



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time – year cycle B – 23rd August

Entrance: *Turn your ear O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you my God. Have mercy on me O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.*

Responsorial psalm: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia: *Your words are spirit Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia*

Communion: *The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord: you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.*

Message from Fr. Matthew.

Thank you for your very kind and warm welcome to the parish last weekend, it was lovely to meet you all, to renew many old friendships and to meet so many new people. I have had a good week settling into the parish, and getting used to the routine here. Please do continue to keep me in your prayers. Could I once again ask that if any parishioners know of anyone who is sick, ill or housebound or in hospital to let me know, so that I can pay them a visit. Also if any parishioners who would just like me to pay them a home visit, again just let me know.

There will shortly be a meeting of the Parish Council, so if any parishioners have any ideas or suggestions about any part of our parish life, then please just let me know or any member of the parish council.

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist, interrupted last week by the Feast of the Assumption.

The 12 apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice -- either to believe and accept the new covenant He offers in His body and blood, or return to their former ways of life. Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the 12 tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem -- where God first appeared to their father Abraham, promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see [Genesis 12:1-9](#)). And he issues a blunt challenge -- either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist -- a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland, eternal life, and offered us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood we will have no life in us. It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life. We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed himself over for us, gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh. Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants

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 47 were 4, 7, 15, 16, 28, 29 & 31
No winner
Prize money for week 48 is £625.00, and seven numbers to be drawn**

Second Collection none today

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary after mass.

Confirmation Course at Our Lady's and St Francis Xavier's

There will be an introductory meeting for candidates and parents/guardians on Tuesday 15th September in the Parish Room. This year we are joining with SFX and we will be starting the Confirmation course with a retreat at Our Lady's in October on Sat 17th (5pm-9pm) & Sun 18th (9am-6pm). There will be catechesis sessions based on the "Transformed in Christ" course, activities, & visits and we will be meeting approximately every 3-4 weeks during term time. On 15th September we will be able to give you an outline of the course and dates for the sessions. There will be forms to fill in so it is very important that a parent/guardian accompanies each candidate to this meeting. As in previous year's there will be a charge of £30 which will go towards course materials. If anyone has a problem with paying this charge, please speak to Fran of Fr Mathew. The Confirmation is open to anyone in Year 9 and above (from Sept 2015). If you would like to know more before the 15th Sept, please contact Fran Keogh (email: fran.keogh1461@gmail.com)

Our Lady's School Crossing Patrol details.

This role will be term-time only and you must be available to work between 8.40am and 9.10am and again between 3.05pm and 3.35pm each day. Full training and uniform are provided. If you are interested in applying for this post please contact the School Administrators on 01432 274814 or email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk

School Places There are spaces in year 5 – children with birthdays between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 For the term beginning in September 2015

Dementia & Spirituality: Prayer Service with hymns and the Sacrament of the Sick for people with dementia and their carers on Thursday 27th August at 2:00pm to 3:30pm in Llantranam Abbey, Cwmbran, NP44 3YJ. Light refreshments provided. Let us come together and pray for & with all who experience the effects of Dementia.

Abbot Leonard It is with regret that Tess Forder feels she will not be able to run the Abbot Leonard club and will finish at Christmas. The club has been going since 1967, Tess has been the mainstay for a great many years. If anyone is willing and able to take over the reins please see Tess.

St Teresa of Avila An exhibition to celebrate the 500th anniversary has been touring England & Wales from the 27th August to 16th September, will be based at St David's Cathedral in Cardiff. We hope that as many people as possible will visit, and learn more about this wonderful Saint.

Hereford LIFE: there is to be an Extraordinary Meeting in the Annexe of SFX on Monday 24th August at 7 p.m. to review the closure of the shop and where we go from here. There is still a need for Hereford LIFE because abortion after a slight dip is on the rise again and the statistics of organisations like the Food Bank show that amongst those who seek help in Hereford, 20 out of 60 each month, are mothers who have chosen to keep their babies. The Assisted Dying bill is coming before Parliament this year and it will strike against some of the most vulnerable if it is passed. For the sake of the Common Good we need to support and protect the unborn and the dying, please come to the meeting where Margaret Coward, Operations Director of LIFE and Stephen Sharpe the CEO of LIFE will be speaking. Lynne Surtees.

