

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22 September 2013

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: *Praise the Lord, who raises the poor*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!*

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

Words of Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square, Saturday, 7 September 2013 (part 2)

It is exactly in this chaos that God asks man's conscience: "Where is Abel your brother?" and Cain responds: "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9). We too are asked this question, it would be good for us to ask ourselves as well: Am I really my brother's keeper? Yes, you are your brother's keeper! To be human means to care for one another!



But when harmony is broken, a metamorphosis occurs: the brother who is to be cared for and loved becomes an adversary to fight, to kill. What violence occurs at that moment, how many conflicts, how many wars have marked our history! We need only look at the suffering of so many brothers and sisters. This is not a question of coincidence, but the truth: we bring about the rebirth of Cain in every act of violence and in every war. All of us! And even today we continue this history of conflict between brothers, even today we raise our hands against our brother. Even today, we let ourselves be guided by idols, by selfishness, by our own interests, and this attitude persists. We have perfected our weapons, our conscience has fallen asleep, and we have sharpened our ideas to justify ourselves. As if it were normal, we continue to sow destruction, pain, death! Violence and war lead only to death, they speak of death! Violence and war are the language of death! After the chaos of the flood, when it stopped raining, a rainbow appeared and the dove returned with an olive branch. Today, I think also of that olive tree which representatives of various religions planted in the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires in 2000, asking that there be no more chaos, asking that there be no more war, asking for peace.

3. And at this point I ask myself: Is it possible to walk the path of peace? Can we get out of this spiral of sorrow and death? Can we learn once again to walk and live in the ways of peace? Invoking the help of God, under the maternal gaze of the *Salus Populi Romani*, Queen of Peace, I say: Yes, it is possible for everyone! From every corner of the world tonight, I would like to hear us cry out: Yes, it is possible for everyone! Or even better, I would like for each one of us, from the least to the greatest, including those called to govern nations, to respond: Yes, we want it! My Christian faith urges me to look to the Cross. How I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the Cross if only for a moment! There, we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue, and peace is spoken. This evening, I ask the Lord that we Christians, and our brothers and sisters of other religions, and every man and woman of good will, cry out forcefully: violence and war are never the way to peace! Let everyone be moved to look into the depths of his or her conscience and listen to that word which says: (continued overleaf)

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 21 to be announced

Prize money for week 22 is to be announced

Second collection: not today

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

Morning tippie: after Mass on Saturday, 28th September, Dick and Celia Sharland invite you to the parish hall for a drink to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary. And we're not just talking tea or coffee!

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 If you would like make cakes for the cake stall these would be most gratefully received on the day

Bible Study: on Wednesday, 2nd October, 7:00pm in the parish house

Celebration of Sung Evensong: at 4:00pm on Sunday 6th October at Saint David's Cathedral, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF. The preacher will be the Right Reverend Monsignor Keith Newton P.A. of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Tea/Coffee will be available in the Cornerstone (opposite the Cathedral) after the service, with an opportunity to meet Monsignor Keith Newton. Further details from Dr. Miles Maylor on 02920 228947 or email revmem123@gmail.com

Jumble Sale: to be held on Saturday, 12th October; we need bric-a-brac, cakes, toys, good gifts etc. Helpers will be needed on Friday, 11th October between 9:00am and 12 noon to lay out the stalls, and between 9:00am on the Saturday until roughly 4:00pm. Many thanks

Telling the story: a Lourdes Pilgrimage diary has been added to the parish website – just type the following link into your computer: www.olqmhertford.org.uk/Lourdes.html

From a parishioner: I would like to thank all the wheelchair pushers who did such a wonderful job on our recent pilgrimage to Lourdes. If it hadn't been for them a few of us would not have been able to see so many wonderful places. Thanks again and God bless you all. *Rene Jones*

Prayer Group: in the September edition of "Catholic People" you will find a book review I have written about a booklet entitled "Baptism in the Spirit". You may be interested to know of a prayer service now taking place on Sunday evenings, 7.30 -9.30, in St. Brigid's parish, Crystal Glen, Cardiff. (Fr. Ambrose Walsh)

(continued from front page) Leave behind the self-interest that hardens your heart, overcome the indifference that makes your heart insensitive towards others, conquer your deadly (cont)reasoning, and open yourself to dialogue and reconciliation. Look upon your brother's sorrow – I think of the children: look upon these... look at the sorrow of your brother, stay your hand and do not add to it, rebuild the harmony that has been shattered; and all this achieved not by conflict but by encounter! May the noise of weapons cease! War always marks the failure of peace, it is always a defeat for humanity. Let the words of Pope Paul VI resound again: "No more one against the other, no more, never! ... war never again, never again war!" (Address to the United Nations, 1965). "Peace expresses itself only in peace, a peace which is not separate from the demands of justice but which is fostered by personal sacrifice, clemency, mercy and love" (World Day of Peace Message, 1975). Brothers and Sisters, forgiveness, dialogue, reconciliation – these are the words of peace, in beloved Syria, in the Middle East, in all the world! Let us pray this evening for reconciliation and peace, let us work for reconciliation and peace, and let us all become, in every place, men and women of reconciliation and peace! So may it be.

Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week I

Today:

9:30 am
11:30 am
6:30 pm

Monday 23 September 9:30 am Mass –
St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Tuesday 24 September 7:00 pm Mass –
Our Lady of Walsingham

Wednesday 25 September 9:30 am Mass –
Feria

Thursday, 26 September 9:30 am Mass –
Feria

Friday, 27 September 7:00 pm Mass –
St Vincent de Paul, Priest

Saturday, 28 September 9:30 am Confessions
St Wenceslaus, Martyr 10:30 am Mass – Thanksgiving

Sunday, 29 September (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Thanksgiving (BF)
11:30 am Mary & Charles Hall
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison

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, 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, Ian O'Donahue, Ann Griffin and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Noel Warde, Tom Sweeney, Margaret Buckridge, Doreen Wargen, Pat Somerset-Butler, Sebastian Wood, Miroslaw Staszkowski and Jean Kilby

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 and Elsie Adams

The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"

"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people." --
Colonel Gerald Wellman

Rota Schedule for 27 September to 3 October 2013

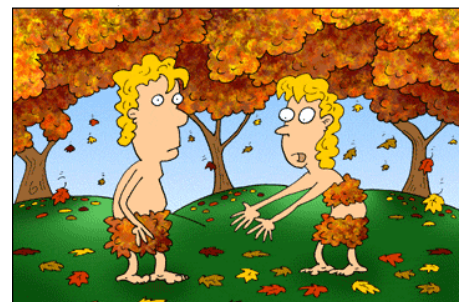
Flower Arrangers:	S West & A Rollings
Cleaners:	Volunteers
Ushers:	9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland
	11:30am J McGowan & C Balestra
	6:30pm R & R Seamarks
Readers:	
	9:30am T Bray
	11:30am H Meenaghan
	6:30pm M Woolaway
Eucharistic Ministers:	
	9:30am F Keogh, L Johnson, (P King)
	11:30pm C Mulloy, J Meenaghan, D Lissaman
	6:30pm G McAleer, A Staton, C Milsom
Altar Linen:	A Hepworth

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 15th September to be announced - thank you



Adam, pick up your clothes!