



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### Feast of the Assumption – year cycle B – 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Entrance** *Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exalted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ.*

**Responsorial psalm:** *Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength.*

**Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia:** *Happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia*

**Communion:** *Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the son of the eternal Father.*

**From the Parish** we all extend a very warm welcome to you Father Mathew, and hope you will have a very happy time as our Parish Priest, we will all do our very best, I am sure to assist you in any way we can, as you get to know everyone.

WELCOME AT LAST!

Well at long last, your new Parish Priest has arrived. I finally arrived in Hereford on Tuesday and have been settling into the parish since then. I should apologise in a way for the long gap between Fr. Cenydd leaving you in December and my arrival 7 months later. I know though that you have been so very well looked after by Fr. Abbot, and Fr's Andrew, Joseph and Jonathan and others and I have already been so impressed how so many parishioners have taken on various roles and responsibilities, making sure that the parish has continued to operate and indeed to thrive. I hope that after the masses today and over forthcoming weeks I will be able to meet and chat to as many of you as possible, so that we can get to know each other. I will be living in the presbytery, but will also spend some time each week up at the Abbey.

As you may know I have spent the last 10 years at St. Begh's Parish in Whitehaven in the Diocese of Lancaster, where Fr's Cenydd and Richard now are. I left there just after Christmas and have, by the kindness of Abbot Paul and the monastic community, spent the last 7 months on sabbatical. I spent the first 5 months living and studying in Berkeley, which is near San Francisco in California. I lived and studied with a Jesuit community there, following a sabbatical course designed for priests, religious and lay people who are having a break from ministry and a bit of a rest. I really became a student again and took some very interesting courses and also managed to do quite a bit of travelling as well. In fact for the last couple of months, since my course finished, I have been travelling all around America, including Alaska, Texas and Florida and a few other places as well. But now it is back to work and back to being your parish priest.

Hopefully many of you will remember me from times past. My first parish appointment was in 1993, when I was the curate in St. Francis Xavier's parish and also looked after the former church at Bartestree, and then a few years later was both curate and then parish priest of the Belmont Abbey Parish for nearly 8 years. Some of you may not recognise me though, in recent years I have lost a lot of weight, and while in America I also grew a beard, and much to my shock it is full of grey hairs. But it is wonderful not to have to shave every morning. Some of you may remember that I support, the best, or some might say the worst football team in the world, Everton off course!

**Father Mathew**

## 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 46 were 3, 4, 20, 34, 39 & 42**  
**No winner**  
**Prize money for week 47 is £600.00, and seven numbers to be drawn**

**Second Collection** for redecoration

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

**Confirmation Course at Our Lady's and St Francis Xavier's**

There will be an introductory meeting for candidates and parents/guardians on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Room. This year we are joining with SFX and we will be starting the Confirmation course with a retreat at Our Lady's in October on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> (5pm-9pm) & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> (9am-6pm). There will be catechesis sessions based on the "Transformed in Christ" course, activities, & visits and we will be meeting approximately every 3-4 weeks during term time. On 15<sup>th</sup> September we will be able to give you an outline of the course and dates for the sessions. There will be forms to fill in so it is very important that a parent/guardian accompanies each candidate to this meeting. As in previous year's there will be a charge of £30 which will go towards course materials. If anyone has a problem with paying this charge, please speak to Fran of Fr Mathew. The Confirmation is open to anyone in Year 9 and above (from Sept 2015). If you would like to know more before the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, please contact Fran Keogh (email: fran.keogh1461@gmail.com)

**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

**Have you remembered about this Conference?**

Please see the details below if you would like to join us, and please spread the word for us!

Proclaim the Good News! Mark 16 v. 15 Catholic Renewal Conference

August 21-23 2015. @ University College of Wales, Trinity St David Carmarthen CF31 3EP

Online booking forms available.

**Dementia & Spirituality: Prayer Service** with hymns and the Sacrament of the Sick for people with dementia and their carers on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00pm to 3:30pm in Llantranam Abbey, Cwmbran, NP44 3YJ. Light refreshments provided. Let us come together and pray for & with all who experience the effects of Dementia.

**St John Kemble** 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.

**Abbot Leonard** It is with regret that Tess Forder feels she will not be able to run the Abbot Leonard club and will finish at Christmas. The club has been going since 1967, Tess has been the mainstay for a great many years. If anyone is willing and able to take over the reins please see Tess.

