

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 16 February 2014

Entrance: *Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name*

Responsorial psalm: *They are happy who follow God's law!*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Communion: *They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved*

The intimate partnership of married life and love has been established by the Creator and qualified by His laws, and is rooted in the conjugal covenant of irrevocable personal consent. Hence by that human act whereby spouses mutually bestow and accept each other a relationship arises which by divine will and in the eyes of society too is a lasting one. For the good of the spouses and their off-springs as well as of society, the existence of the sacred bond no longer depends on human decisions alone. For, God Himself is the author of matrimony, endowed as it is with various benefits and purposes. All of these have a very decisive bearing on the continuation of the human race, on the personal development and eternal destiny of the individual members of a family, and on the dignity, stability, peace and prosperity of the family itself and of human society as a whole. By their very nature, the institution of matrimony itself and conjugal love are ordained for the procreation and education of children, and find in them their ultimate crown. Thus a man and a woman, who by their compact of conjugal love *"are no longer two, but one flesh"* (Matt. 19:ff), render mutual help and service to each other through an intimate union of their persons and of their actions. Through this union they experience the meaning of their oneness and attain to it with growing perfection day by day. As a mutual gift of two persons, this intimate union and the good of the children impose total fidelity on the spouses and argue for an unbreakable oneness between them. Christ the Lord abundantly blessed this many-faceted love, welling up as it does from the fountain of divine love and structured as it is on the model of His union with His Church. For as God of old made Himself present to His people through a covenant of love and fidelity, so now the Saviour of men and the Spouse of the Church comes into the lives of married Christians through the sacrament of matrimony. He abides with them thereafter so that just as He loved the Church and handed Himself over on her behalf, the spouses may love each other with perpetual fidelity through mutual self-bestowal. Authentic married love is caught up into divine love and is governed and enriched by Christ's redeeming power and the saving activity of the Church, so that this love may lead the spouses to God with powerful effect and may aid and strengthen them in sublime office of being a father or a mother. For this reason Christian spouses have a special sacrament by which they are fortified and receive a kind of consecration in the duties and dignity of their state. By virtue of this sacrament, as spouses fulfil their conjugal and family obligation, they are penetrated with the spirit of Christ, which suffuses their whole lives with faith, hope and charity. Thus they increasingly advance the perfection of their own personalities, as well as their mutual sanctification, and hence contribute jointly to the glory of God. As a result, with their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children and indeed everyone gathered around the family hearth will find a ready path to human maturity, salvation and holiness. *(Taken from Gaudium et Spes)*



Dates for Your Diary

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

The numbers drawn for week 37 were 49, 42, 34, 26, 46, 17 & 4 – no winner

Prize money for week 38 is £250.00 and eight numbers to be drawn

Second collection today: is for Marriage Care. *“Marriage Care helps couples and individuals to build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship difficulty. And we’ve been doing this for over 65 years. Our vision is a society in which all adults can build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy relationships. We are doing what we can towards achieving this vision by offering relationship education resources, marriage preparation services and relationship counselling to all, regardless of ability to pay. We have over 50 centres and more than 100 counselling locations across England and Wales, so you’ll probably find us in a community near you. With over 700 couple relationship specialists and support team members, who generously volunteer their time and expertise on a regular basis, we are the second largest relationship support provider in England and Wales, and the largest single provider of marriage preparation services for couples marrying in the Catholic Church in England and Wales.”* (Taken from their website)

The Joy of the Gospel: join us on Tuesday at the Cornerstone at St. David’s Cathedral from 13:45 to 15:15 as we explore the implications of God of becoming human and jumping into messiness of our lives with us. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be served

Tuesday Devotions: the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass; the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Bible Study: on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the parish house. All welcome

Funeral arrangements: the funeral Mass of Ann Meaker, former teacher at OL's primary school, will be celebrated on Thursday 20th February at 1:00 p.m. at St Francis Xavier’s church. *Requiescat in Pace*

