

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 August 2013

Entrance: *Turn your eyes, O God our shield, and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere*

Responsorial psalm: *Lord, come to my aid!*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

Communion: *With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption*

Some words from a monastery

What I would like to point out and emphasize this evening is that living the monastic life is an act of faith. The search for God is an act of faith. I go back to those words I quoted in my homily last Sunday from Hebrews 11, "*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*" When we accept the call from God to enter a monastery, we step out in faith, in the hope that the call is real and that, if it is, then that we will be able to respond fully to what God is asking us to do. Only faith can bring us to a monastery and only faith can keep us in the monastery, especially when the going gets hard and you have to hold on for dear life. Now the Devil plays an important part in our monastic formation and, indeed, throughout our monastic life. He is constantly on the lookout to see how he can trick us into thinking that we have made a mistake, that this is not really our vocation, that we would be better off spiritually and much happier if we were somewhere else. As at times it is difficult to pray, he will try to convince us that our prayer is a sham or even make-believe, that we are not getting anywhere, and he might even tempt us into thinking that God does not exist, so the search for him in the monastic life is a waste of time, especially when we could be doing useful work somewhere else. There are times when we find community life heavy-going or someone in particular gets on our nerves. This is quite normal in any household, as you know. At moments such as these, the Devil might suggest that we have a calling to the eremitical life or even to marriage. He knows how tempted we are by the thought that the grass is greener on the other side. However, for St Benedict, it is perseverance and patience in all circumstances that are the great monastic virtues, together with a calm and tranquil spirit that helps us keep focussed on God and on our daily search for him in personal or mental prayer, in lectio, in the liturgy, in our work and in the joys of life in common, the coenobitic life. This, of course, is where faith comes in, "*the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*" Faith in Jesus Christ, who conquered sin and death and rose from the dead, assures us that we, too, will die to sin and death and rise to new life, through God's grace and loving forgiveness, made manifest in Christ and through the Spirit. This new life is not something we have to wait for until after death: it can be claimed and lived now, even as we struggle with God's help to free ourselves from the snares of sin. The essence of Christian life, and therefore monastic life, is to live in hope and to keep on hoping no matter how bleak things may at times appear. Things are always much better than they seem, because we see them through the eyes of fallen man, but God sees them as Creator, Saviour and Sanctifier. We see in the cloud, whereas God is pure, uncreated Light. So we have to trust in him, hope in him and have faith in him. "*You are the source of life and in your light we see light.*" (Taken from a conference to monastic novices, it can easily be applied to any Christian's life)



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 16 were 28, 38, 49, 9, 1, 11, 12, 19, 8, & 29 – no winner

Prize money for week 17 is £380.00 and eleven numbers to be drawn

Second collection: is for parish use

Annual pilgrimage: to the grave of St. John Kemble takes place today, 18th August, at 3:00pm at Welsh Newton churchyard. *"According to the course of nature, I have but a few years to live. It will be an advantage to suffer for my religion and, therefore, I will not abscond."*

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

Holy People, Sacred Places: Aidan, Cuthbert, Bede, Hilda, names that echo through history. Dom Andrew Berry reflects on the great northern saints and the places that inspired them. The day will include Mass. For lunch, bring sandwiches. Tea/coffee will be provided; £8 suggested offering. Belmont Abbey, Saturday 24th August 10.00am - 4.00pm

Annual pilgrimage in honour of St David Lewis: will take place on Sunday 25th August. 3:00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St Francis Xavier and St David Lewis church, Porth-y-Carne Street, Usk. Following Benediction, pilgrims will process from the church to the grave of St David Lewis in the churchyard of St Mary's Priory Church, Usk

Image and Icon – the beauty of faith: a retreat at Belmont Abbey, August 30 - Sep 1. "Love enters into the heart through the eyes" wrote Michelangelo. We reflect on how iconographers and artists, East & West, make us eyewitnesses to the deep mysteries of faith. Dom Brendan Thomas & Dom Alex Echeandía Loro

Tintern Abbey Vespers: this annual event will take place on Sunday 8th September at 3pm. The preacher will be the local Anglican incumbent, Revd Nora Hill, Associate Priest of Llandogo and Tintern Parva

Bereavement support training: the Archdiocesan Family Life Commission is offering a series of training sessions entitled 'Befriending the bereaved' to be held at St. David's RC Primary School, Park Crescent, Newport, NP20 3AQ, from 7 to 9.15pm on Tuesdays, September 10th, 17th, 24th, October 1st and 8th. For more information or to book a place contact Ansti Corellis, on 029 20486995 or e-mail anstic2002@yahoo.co.uk

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'

Wanted urgently: back numbers of Far East Magazine (Columbans); contact Jim on 07972893061

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: the pilgrims will be departing from Our Lady's next Saturday morning, after a 7:00am Mass. Fr Cenydd's Mass intentions while in Lourdes are: Saturday, 24th, *the Sick*; Sunday, 25th, *Dorothy Rohdes*; Monday, 26th *Kerry Niblett*; Tuesday, 27th *William Johns*; Tuesday, 28th *Amelia Smith*; Thursday 29th *Constantine family*; Friday, 30th *Johns family*; Saturday 31st *Angela Smith*. Next Sunday Fr Roman will celebrate the 9:30am Mass, Fr Andrew Berry OSB the 11:30am Mass. If you have intentions you wish taken to the Grotto please pass them to a pilgrim, (including Fr Cenydd), by Friday. Weekday Masses continue as normal in the parish – please see Fr Roman if you wish one offered for your intention while Fr Cenydd is away. There will be no Confessions or Exposition for the next two Saturdays, but Mass will be at 10:30 am as normal.

Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week IV

Today:

9:30 am Edward Dzierza
11:30 am John Farren
6:30 pm

Monday 19 August 9:30 am Mass –
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Tuesday 20 August 7:00 pm Mass – Pauline Thomson
St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Wednesday 21 August 9:30 am Mass – Special Int (AR)
St Pius X, Pope

Thursday, 22 August 9:30 am Mass – Edward Dzierza
Queenship of the BVM

Friday, 23 August 7:00 pm Mass –
St John Kemble, Priest & Martyr

Saturday, 24 August 10:30 am Mass –
St Bartholomew, Apostle

Sunday, 25 August (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am
11:30 am
6:30 pm Celebrated by

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, Leo Hornby, 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 and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Pauline Thompson, Kerry Niblett, Susan Doherty, Angela Smith, Margaret Heathcote and Wander Glover

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 and Bridget Kinsella

I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century," she said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad." I can tell you this.....that fly never knew what hit him.

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

Rota Schedule for 23 to 29 August 2013

Flower Arrangers: S West & A Rollings

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am Volunteers

11:30am Volunteers

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am S West

11:30am M Langley

6:30pm G McAleer

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland, F Keogh, (P King)

11:30pm E Cotterell, F Davies, H Meenaghan

6:30pm M Langford, A Staton, G McAleer

Altar Linen: C Simons

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 25 sierpnia godz 16:00

Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 11 August to £482.79 - thank you

