



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- year cycle B – 18 January 2015

**Entrance:** *All the earth shall bow down before you, O God and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name Most High*

**Responsorial psalm:** *Here I am Lord, I come to do your will*

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

**Communion:** *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*



### **PARISH PRAYER**

**God our Father, pour forth your spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*Part of Pope Francis' Address to the Interreligious and Ecumenical Gathering in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015:*

Dear Friends,

I am grateful for the opportunity to take part in this meeting which brings together, among others, the four largest religious communities integral to the life of Sri Lanka: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity. I thank you for your presence and for your warm welcome. I also thank those who have offered prayers and blessings. It is a grace to be with all of you, men and women of these great religious traditions, who share with us a desire for wisdom, truth and holiness.

At the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church declared her deep and abiding respect for other religions. She stated that she "rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions. She has a high regard for their manner of life and conduct, their precepts and doctrines". For my part, I wish to reaffirm the Church's sincere respect for you, your traditions and beliefs. It is in this spirit of respect that the Catholic Church desires to cooperate with you, and with all people of good will, in seeking the welfare of all Sri Lankans. I hope that my visit will help to encourage and deepen interreligious and ecumenical cooperation.

Such positive developments in interreligious and ecumenical relations take on a particular significance and urgency in Sri Lanka. For too many years the men and women of this country have been victims of civil strife and violence. What is needed now is healing and unity, not further conflict and division. Surely the fostering of healing and unity is a noble task which is incumbent upon all who have at heart the good of the nation, and indeed the whole human family. It is my hope that interreligious and ecumenical cooperation will demonstrate that men and women do not have to forsake their identity, whether ethnic or religious, in order to live in harmony with their brothers and sisters. How many ways there are for the followers of the different religions to carry out this service! How many are the needs that must be tended to with the healing balm of fraternal solidarity! I think in particular of the material and spiritual needs of the poor, the destitute, those who yearn for a word of consolation and hope. Here I think too of the many families who continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Above all, at this moment of your nation's history, how many people of good will are seeking to rebuild the moral foundations of society as a whole? May the growing spirit of cooperation between the leaders of the various religious communities find expression in a commitment to put reconciliation among all Sri Lankans at the heart of every effort to renew society and its institutions.

For the sake of peace, religious beliefs must never be allowed to be abused in the cause of violence and war. We must be clear and unequivocal in challenging our communities to live fully the tenets of peace and coexistence found in each religion, and to denounce acts of violence when they are committed.

## 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 18 were 42, 29, 19, 12, 3 & 43**

**No winner**

**Prize money for week 19 is £575.00, and six numbers to be drawn**

**Get your Tote Tickets on Sale after all masses**

No Second Collection today

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary afterward

### **CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**

Choral vespers for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff, Today Sunday January 18th at 3pm. Guest speaker: Rev. Eden Fletcher, Methodist Superintendent Minister. This is followed by refreshments. All welcome to this ecumenical service.

This Sunday is the beginning of Churches Together week of prayer for Christian Unity.  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January St John's Methodist Church- Tea at 4pm followed by worship at 5pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January Hereford Cathedral - 1pm followed by soup and a roll

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January Eign Brook URC – 1pm followed by refreshments

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January St John's Methodist Church – 1pm followed by refreshments

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Friends Meeting House – 12.30pm then hot drink 'bring and share lunch'

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January All Saints Church - 1pm followed by refreshments

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January St Peters Church - 1pm followed by refreshments

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January St Francis Xavier Church at the shrine of St John Kemble 11.30am – 12noon  
(sorry we have no Kitchen facilities at the moment)

**Funeral Arrangements** The requiem of Przemyslaw Grzybowski will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10.30am followed by internment at Hereford Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

**Archbishop George** will conduct the Requiem Mass of Sr Veronica which will take place at the Poor Clares convent on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon

**Our Lady's Primary School** The Archbishop will perform the Blessing of the extension that has been carried out at the school.

