

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 November 2013

**Entrance:** *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place*

**Responsorial psalm:** *The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord*

### Thoughts on Purgatory (part three)

Both Sts. Peter and Paul write about a cleansing fire which tests a man and his works (1 Cor. 3:10-16; 1 Pet. 1:7). In 1 Cor. 3:11-15, the gold refers to righteous works which will be purified and remain while the straw (sin and sin's consequences) will be burned away. "If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor. 3:15). This test man will undergo cannot be hell since it also states that the man who builds on the foundation of Christ will be saved. It cannot be heaven since there is no suffering in heaven (cf. Rev. 21:4). St. Paul teaches us that God is a consuming fire and that through Him we are purified. As noted in the Catechism, the Catholic Church teaches that those who have not been completely purged of sin and its consequences here on earth can be purged of sin and its consequences after death. The tradition of praying for the dead is not practiced solely by Catholics. Jews offered such prayers since before Christ. As recorded in 2 Mac. 12:457, "[I]t was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin." They still offer prayers for the dead for one year after their death and on the anniversaries of their death. This prayer is known as the *kaddish*. The early Christians, including those living at the time of St. Paul, already had a well developed tradition of praying for the dead. Two common misconceptions exist concerning the Church's doctrine of purgatory. The first has root in the Protestant concept of faith and works. Proponents allege that Catholics made-up the idea of purgatory. Those holding this view believe no biblical basis exists for the teaching. They contend that the existence of purgatory would contradict the work of Christ; His suffering and death in atonement for our sins. They believe once we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour, nothing can keep us from heaven. Therefore, a belief in purgatory is superfluous. The second misconception is held by some who believe in Purgatory and focuses on our call to holiness. Believing sainthood is only for really holy people like Mother Theresa, these people believe it sufficient to make purgatory our goal in this life. Regarding the first misconception, since through Christ the demands of justice were totally fulfilled, some argue that purgatory would render Christ's death incomplete. This assumes a contradiction between redemption and our own suffering in reparation for our sins. In reality, as the teachings on grace and free will affirm, there is no contradiction. Christ did accomplish all of our salvation for us through His death on the cross. However, He did not preclude us from taking part in our own salvation through personal sufferings while here on earth, or in purgatory. God has chosen the best way for us to get to heaven and that is to participate with His Son in our own salvation. He does this, in part, by allowing us to carry personal crosses, by allowing us to suffer. He created purgatory as the last stage of sanctification to help us complete our journey to heaven.



## 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 29 were 29, 28, 14, 19, 7 & 4 - no winner**

**Prize money for week 30 is £210.00 and seven numbers to be drawn**

Today's second collection: is cancelled again. Instead there will be an opportunity after Mass for you to give, if you so wish, to CAFOD's emergency response to the extensive damage and suffering caused by Philippines Typhoon Haiyan. CAFOD is appealing as part of a national response by the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). In the unlikely event of income exceeding need for this appeal, additional monies will be allocated to other urgent emergencies.

Cutting the bills: weather permitting, next week contractors will start installing a solar panel array on the hall roof. This will help us to reduce energy bills and cushion us partially from future price rises. Hall users should not be affected during the installation

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

St Francis Xavier's Annual Christmas Fair: to be held at the Shire Hall, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 11:00 am onwards. There will be a variety of great stalls, games, gifts, bottle tombola, nearly new clothes and an auction of quality items. Also your first chance to see Father Christmas! Come and enjoy the fun!

Youth Sunday: which falls on 24<sup>th</sup> November, (Solemnity of Christ the King) – the 6:30pm Deanery Mass will include some contemporary Catholic music and some traditional hymns with a contemporary feel

Our Christmas Fair: is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm. We would be very grateful for donations of gifts for Christmas, good quality Bric-a-brac, books (especially children's books), Toys & Games in good condition, Bottles, Tombola gifts, Christmas crafts/decorations, Raffle Prizes, Cakes, but no jumble please. These can be brought to the church during the week before the Fair. Any help with setting up in the morning and manning stalls in the afternoon would be very gratefully received. Other ideas for stalls, games, activities are also very welcome. If you would like to sign up to help on a stall, there is a list in the Parish Room, or contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847 to volunteer to help and if you have a good idea for a game/activity/stall

