

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21 July 2013

Entrance: *See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good*

Responsorial psalm: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord*

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

Communion: *The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him*

Homily of Pope Francis to the gathered seminarians, Vatican Basilica; Sunday, 7 July 2013 (part two)

The second reference point of mission is the Cross of Christ. Saint Paul, writing to the Galatians, says: "*Far be it from me to glory except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*". And he speaks of the "*marks of Jesus*", that is, the wounds of the crucified Lord, as a countersign, as the distinctive mark of his life as an Apostle of the Gospel. In his ministry Paul experienced suffering, weakness and defeat, but also joy and consolation. This is the Paschal mystery of Jesus: the mystery of death and resurrection. And it was precisely by letting himself be conformed to the death of Jesus that Saint Paul became a sharer in his resurrection, in his victory. In the hour of darkness, in the hour of trial, the dawn of light and salvation is already present and operative. The Paschal mystery is the beating heart of the Church's mission! And if we remain within this mystery, we are sheltered both from a worldly and triumphalistic view of mission and from the discouragement that can result from trials and failures. Pastoral fruitfulness, the fruitfulness of the Gospel proclamation is measured neither by success nor by failure according to the criteria of human evaluation, but by becoming conformed to the logic of the Cross of Jesus, which is the logic of stepping outside oneself and spending oneself, the logic of love. It is the Cross – always the Cross that is present with Christ, because at times we are offered the Cross without Christ: this has not purpose! – it is the Cross, and always the Cross with Christ, which guarantees the fruitfulness of our mission. And it is from the Cross, the supreme act of mercy and love, that we are reborn as a "*new creation*". Finally the third element: prayer. In the Gospel we heard: "*Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, to send out labourers into his harvest*" (Lk 10:2). The labourers for the harvest are not chosen through advertising campaigns or appeals of service and generosity, but they are "*chosen*" and "*sent*" by God. It is he who chooses, it is he who sends, it is Lord who sends, it is he who gives the mission. For this, prayer is important. The Church, as Benedict XVI has often reiterated, is not ours, but God's; and how many times do we, consecrated men and women, think that the Church is ours! We make of it something that we invent in our minds. But it is not ours, it is God's. The field to be cultivated is his. The mission is grace. And if the Apostle is born of prayer, he finds in prayer the light and strength of his action. Our mission ceases to bear fruit, indeed, it is extinguished the moment the link with its source, with the Lord, is interrupted. Dear seminarians, dear novices, dear young people discerning your vocations. One of you, one of your formators, said to me the other days, "*evangelization is done on one's knees*". If we look towards Jesus, we see that prior to any important decision or event he recollected himself in intense and prolonged prayer. Let us cultivate the contemplative dimension, even amid the whirlwind of more urgent and heavy duties. And the more the mission calls you to go out to the margins of existence, let . . .

Dates for Your Diary

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

Tote numbers drawn for week 14 were 4, 16, 40, 30, 39, 32, 29 & 45 - no winners

Prize money for week 15 – £300.00 and nine numbers to be drawn

Second collection: none this week

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

Islam: what Catholics need to know: a talk by Fr Elias Mallon S.A., on Monday, 22 July at 1:15 pm at the Cornerstone, opposite St David's Cathedral, Cardiff – repeated at 6:00 pm. Fr Mallon, an expert on Islam, has worked at the United Nations and in the field of Interfaith dialogue

The Third Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage: will take place on Tuesday 30th July. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is Conversion, so please send names of friends and Family who's Conversion you would like us to pray for along the 27 mile walk; catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk Please see poster for details or visit www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk

Prayer Group: the next meeting will be Monday 5th August, 7pm, in the Lady Chapel. All welcome

Day Retreat at Belmont Abbey: 15th August 10am-4.00pm; a day of prayer and reflection on the greatest feast of the Virgin Mary, our 'Easter in August' that is our promise of the Resurrection and gives us hope. Cost: £15 includes Morning Coffee, 2 course Lunch, Afternoon Tea. Booking Essential: Tel 01432 374724

Youth 2000: is hosting the biggest annual Catholic Youth Event in the UK this year from the 22nd -26th of August, Kingdom Come @ Walsingham. This is an open invitation to join with over 1,000 young adults (16-30) at the national Roman Catholic Shrine in Walsingham, Norfolk, to experience the love and power of God. Get ready for a fresh experience of faith and friendship... Get ready for Kingdom Come @ Walsingham: Socialising, Adoration, Contemporary Worship, Engaging talks, Workshops, Sports and more, all in a festival atmosphere. This prayer festival is totally run on donations, so don't let money be a barrier between you and a great social and spiritual experience, accommodation and food are both totally free (just bring a sleeping bag). We are proud to be running a coach from South Wales to this event again this year, so if you want to book a seat, email us at: youth2000wales2walsingham@gmail.com. For further Information you can browse the official website: www.youth2000.org or find us on Facebook. Regards, Isaac Withers

