catholics. What are we doing about it? Let us, at least, pray every day for these 60 children and for their families that they remain faithful to Jesus and grow daily in their faith.

God bless you all,
Abbot Paul

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week III

Today: 9:30 am Joan Berry 11:30 am 6:30 pm		Rota Schedule for 15 June – 21 June 2015	
Monday 15 June 10.00 am Mass – <i>feria</i>		Flower Arrangers: Jan & Kerry Cleaners: Koperscy Holmann Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan M Slane 11:30am D Schofield M Eyton 6:30pm Volunteers	
Tuesday 16 June 7.00pm Mass – John Hepworth <i>feria</i>		Readers: 9:30am F Keogh 11:30am M Brown 6.30pm G McAleer	
Wednesday 17 June 10.00am Mass – <i>feria</i>		Eucharistic Ministers: 9.30am C Sharland, T Bray, D Lissaman 11.30am F Davies A Staton J Meenaghan 6.30pm J Winter	
Thursday, 18 June 10.00pm Mass – <i>Feria</i>		Altar Linen: J Callingham J Counting Richard & Bex	
Friday 19 June 7.00pm Mass – <i>St Romuald</i>		Polish Information: Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 28 Czerwca godz 16:00 Finance: Collection on Sunday 7 June £323.56 + £155.89 for redecoration Thank you	
Saturday, 20 June 10.00 am- 11.00am Sacrament of <i>Feria</i> reconciliation and Exposition 11.00am Mass -			
Sunday 21 June 9:30 am 11:30 am 6.30pm Father Michael			

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, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O’Leary Pat Spence, Joshua Isada Joan Berry and all in our prayer book

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of June, including: Russell Sabel, William Collins, Enid Uden, William Lynes, Robert Derbyshire, Irene Gecks, Evelyn Lavell, Iris Croke, Alexa Laszowskyz, Gerald O’Hagan, Esther Scott, Dermot Kelleher, Lewis Murgatroyd, Zbigniew Pawlowicz, Albert LeSurf, John Donelon, Teresa Scraba, Tony Pye, Rose Rattle and Dorothy Rohde, Ceri Strong, Jan Prosniewski, Romanita Peñałosa and Henry Matty

A very pious Catholic woman was at work when her babysitter called to say that her daughter was ill. The frantic woman left work immediately and stopped at the chemist’s for medicine for her daughter, but when she returned to her car she discovered she had locked the keys inside. She didn’t know what to do and called the babysitter who suggested she should try some wire like an old coat hanger to unlock the door. The woman found a rusty coat hanger on the side of the road looked at it and realized “I don’t know how to use this”. All she had left was a prayer. She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. A few minutes later an old car pulled, the dirty bearded driver was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman glanced up to heaven and asked “is this my help.. The man asked if he could help. She said “yes my daughter is sick and I locked my keys in my car, please can you use this coat hanger to unlock my car, He said “Sure” he walked over to the car and in less than three seconds the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said “thank you so much, you are a very nice man”. He replied “Lady I am not a nice man, I have just got out of prison about an hour ago, I was convicted of car theft,” Sobbing she hugged the man again and cried out loud “Thank you God! You even sent me a professional,”