

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 September 2013

Entrance: *Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel*

Responsorial psalm: *I will leave this place and go to my father*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!*

Communion: *How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings*

Words of Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square, Saturday, 7 September 2013 (part 1)



“And God saw that it was good” (Gen 1:12, 18, 21, 25). The biblical account of the beginning of the history of the world and of humanity speaks to us of a God who looks at creation, in a sense contemplating it, and declares: *“It is good”*. This, dear brothers and sisters, allows us to enter into God’s heart and, precisely from within him, to receive his message. We can ask ourselves: what does this message mean? What does it say to me, to you, to all of us?

1. It says to us simply that this, our world, in the heart and mind of God, is the *“house of harmony and peace”*, and that it is the space in which everyone is able to find their proper place and feel *“at home”*, because it is *“good”*. All of creation forms a harmonious and good unity, but above all humanity, made in the image and likeness of God, is one family, in which relationships are marked by a true fraternity not only in words: the other person is a brother or sister to love, and our relationship with God, who is love, fidelity and goodness, mirrors every human relationship and brings harmony to the whole of creation. God’s world is a world where everyone feels responsible for the other, for the good of the other. This evening, in reflection, fasting and prayer, each of us deep down should ask ourselves: Is this really the world that I desire? Is this really the world that we all carry in our hearts? Is the world that we want really a world of harmony and peace, in ourselves, in our relations with others, in families, in cities, in and between nations? And does not true freedom mean choosing ways in this world that lead to the good of all and are guided by love?

2. But then we wonder: Is this the world in which we are living? Creation retains its beauty which fills us with awe and it remains a good work. But there is also *“violence, division, disagreement, war”*. This occurs when man, the summit of creation, stops contemplating beauty and goodness, and withdraws into his own selfishness. When man thinks only of himself, of his own interests and places himself in the centre, when he permits himself to be captivated by the idols of dominion and power, when he puts himself in God’s place, then all relationships are broken and everything is ruined; then the door opens to violence, indifference, and conflict. This is precisely what the passage in the Book of Genesis seeks to teach us in the story of the Fall: man enters into conflict with himself, he realizes that he is naked and he hides himself because he is afraid (cf. Gen 3: 10), he is afraid of God’s glance; he accuses the woman, she who is flesh of his flesh (cf. v. 12); he breaks harmony with creation, he begins to raise his hand against his brother to kill him. Can we say that from harmony he passes to *“disharmony”*? No, there is no such thing as *“disharmony”*; there is either harmony or we fall into chaos, where there is violence, argument, conflict, fear.

Dates for Your Diary

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

Tote numbers for week 20 are 32, 49, 24 & 1 – no winner

Prize money for week 21 is £150.00 and five numbers to be drawn

Second collection: on Home Mission Sunday the Bishops of England and Wales invite us to pray for and support the work of evangelisation close to home through having a second collection. The money raised will fund a number of national projects, including the development of resources to support ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics. Please do help the bishops to resource this important work. Thank you for your support and do pick up a free prayer and information leaflet about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church. For more information please see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms13

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

Abergavenny: a display of 15th century vestments at Our Lady and St Michael's parish on Saturday 21st September, 10:30am to 4:00pm. Admission free! Holy Mass at 10:00am, if you can make it

Curry & Quiz Night: on Saturday 21st September, 7 for 7.30pm in the Parish Hall; Bar & Raffle, tickets £5 per person, on sale after the Sunday Masses. If you require the non-curry food option, please tell the ticket seller. For further information or to book tickets please contact Celia Sharland on 01432 269524 or Fran Keogh on 01432 840847

Table Top Sale: in the parish hall on Saturday, 28th September from 1pm to 3pm; buy and sell baby and children's clothes, toys, books and nursery items. All proceeds from table hire will be going to aid missionary work in Peru. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details or visit www.rodzinkamisyjna.pl – or if you'd like to make a donation for the sale please leave the items at the back of church in a bag labelled 'Peru Table Sale'