Churches Together in Hereford, are holding a meeting here in the hall at Our Lady's on Wednesday the 16th September at 7 p.m. The subject is an important one - 'DEBT is there a way out?' our speakers will be Belle Goode from Christians against Poverty and Jan Jones from Money Box Credit Union. Please come if you can and persuade as many others as possible to come along. (See the poster in the narthex).

ACT –a call to action is an organisation that brings together clergy, religious and laity to discuss issues of common interest and concern. The next meeting of the Cardiff group of ACT is in the meeting room at the church of Our Lady of the Angels Oak Street, Cwmbran NP44 on Wednesday 16th September. Registration, tea/coffee at 7.00pm meeting at 7.30pm. Further information from Frank Callus of St Peter's parish. Email fbcallus@aol.com mobile 07956005459.

Advance notice The annual mass for altar servers, will be at St Patrick's Church Cromwell Road Newport Saturday 26th September 2015 at 11.00am. See notice in the narthex.

21st Sunday in ordinary time – year B

Psalter I

<i>Today:</i> 9:30 am 11:30 am 6:30 pm	<i>John Farren</i>	Rota Schedule for 24 August – 30 August 2015
<i>Monday 24 August</i> <i>St Bartholomew</i>	10.00 am Mass –	Flower Arrangers: Rene & Patrice
<i>Tuesday 25 August</i> <i>Feria</i>	7.00 am Mass –	Cleaners: Annie Zacharia
<i>Wednesday 26 August</i> <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass –	Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan, M Slane 11:30am J McGowan, J Kelly 6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seemarks
<i>Thursday, 27 August</i> <i>St Monica</i>	10.00am Mass –	Readers: 9:30am A Spanjers 11:30am J Meenaghan 6.30pm M Woolaway
<i>Friday 28 August</i> <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	7.00pm Mass –	Eucharistic Ministers: 9.30am J Winter, F Keogh, S Thompson 11.30am C Balestra, M Davies, E Cotterell 6.30pm C Milsom
<i>Saturday, 29 August</i> <i>The Passion of John the Baptist</i>	10.00 am- 11.00am Sacrament of reconciliation and Exposition 11.00am Mass –	Altar Linen: J Callingham Counting Richard & Bex
<i>Sunday 30 August</i> 9:30 am 11:30 am 6.30pm		Polish Information: Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 Sierpnia godz 16:00 Finance: Collection on Sunday 9 th August £349.12 includes 85.90 Gift aided 2 nd Collection Decoration £158.23 Thank you

Please pray for: The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna & John O'neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O'Leary Pat Spence, Joshua Isada Joan Berry Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book

The recently dead Chris Turville, Chris Burns also Deacon Phillip Gummet, whose funeral will be on 25th August, and Simon Peter Thomas whose funeral will be on Wednesday 16th September, and Teresa Jones an aunt of Father Matthew who died recently

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of August, including: Elizabeth Turner, Norman Michael, Neil Payne, Kathleen Jones, William Townsend, Ellen Parton, Tadeusz Radon, John Murray, Agnes Thomas, Monica Holt, John Nordell, Julianna Simon, June Szantay, Archibald Doherty, Ellen Gallagher, Francis Williams, Albert Kelly, Joseph Flanagan, Kathleen Morrell, Wilfred Jefferson, Mieczysław Wojtczak, Gary Bourne, Vera Taylor, Bridget Keenan, Michael Weaver, Wojciech Panek, Mary Norris, Agnieszka Wieclawek, Bridget Kinsella and Patricia Somerset-Butler

Please Pray for Emily Keogh and Elliot Goodwin as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage on 12th September

A Personnel Officer asked your engineer, fresh out of college “and what starting salary are you looking for?” The engineer replies “in the region of £125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package” The interviewer replies “well what would you say to a package of five weeks holiday, + Bank Holidays, private medical and dental insurance, and matching retirement fund of 50% of salary and a company car leased every 2 years, say a Mercedes?” The engineer sits up straight and says “Wow are you kidding?” The interviewer replies “yes but you started it”