Belmont Education Days – volunteers needed: we are seeking volunteers to join the team to assist with visits by primary and secondary school children to Belmont Abbey. These normally take place on Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All days commence with tours of the grounds and Abbey Church and continue with activities based on monastic life selected by the schools, for example, brass rubbing. We offer days with the themes of History, Art or RE. Do come along and join us on a visit to find out more. If you are interested, please contact Marie Williams on (01432) 275509 or Brenda Warde (01432) 760601 or email [bmwarde@aol.com](mailto:bmwarde@aol.com)

Hereford Food Bank: we plan to carry out food collections at the two Tesco stores in Hereford on 29 and 30 November and 1 December. If you are able to help for an hour or so on any of these days please contact the Food Bank on 01432 353347 or Phil King on 01432 276365. Demand has increased by 37% since the beginning of 2013; the Food Bank helped 148 people in October, including 37 children. Thank you

Missio boxes: the total banked this time round came to **£635.96**. Thank you

Hereford Deanery Confirmation Course 2014: this is open to baptised Catholics in Yr 9 and above. If you wish to attend the course and to receive Confirmation next summer please speak to Fr Cenydd. There will be an introductory meeting for candidates and their parents on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Parish Room. The first preparation session, which is for candidates from all the Hereford parishes, will be on the weekend of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> (evening), Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at Our Lady's Parish Hall. Further details of this first session and the dates and details of visits & other preparation sessions will be available on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the course for this year will be £30, which is to cover a few of the costs of the course. If any parent would have difficulty meeting this payment, please speak to Fr Cenydd

# Thirty Third Week of Ordinary Time

## Psalter: Week I

Today:

9:30 am Harry Carroll  
11:30 am Mulloy/Hornby deceased  
6:30 pm

Monday 18 November 9:30 am Mass – Kathleen Lambert  
*Feria*

Tuesday 19 November 7:00 pm Mass – November Lists  
*Feria*

Wednesday 20 November 9:30 am Mass – Rose Pick  
*Feria*

Thursday, 21 November 9:30 am Mass – David Thomas  
*Presentation of the BVM*

Friday, 22 November 7:00 pm Mass – Jim & Sue Smith  
*St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr*

Saturday, 23 November 9:30 am Confessions  
*St Columban, Abbot* 10:30 am Mass – David Thomas

Sunday, 24 November (Solemnity of Christ the King)

9:30 am Mieczysław Wojtczak  
11:30 am Intentions of Ruth Palmer  
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison

### Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Karen Royer, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Katie Balnaves, 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, Ian O'Donahue, Dr Mike O'Kane, Simon Williams and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially David Thomas

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of November, including: Joan Delaney, Amelia Perry, Cecil Evans, Moira Kelleher, Catherine Taylor, Rose Rivers, Terence Davies, Phyllis Jones, Edward Keogh, John Faraday, Bridget Mullens, Mary Matthews, Albert Williams, Ivor Brace, John Frayne, Timothy Langley, John Doherty, Rose Pick, Anthony Keogh, Harold Carroll, Timothy Dillon and Corrine Wiles

The priest was preparing a dying man for his voyage into the great beyond. Whispering firmly, the priest said, "Denounce the devil! Let him know how little you think of his evil!" The dying man said nothing. The priest repeated his order. Still the dying man said nothing. The priest asked, "Why do you refuse to denounce the devil and his evil?" The dying man said, "Until I know where I'm heading, I don't think I ought to aggravate anybody."

Satan challenged Heaven to a game of cricket. "But we've got all the cricketers," said St Peter. "Yes. But we've got all the umpires!" exclaimed the Devil.

### Rota Schedule for 22 to 28 November 2013

**Flower Arrangers:** No flowers during Advent

**Cleaners:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell

6:30pm Volunteers

### Readers:

9:30am T Bray

11:30am V Thomas

6:30pm R Maloney

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am P King, C Sharland, (A Hepworth)

11:30pm C Mulloy, F Davies, H Meenaghan

6:30pm R Jones, A Staton, G McAleer

**Altar Linen:** A Whitehead

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 24 listopada godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November came £388.35 - thank you