Prayer Group: in the September edition of "*Catholic People*" you will find a book review I have written about a booklet entitled "*Baptism in the Spirit*". You may be interested to know of a prayer service now taking place on Sunday evenings, 7.30 -9.30, in St. Brigid's parish, Crystal Glen, Cardiff. It is attracting a growing number of people. It begins with a time of lively praise and moves into a time of profoundly silent worship in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. I have attended the evening during the past couple of months and, like all who take part, find it a Spirit filled experience. (Fr. Ambrose Walsh)

From a parishioner: to Fr Cenydd and all on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, I wish to thank you all for your help given to me, enabling me to have a very enjoyable time. Thank you again, *Agnes McGowan*

Calling all pilgrims: if you have any photos which you took during our recent pilgrimage to Lourdes, please email them to Richard Seamarks, who will then compile them and put them on to our parish website; rich00723@hotmail.com is Richard's email address. Many thanks

Wheelchair: a parishioner is need of a wheelchair; if you have one that is no longer needed, please see Fr Cenydd and he will pass on the information

Second round: on Tuesday Fr Cenydd goes to Lourdes as chaplain to the Swansea Sick To Lourdes Group, with which he has been associated since 1990. He has agreed to offer Mass in Lourdes for the following intentions: Tuesday, 17th *Canon J Morrissey*; Wednesday, 18th *Edward Dzierza*; Thursday, 19th *Schmidt Int*; Friday 20th *Margaret Diggins*; Saturday, 21st *V & K Morison*; Sunday, 22nd *C & R Brooks*; Monday, 23rd *Special Int (AM)*; Tuesday, 24th *Fr B Busko*; Wednesday, 25th *Jean & Alan Kilby*. Next Sunday the 9:30am Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Roman, and the 11:30am by Fr. Frank Slater (former parish priest of Leominster); the 6:30pm is as the normal rota. Fr. Roman will also celebrate the weekday Masses, so if you wish to have Mass offered during Fr. Cenydd's absence please see Fr. Roman – thank you

Nappy News: despite Fr. Cenydd's plea last Sunday, someone still left a full nappy in the toilet. Please don't!

Twenty Third Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week III

Today:

9:30 am Kerry Niblett
11:30 am Special Intention (CC & JB)
6:30 pm

Monday 16 September 9:30 am Mass – Laurence Hughes
Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Bishops & Martyrs

Tuesday 17 September 7:00 pm Mass –
Feria

Wednesday 18 September 9:30 am Mass –
Feria

Thursday, 19 September 9:30 am Mass –
Feria

Friday, 20 September 7:00 pm Mass –
St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companion Martyrs

Saturday, 21 September 10:30 am Mass –
St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Sunday, 22 September (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am
11:30 am
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Michael Evans

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, Bernard Mulloy, Ian O'Donahue and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Wander Glover, Noel Warde, Tom Sweeney, Margaret Buckridge, Doreen Wargen, Pat Somerset-Butler, Sebastian Wood, Mirosław Staszkowski and Jean Kilby

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of September, including: Rose Brooks, Charles Brooks, Edward Scriven, Megan Hughes, Rose Rivers, John Jenkins, Rosarie May, William Strickland, Veronica Hill, Teofil Janowski, Patrick Donovan, Magdalene Brown, John Frayne, Elizabeth McEwan, Ruth Marston, Gladys Wood, Sheila Fleming, Patricia Gurney, Marie Brazuk and Elsie Adams

A Baptist minister went to see a member of the community and invited him to come to church on Sunday morning. The man was a producer of fine peach brandy and told the preacher he would love to attend his church IF the Pastor would drink some of his brandy and admit doing so in front of the congregation. The preacher agreed and drank up. Sunday morning came and the man came to church. The preacher recognized him from the pulpit and said: "I see Mr. Johnson is here with us this morning. I want to thank him publicly for his hospitality this week and especially for the peaches he gave me and the spirit in which they were given."

Rota Schedule for 20 to 26 September 2013

Flower Arrangers: None this weekend
Cleaners: None this weekend
Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings & helper
11:30am D Lissaman & helper
6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:
9:30am A Spanjers
11:30am J Meenaghan
6:30pm G McAleer

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland, H Fishlock, (L Johnson)
11:30pm F Davies, J McGowan, C Balestra
6:30pm G McAleer, R Jones, J Winter

Altar Linen: J Callingham

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 22 września godz 16:00

Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 8th September £512.22 - thank you

HAPPY PEOPLE



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