**St Teresa of Avila** An exhibition to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been touring England & Wales from the 27<sup>th</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> September, will be based at St David's Cathedral in Cardiff. We hope that as many people as possible will visit, and learn more about this wonderful Saint.

The funeral of Chris Burns will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30

**A big thank you to Father Paul, for the sterling work in making sure that the parish had a daily mass during the time we were without a resident priest. We also thank Father Jonathon especially for his wonderful work over the Easter Tridium.**

**LIFE. A thank you letter has been received from the local LIFE group thanking the parish for the recent donation of £158.22. the amount donated from the special appeal made in the parish on 26<sup>th</sup> July.**

My dear Friends in Christ,

How quickly this month is passing. Some of you have already gone away on holiday, others will be going soon, and some of us will probably just stay at home and enjoy an English Summer. Whatever it is we plan to do, let us not forget to spend some time in prayer each day, to read the Bible and meditate on the Word of God and, of course, to go to Mass each Sunday and as often as we can. This weekend we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, Easter in Summer, a wonderful day on which to welcome your new Parish Priest, Fr Matthew. I know you will make him feel at home and will make a great effort to work with him for the spiritual and material good of our parish. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve you since the end of December. We can only ask your forgiveness for our shortcomings. God bless you all and Our Lady protect you. Abbot Paul, Fr Andrew, Fr Jonathan and Fr Joseph

# Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

## Psalter IV

<p><i>Today:</i>            9:30 am            11:30 am            6:30 pm</p>		<p><b>Rota Schedule for 16 August – 23 August 2015</b></p>	
<p><i>Monday 17 August</i>      10.00 am Mass –  <i>Feria</i>                      12.30 -</p>		<p><b>Flower Arrangers:</b>      <i>Lindsay Poppy</i></p>	
<p><i>Tuesday 18 August</i>      7.00 am Mass –  <i>Feria</i></p>		<p><b>Cleaners:</b>                      <i>O Price</i></p>	
<p><i>Wednesday 19 August</i>      10.00am Mass –  <i>Feria</i></p>		<p><b>Ushers:</b>                      9:30am      <i>Mr &amp; Mrs Scanlon</i>               11:30am      <i>D Lissaman M Eyton</i>               6:30pm      <i>Volunteers</i></p>	
<p><i>Thursday, 20 August</i>      10.00am Mass –  <i>St Bernard</i>                      <i>Holy Souls</i></p>		<p><b>Readers:</b></p> <p>   9:30am      <i>F Keogh</i>               11:30am      <i>M Langley</i>               6.30pm      <i>J Winter</i></p>	
<p><i>Friday 21 August</i>              7.00pm Mass –  <i>St Pius X</i></p>		<p><b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b></p> <p>   9.30am      <i>T Bray C Sharland H Fishlock</i>               11.30am      <i>F Davies J Meenaghan J Wagner</i>               6.30pm      <i>J Winter</i></p>	
<p><i>Saturday, 22 August</i>      10.00 am- 11.00am Sacrament of  <i>Feria</i>                              <i>reconciliation and Exposition</i>               11.00am Mass –</p>		<p><b>Altar Linen:</b>              <i>B Spanjers</i>  <b>Counting</b>                      <i>Janet Richard</i></p>	
<p><i>Sunday 23 August</i>            9:30 am            11:30 am            6.30pm</p>		<p><b>Polish Information:</b>            Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 Sierpnia godz 16:00  <b>Finance:</b>            Collection on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August £246.50 + £138.40 Gift aided Thank you</p>	

**Please pray for:** The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna & John O’neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O’Leary Pat Spence, Joshua Isada Joan Berry Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book

The recently dead Chris Turville, Chris Burns, Peggy Parkman & Clare Frayne

**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, Bridget Kinsella and Patricia Somerset-Butler

Please Pray for Emily Keogh and Elliot Goodwin as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage on 12<sup>th</sup> September

A Rabbi, and Iman and a Priest were playing poker, when the police raided the game.

Turning to the Muslim the policeman asks “Imam were you gambling?” Turning his eyes to heaven the Imam whispers “Allah forgive me for what I am about to do”. To the officer he then says “No officer I was not gambling”

The officer then asks the Priest: “Father were you gambling?” Again after an appeal to God, the Priest replies “No officer I was not gambling”.

Turning to the Rabbi, the officer asks “Rabbi, were you gambling?” Looking around him and shrugging his shoulders, the Rabbi replies, “So with whom would I have been gambling?”