Wanted: back numbers of Far East magazine, 2012 backwards – contact Jim on 07972893061

From a parishioner: "I want to stress to the parish how important prayer is for the sick and their carers. Maybe people think they have to say set formats for prayer - but God wants just to hear from our hearts - so just say what feels right. My husband knows people are praying for him and takes strength from it. He sends his thanks and gratitude. Please pray for the sick – it does make a real difference"

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. . . your heart be the more closely united to Christ's heart, full of mercy and love. Herein lies the secret of pastoral fruitfulness, of the fruitfulness of a disciple of the Lord! Jesus sends his followers out with no "*purse, no bag, no sandals*" (Lk 10:4). The spread of the Gospel is not guaranteed either by the number of persons, or by the prestige of the institution, or by the quantity of available resources. What counts is to be permeated by the love of Christ, to let oneself be led by the Holy Spirit and to graft one's own life onto the tree of life, which is the Lord's Cross.

Dear friends, with great confidence I entrust you to the intercession of Mary Most Holy. She is the Mother who helps us to take life decisions freely and without fear. May she help you to bear witness to the joy of God's consolation, without being afraid of joy, she will help you to conform yourselves to the logic of love of the Cross, to grow in ever deeper union with the Lord in prayer. Then your lives will be rich and fruitful! Amen.

Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week IV

9:30 am	
11:30 am	Gabriel Stach Intention
6:30 pm	
Monday 22 July	9:30 am Mass – Holy Souls
<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	
Tuesday 23 July	7:00 pm Mass –
<i>St Bridget of Sweden, Religious</i>	
Wednesday 24 July	9:30 am Mass –
<i>Feria</i>	
Thursday, 25 July	9:30 am Mass – Cn James Morrissey
<i>St James, Apostle</i>	
Friday, 26 July	7:00 pm Mass – Pat King
<i>Ss Joachim & Anne, parents of the BVM</i>	
Saturday, 27 July	9:30 am Confessions
<i>Votive Mass of the BVM</i>	10:30 am Mass – John Farren
Sunday, 28 July (17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	
9:30 am	Dorothy Rohdes
11:30 am	
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Michael Evans</i>

Rota Schedule for 26 July to 1 August 2013

Flower Arrangers:	R Jones & T Forder
Cleaners:	Volunteers
Ushers:	9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland
	11:30am D Schofield & C Balestra
	6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting
Readers:	9:30am T Bray
	11:30am J Meenaghan
	6:30pm V Woods
Eucharistic Ministers:	
	9:30am F Keogh, L Johnson, (A Hepworth)
	11:30pm C Cotterell, J McGowan, H Meenaghan
	6:30pm C Milsom, M Langford, A Staton
Altar Linen:	B Spanjers

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 28 lipca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 14 July came to **£345.67** – thank you

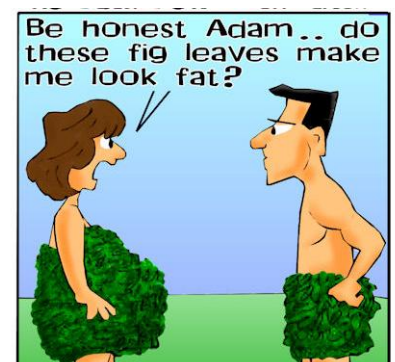
Please pray for:

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, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Angela Smith, Chris Turville, Jason Houten, Barbara Hampton, 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, Margaret Heathcote, Pauline Thompson, Kath Parry and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Rose Chipp, Barbara Staley, Bill Griffin, Dorothy Rohde, Canon James Morrissey, Audrey Pearce and Jean-Paul Morris

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of July, including: Margaret Town, Bruno Kavaliauskas, Kenneth Nicholas, Jeremiah Scully, Joseph Shawcross, Ellen Devereux, Francis Worsley, Philip Barnacle, Veronica Porter, Thomas Hurley, Ada Tipping, Marion Lewandowski, Francis Heavey, Adelaide Weekes, Veronica Robinson, Thomas Joseph Supple, Helen Banas, Pat King, Kathleen Scriven, Jadwiga Pawlowicz, Dennis Knowles, Jim Greenaway, John Connell, Paula Jenkins and Alan Panario

An elderly woman is being examined by a young intern doctor. After about four minutes in, she bursts out of the examination room, arms flailing, and yelling. Spotting an older resident doctor, she tells him what happened. The doctor angrily marches down the hallway toward his younger colleague. "What in the world is the matter with you?" he asks. "That woman is 68 years old. Why would you tell her she's pregnant?" "Does she still have the hiccups?" asks the young doctor.



Why are there no aspirins in the jungle? Because the Parots-ate-em-all