Inter-faith Relations: Scriptural Reasoning: by Professor Mike Higton, (Professor of Theology and Ministry at the University of Durham; former Academic Co-Director of the Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme, University of Cambridge), at 7.00pm on Thursday, 20th February in the Taliesin, Swansea University. All welcome, admission free

Hospital visits: if you need to receive the sacraments in hospital please contact Fr Cenydd as normal

Helping hand: a female parishioner, who is undergoing chemotherapy at present, is willing to chat with any ladies in the same position or those who are facing chemotherapy in the near future. She would like to be able to help calm nerves and share her experiences. Please see Fr Cenydd for contact details

PAC membership: so far one person has volunteered to serve on the PAC, which leaves one place free; if you would like to put your name forward please see Fr Cenydd or Richard Seemarks. Meetings take place about every six weeks, so the task is not onerous

Teacher Vacancy at OLSM: Our Lady and St Michaels School Abergavenny are looking for a practising Catholic teacher to cover 2 days a week in Year 5 from March 1st to the end of the summer term. Interested? Please phone Head Teacher Rosalind Trigg on 01873735080 for more details

In Benedict’s Footsteps: a pilgrimage to places associated with St Benedict – Rome, Subiaco, Monte Cassino – from 12th to 19th October 2014. Please see Fr Cenydd for more details

Heaven’s Road fm: Catholic Radio www.heavensroadfm.com is a new internet Radio broadcasting prayers, interviews and features to appeal to a Catholic audience. They also webcast up to 40 Masses daily and have over 200+ podcasts available. The Radio, seeks enthusiastic people to help make programmes, techies to operate the Radio and administrators to hold it all together. Much can be done over the internet – they have people in 10 different dioceses contributing. Further info at <http://www.heavensroadfm.com/vols/>. Listen on www.heavensroadfm.com

Sixth week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week II

Today:

9:30 am Int of the Sullivan Family
11:30 am Barry Britton
6:30 pm

Monday 17 February 9:30 am Mass – Jim Smith
Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Tuesday 18 February 7:00pm Mass – Spec Int (Karzmesz)
Feria

Wednesday, 19 February 9:30 am Mass – Clare McCarthy Int
Feria

Thursday, 20 February 9:30 am Mass – Janet McNamara
Feria

Friday, 21 February 7:00 pm Mass – Rosie Quinn
St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, 22 February 9:30 am Confessions
The Chair of St Peter 10:30 am Mass – Jim Smith

Sunday, 23 February (Seventh Sunday of OT)

9:30 am Thanksgiving (AC)
11:30 am William Johns
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison

Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Sr Catherine Jackson OP, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Dr Mike O'Kane, Madeleine Went, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Margaret Anderson, Sheila Seamarks, Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Fr John Meredith, Jim Smith, Barry Britton, Janet McNamara, John Hodgson, Jason Houten, Łukasz Maziarski, Ivan Champion, Karen Royer and Ann Meaker

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of February, including: William Johns, Bill Morris, Agnes Cooper, Emil Bieler, Mary Mulraine, Joan Keogh, Lucy Dale, Michael Wadley, David Stanton, Alexandra Podmore, Joseph Lambert, Paul Harrison, Mary Anderson, Jay Bourne, Elizabeth McColgan, Phyllis Price, Trevor Tipping, Margaret Jones, Edward Dzierza, Teresa Govett and Alice Deans

You may not know that many non-living things have a gender; for example...

Freezer Bags -- they are Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

Hourglass -- Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom

Tyre -- Male, because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated

Sponges -- Female because they're soft, squeezable and retain water

Rota Schedule for 14 to 20 February 2014

Flower Arrangers: N & C Scotford

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan & volunteer

11:30am J McGowan & J Kelly

6:30pm R & R Seamarks

Readers:

9:30am P Roberts

11:30am G Markham

6:30pm M Woolaway

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland, A Hepworth, (F Keogh)

11:30pm M Davies, J Meenaghan, D Lissaman

6:30pm G McAleer, J Winter, C Milsom

Altar Linen: A Whitehead

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 lutego godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 2nd February came to £609.16
– thank you



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"I don't care if she is a tape dispenser. I love her."