Congratulations to Father Andrew on passing his driving test

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's almost three weeks now since Fr Cenydd left Our Lady's for St Begh's, Whitehaven, Cumbria. Some of you might have received news of him and he certainly seems to know what's happening here in Hereford. It's good to know that he's settling in well up north, where stormy weather and a glut of funerals have welcomed him. Even on his birthday, there were funerals on the agenda, though he was made a lovely cake by Maud, the parish secretary. Obviously Fr Andrew and I are only here to fill in until Fr Matthew arrives, so we hope you'll forgive us if nothing new or exciting happens while we're in post. It is, however, a wonderful opportunity for you, the parishioners, to participate more fully in the running of the parish and in its pastoral outreach. One of the difficulties we're having is getting to Our Lady's on a weekday morning for Mass at 9.30, so from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Morning Mass on weekdays will be at 10am. On Saturdays, Confessions will be from 10 to 11 and Mass will begin at 11 o'clock. During Confessions there will be Adoration, finishing with Benediction at 10.55. We apologise for any inconvenience.

With every prayer and blessing,

Fr Paul

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Psalter week II

### Today:

9:30 am	John Farren
11:30 am	Maria Mears
6:30 pm	Shirley Walters RIP

Monday 19 January 9:30 am Mass – Sarah & Richard Bellamy  
St Wulstan Int

Tuesday 20 January 7:00 pm Mass – Holy Souls  
St Fabian

Wednesday, 21 January 9:30 am Mass – Emma & Jamie Bellamy  
St Agnes Int

Thursday, 22 January 9.30am Mass – Heaath & Jim Butt Int  
St Vincent

Friday 23 January 7..00pm Mass – Brenda Bailey RIP  
St Cadoc

Saturday, 24 January 9:30 am Confessions  
St Francis de Salles 10.30am Mass – Zuchal Bellamy & Family  
Int

Sunday, 25 January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time)  
9:30 am Alfred & Catherine Cummings  
11:30 am  
6:30 pm Fr Andrew Berry

### Rota Schedule for 19 to 25 January 2015

**Flower Arrangers:** L Scanlon H Meenaghan

**Cleaners:** Volunteers

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

11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell

6:30pm Volunteers

### Readers:

9:30am R Mears

11:30am M Brown

6:30pm J Winter

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland T Bray D Lissaman

11:30pm F Davies A Staton J Meenaghan

6:30pm R Jones

**Altar Linen:** A Hepworth

**Counting** P Bennett J Winter R Maloney

### Polish Information:

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

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 28 December raised **£402.56**  
thank you

**SPUC collection £231.90**

### Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Anne Jenkins, Michael Morris, Phil Thompson, Chris Burns Rita O'Leary and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Fr. Donal Gillespie, Fr. Laurence Beer OSB, Monica Thompson and Helena Grabowska Prezmyslav Grzybowski Sr Veronica

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of January, including: Lillian Orchard, Walter Jennings, Kathleen Jones, Kathleen Shawcross, Marjorie Sullivan, Ellen Willis, Elizabeth Farley, Ernest Cooper, Patrick Taylor, Margaret Ryan, Jamie McGoran, Winifred Brennan, Catherine Ross, Syd Swann, Eileen Harris, Patrick Lynch, Denise McQuaid, Ronald, O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Raymond Watkins, Leslie Foulkes, Celia Methven, Reginald Sly, Shirley Walters, Irene Brennan, Jean Chappell, Angelo Moruzzi, Raymond Breeze, Amelia Smith, Jerzy Schmidt, Michał Piwień, Baden Powell, Francis Seymour, Eileen Scott, William Graham, James Jones, Louise Champion and Margaret Dean, Simon Williams

A Pious man who had reached the age of 105 suddenly stopped going to Mass, Alarmed by the fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance the priest went to see him. He found him in excellent health so he asked why he had not been to mass after so many years. The old man lowered his voice and whispered I got to 90 and expected God to take me any day, then 100, then 105. So I figured that God is very busy and must have forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind him.

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey