



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 21 September 2014

Entrance: *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever*

Responsorial psalm: *The Lord is close to all who call him*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!*

Communion: *You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes*

'Charity begins at home' they say. So does evangelisation. As Baptised Christians we evangelise best by our witness in our daily lives: generously helping someone in need, for example, or not drinking alcohol in Lent when you go out with workmates to the pub on a Friday, or a teenager having the courage to come to Mass on a Sunday despite his or her friends' mockery. To do this we have to renew our own conversion constantly. As Pope Francis says, "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk" (Evangelii Gaudium 3). So take some time to reflect on your relationship with Christ. Do you devote time to prayer? Is your lifestyle "worthy of the Gospel of Christ" (Second Reading)? Do you witness daily to Christ, in big things or in small things? Secondly, we need to reflect on our family life. We would all agree with Pope Francis that "the family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis" (EG 66). Every Christian family should try to follow two models: the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and the Holy Trinity. The Holy Family had its difficulties but despite them Mary, Joseph and Jesus loved one another and each tried to follow God's will for them. The Holy Trinity is three persons, bound together in love, and this same unity in love should be displayed at the heart of the Christian family. So, parents: how do you pass on the faith to your children, and are you transmitting God's values to them? Children: what do you do to help, not obstruct, family life? What can you do to make the world a better place? Everyone: how can we overcome our difficulties, and show love and joy? As members of a family we evangelise best by our witness in our daily lives: coming to Mass every Sunday as a family, praying together as a family, working together as a family, like the workers in the parable, for the kingdom of God. Thirdly, we need to reflect on the life of the family which is our parish. "The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers" (EG 28). As a parish we evangelise best by our witness in our daily lives; above all, is this parish as welcoming as the landowner in the parable? And if the parish were to suddenly disappear, would the local community notice? Fourthly, we are called to reach out to "the baptised whose lives do not reflect the demands of Baptism, who lack a meaningful relationship to the Church and no longer experience the consolation born of faith" (EG 15). "Many children and young people today will never see their parents receive the sacraments," we are reminded in the preparatory document for the forthcoming Synod on the Family in Rome. Again, we evangelise best by our witness in our daily lives. Instead of being judgemental like the grumblers in the parable, we do better to try to find out why they are not participating in the community of faith, to find ways of attracting them back, and to be welcoming when they return. Reaching out to members absent from the heart of the parish family is a key focus of this Home Mission Sunday.

Dates for Your Diary

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

The numbers drawn yesterday for the tote week 1 were 36, 35, 32 & 10

No winner

Prize money for week 2 £225.00

Home Mission Sunday: supporting outreach to non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics; this year's theme is Evangelisation 'in the heart of the family'. Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who currently is distant from the family of the faith - the parish community; today the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation. Please pray for and help the Bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics. For more information, free resources and to donate online: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14 #hms14 Thank you for your support and do pick up a free prayer and information card about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church

Second collection: is for the work of Close House, and Mr. Ben Lea, (Close House Manager), will speak at the end of the morning Masses

Pilgrimage to France: the initial meeting for those interested is tomorrow, Monday 22nd September at 7:00pm in our parish rooms. The pilgrimage will include visits to Lisieux, Chartres Cathedral, Notre Dame Cathedral and Rue du Bac, Paris, the Mother House of the Daughters of Charity (with their great connection with Hereford's parishes and schools). The meeting will include a presentation on all aspects of the trip. Spaces are limited, bookings taken on the night with a £30 deposit - great value, so don't miss out!

Tuesday Devotions: Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Hereford Catholic History Society: the next meeting of the HCHS will be on Wednesday 24th September in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey at 2.30 p.m. when Lynne Surtees will speak on "Blessed Roger Cadwallador: the Commotion at Allensmore", an extract from her book on the 17th century martyr from Stretton Sugwas. Visitors welcome. Further information from bmwarde@aol.com or 01432 760601

Bible Study: on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the parish house. All welcome; we are currently on the Book of Ruth

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Head Teacher: applications are invited for this post in Worcester on a salary of L15-L21. This is an exciting time to join and lead St Joseph's as it expands to a two form entry over the next 5 years. Closing date: 12 noon on 3rd October. Recruitment pack from Mrs Kim Hunt, office@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk

From the Primary School Admissions Officer (Reception Intake): Normally around this time of year we send packs out to all known 3 year old due to commence reception the following academic year. This year we are doing things differently. We will not be sending packs out but will be encouraging applicants to apply online instead. We have advertised this facility on the Nursery Education Funding forms, in the local press (Hereford Times issued on the 11th September), on the Council's website and also on the Council Facebook and Twitter pages. We will also be sending information to all pre-school/nursery settings and will circulate posters (once they have been approved and printed) to all schools, local doctors surgeries, dentists, family centres, libraries, info centres and Health Visitors. We would also appreciate it if you could spread the word, if at all possible, by mentioning it on your website or in your next news letter (this will then target all those with siblings already at the school and hopefully current parents will spread the word to others they know). If any parents do not have access to the internet they may phone our office to request a paper copy. The closing date for applications is the January 15th 2015 and the offer date will be the 16th April 2015

Red Missio boxes: please bring in your red Missio collection boxes for counting, as the third quarter of the year has been reached. Deliver to the sacristy before Mass or hand to Peter or Mary Leach – thank you

Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter week I

Today:

9:30 am
11:30 am Special Intention (HM)
6:30 pm

Monday 22 September 9:30am Mass – Charles Hall
Feria

Tuesday 23 September 7:00pm Mass – Fr Benjamin Busko
St Pius of Pietreicina, Priest

Wednesday, 24 September 9:30am Mass – Margaret Diggins
Our Lady of Walsingham

Thursday, 25 September 9:30am Mass –
Votive Mass of the Holy Face of Jesus

Friday, 26 September 7:00pm Mass – Parish sick
Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Saturday, 27 September 9:30am Confessions
St Vincent de Paul, Priest 10:30am Mass – Persecuted faithful

Sunday, 28 September (Twenty Sixth in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Patrick Bulejko
11:30 am Deceased of the Christopher family
6:30 pm *Fr Cenydd Marrison*

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, Bernie Carroll, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Tony Constantine

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of September, including: Rose Brooks, Charles Brooks, Edward Scriven, Megan Hughes, Rose Rivers, John Jenkins, Rosarie May, William Strickland, Veronica Hill, Teofil Janowski, Patrick Donovan, Magdalene Brown, John Frayne, Elizabeth McEwan, Ruth Marston, Gladys Wood, Sheila Fleming, Patricia Gurney, Marie Brazuk, Elsie Adams, Miroslaw Staszowski and Margaret Buckeridge

'I have an obsession with wind farms.'
'Really?'
'Yes. I'm a huge fan.'

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffest,
Eating her curds and whey,
Along came a spider,
And sat down beside her,
And it was one of those tropical spiders that you rarely see on these shores because of our inclement weather but one that we'll probably see a lot more of due to the continual climate change.

Rota Schedule for 26 September to 2 October 2014

Flower Arrangers: A Rollings & S West
Cleaners: Wagner family
Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings & E Pawlowicz
11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield
6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting

Readers:
9:30am T Bray
11:30am J Meenaghan
6:30pm M Woolaway

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock, S Thompson, F Keogh
11:30pm C Balestra, F Davies, J McGowan
6:30pm G McAleer

Altar Linen: B Spanjer

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 7th September raised **£642.01**
The collection on Sunday, 14th September raised **£518.49**

