



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- year cycle B – 1 February 2015**

**Entrance:** *Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.*

**Responsorial psalm:** *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia*

**Communion:** *Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love, O Lord let me never be put to shame, for I call on you*



#### **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.**

**Please remember that from tomorrow Morning Mass on Weekdays will be at 10am and that on Saturdays Confessions will be from 10am to 11am, with Adoration and Benediction, and Mass will be at 11am.**

Tomorrow is the Feast of Candlemas, one of the important feasts that is shared by both Jesus and Mary. Traditionally, candles have always been blessed as the beginning of Mass for use in church throughout the year. It is also the last and fortieth day of Christmas. In many parts of Europe Cribs and decorations are only taken down on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Although in the West it has always been known as the Feast of the Purification of Our Lady and the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, in the Eastern Church it is known as the Feast of Meeting or Encounter, for it celebrates the meeting of Simeon and Anna in the Temple with the Infant Jesus, who is accompanied by Mary his mother and her husband Joseph.

When Mary and Joseph come to fulfill the traditional rite of purification and presentation, something strange and unexpected happens. Simeon is prompted by the Spirit to come into the Temple. Taking the child in his arms, he blesses God and says, "My eyes have seen the salvation, which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel." In other words, Simeon recognises the infant Jesus, now cradled in his arms, to be the Messiah promised to Israel by the prophets long ago. Yet joy is tinged with pain, because this Messiah will save his people by dying on a Cross and shedding his blood to forgive their sins and reconcile them, Jew and Gentile alike. The child will become a sign of contradiction and a sword will pierce his mother's heart. Like Mary we have all experienced the pain of seeing a loved one suffer and die, and our pain is even greater, as we are helpless to alleviate their suffering and then we are left behind in this "Vale of tears".

The story does not finish there. Anna, an old prophetess who haunts the Temple, as old women often do, comes by at that very moment and begins praising God and speaking of the child as the future liberator of Jerusalem. What a day that must have been for Mary and Joseph. We wonder what did they make of it all? We will never know. What we do know is what Simeon and Anna made of it, for they fearlessly bear witness that this child and no other is Christ the Saviour. In the infant Jesus they encounter the Source of life, they see the Light of the world and they experience the presence of God. Unlike the shepherds, to whom choirs of angels announced the Saviour's birth, and unlike the Magi, whom a star guided to the manger, this time there are no heavenly visions, no angel voices, just the Child himself to enlighten them and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

## 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 19 were 48 17 19 32 15 33**

**No winner**

**Prize money for week 21 is £625.00, and six numbers to be drawn**

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

Second Collection Catholic Education Service

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

### **Pilgrimage to France 25-29 May**

Pilgrimage plans are going well. There will be a meeting to sort out final details and have a social get together on Friday 17th April in the Annexe at SFX after the 6:30pm Mass. (Approx. 7:10). In the meantime could everyone please send a cheque for their outstanding balance, payable to St. Francis Xavier's Church, to the SFX office. Cheques should arrive no later than Friday 20th March. Please mark the envelope "France Pilgrimage." The final total cost is £300 pp for adults and £150pp for children. (less deposit if paid)

Thank you. John and Mary Cook 850231

### **The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

The National Pilgrimage will be from 25<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August full details on the notice board at the back of church.

### **Marriage Encounter Weekend.**

Enrich your marriage with a weekend for married couples 27 February – 1<sup>st</sup> March

See notice at the back of church for further information.

### **Vacancy for Deputy Head**

St Helen's RC Primary School Caerphilly required from September 2015 (Salary Range L7-11)

For further details and application form contact Mrs Jayne McFarlane on 02920852532. Applications by noon 12 February

**Jumble Sale** Our next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, we will require helpers on Saturday and on Friday getting everything set. Please keep bringing your jumble we can store it. Also any religious items you no longer use, but do not wish to throw away, these can and will be sent to the missions so please bring them in.

**Ruth Baker**, a member of the Youth Team for the Diocese of Lancaster, is undertaking a sponsored walk next week as she heads home from Castlerigg in Cumbria via Hereford to her parents house in Ross-on-Wye in Monmouthshire. All monies that Ruth raises have been pledged to help with Aid to the Church in Need's work with persecuted Christians, especially those who will be without homes this Christmas. You can sponsor Ruth through: <https://www.justgiving.com/ruthiebakes/> Thank you very much for your help with this. Please feel free to get in touch if you require any further information. Dr. Caroline Hull, North West Manager, Aid to the Church in Need (UK)

### **Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society**

Richard Newton will speak on "The Third Marquis of Bute – The Catholic Convert" at 3pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at St Davids College Tygwyn Road Cardiff. Further information Tricia Coulthard 02920595899

**Tomorrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, is the Feast of Candlemas, also known as the Purification of Our Lady and the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. On the front page you can read more about this wonderful feast day. An extra reason for rejoicing is that tomorrow Br Augustine Primavesi will be making his First Profession at Belmont. If you are free at 11.30am, you are most welcome to take part in the Blessing of Candles, Procession and Profession Mass. We congratulate him and pray that eventually he will make his Solemn Profession and be ordained to the priesthood. Br Augustine hails from our parish of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny, where Fr Thomas Regan, your former Parish Priest and builder of this church, was Parish Priest for 13 years. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a young man from Our Lady's Parish were to offer himself to God as a monk and a priest? Think about it. Where do our priests come from?

God bless you all, Fr Paul

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Psalter week IV

Today:

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:30 pm

Monday 2 February 10.00 am Mass – *Thanksgiving for the safe birth of Sophie*  
*Presentation of the Lord*

Tuesday 3 February 7:00 pm Mass –  
*Feria*

Wednesday, 4 February 10.00 am Mass –  
*Feria* Int

Thursday, 5 February 10.00am Mass –Int  
*St Agatha*

Friday 6 February 7..00pm Mass –  
*St Paul Miki & Comp*

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 10.00-11.00 am *Adoration and Confessions*  
*Feria* 11.00am Mass –  
Int

Sunday, 8 February (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time)

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:30 pm

Fr Nicholas

*Rota Schedule for 2 February – 8 February 2015*

*Flower Arrangers:* L Bracewell

*Cleaners:* Manuel Paiva

*Ushers:* 9:30am A Rollings P King

11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell

6:30pm M Netting C Milsom

*Readers:*

9:30am C Thompson

11:30am G Markham

6:30pm M Netting

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

9:30am F Keogh R Jones D Lissaman

11:30pm K Davis C Mulloy H Meenaghan

6:30pm G McAleer

*Altar Linen:* J Callingham

*Counting* M Langley K Davies P Bennet

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 22 Lutego godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January raised **£510.61 inc**  
**£148.18 Church Decoration** thank you

### **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, Michael Morris Chris Burns Rita O'Leary and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, , Prezmyslav Grzybowski, Sister Veronica, Ann Jenkins

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of January, 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 John Hodgson, Jason Houten, Łukasz Maziarski Ivan Champion Ken Davies

Lost on a rainy night a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately he is just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he had ever had. After dinner he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers. "Hello I'm Brother Michael and this is Brother Francis" "I'm very pleased to meet you" said the priest "I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I had ever tasted out of curiosity who cooked what". Brother Michael replied "Well I'm the fish friar," Father turns to the other brother and says "then you must be ....." "yes I'm afraid I'm the chip monk...."

When God solves your problems, you have faith in his abilities, when God doesn't solve your problems He has faith in your abilities.