



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King – 23 November 2014

Entrance: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever*

Responsorial psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!*

Communion: *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace*

To use the words of Our immortal predecessor, Pope Leo XIII: "His empire includes not only Catholic nations, not only baptized persons who, though of right belonging to the Church, have been led astray by error, or have been cut off from her by schism, but also all those who are outside the Christian faith; so that truly the whole of mankind is subject to the power of Jesus Christ." Nor is there any difference in this matter between the individual and the family or the State; for all men, whether collectively or individually, are under the dominion of Christ. In him is the salvation of the individual, in him is the salvation of society. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved." He is the author of happiness and true prosperity for every man and for every nation. "For a nation is happy when its citizens are happy. What else is a nation but a number of men living in concord?" If, therefore, the rulers of nations wish to preserve their authority, to promote and increase the prosperity of their countries, they will not neglect the public duty of reverence and obedience to the rule of Christ. What We said at the beginning of Our Pontificate concerning the decline of public authority, and the lack of respect for the same, is equally true at the present day. "With God and Jesus Christ," we said, "excluded from political life, with authority derived not from God but from man, the very basis of that authority has been taken away, because the chief reason of the distinction between ruler and subject has been eliminated. The result is that human society is tottering to its fall, because it has no longer a secure and solid foundation." When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience. It is for this reason that St. Paul, while bidding wives revere Christ in their husbands, and slaves respect Christ in their masters, warns them to give obedience to them not as men, but as the vicegerents of Christ; for it is not meet that men redeemed by Christ should serve their fellow-men. "You are bought with a price; be not made the bond-slaves of men." If princes and magistrates duly elected are filled with the persuasion that they rule, not by their own right, but by the mandate and in the place of the Divine King, they will exercise their authority piously and wisely, and they will make laws and administer them, having in view the common good and also the human dignity of their subjects. The result will be a stable peace and tranquillity, for there will be no longer any cause of discontent. Men will see in their king or in their rulers men like themselves, perhaps unworthy or open to criticism, but they will not on that account refuse obedience if they see reflected in them the authority of Christ God and Man. Peace and harmony, too, will result; for with the spread and the universal extent of the kingdom of Christ men will become more and more conscious of the link that binds them together, and thus many conflicts will be either prevented entirely or at least their bitterness will be diminished. (Taken from *Quas Primas*, the encyclical letter of Pope Pius XI, 1925)



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 10 were 05, 08, 12, 32, 45
No winner
Prize money for week 11 is £450.00, and five numbers drawn

Second collection: there isn't one this week

Keeping the Parish Alive: if you are interested in helping with the many duties that will need to be done when Fr. Cenydd leaves us, please come to a meeting in the house today, starting around 10.45 a.m.

Funeral Arrangements: the funeral Mass of Mrs Monica Thompson will be celebrated at 11:30 am on Monday, 24th November. Please remember Monica and her family in your prayers. *Requiescat in pace*

Life After Death: the final Tuesday talk in our November series will take place at the Cornerstone in Charles Street, Cardiff (opposite St. David's Cathedral) on Tuesday, November 25th at 12.30pm. The speaker will be Mr. Des Robertson who will consider why our knowledge of God's love gives us reason to hope in eternal life. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the talk. On Wednesday, November 26th, the Cornerstone will be open from 11 am to 2.30 pm as a place of reflection for anyone who feels conscious of bereavement

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet before Mass and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Churches Together in Hereford: will be meeting in All Saints Church, on Tuesday, 25th November at 7:30pm.

Nativity at the 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve: we will be starting practicing for this after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday 30th November, and for the following 3 Sundays. If your children would like to take part in the nativity, or readings at the 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve, please come along to a very brief meeting in the Lady Chapel after the 9.30am Mass this morning, or if you can't make that meeting, come along to the first practice next Sunday. It is important that children taking part in the nativity or readings are able to come along to at least 3 of the practices

Advent Film Night: the Deanery presents an opportunity to see the acclaimed film, *The Mission*, which tells the story of the conflict between slave traders and Jesuits during the colonisation of South America. At St. Mary's School, Lugwardine, on Sunday 30th November; meet at 6pm in the Chapel, then at Lugwardine Court. PG rated film. Free Admission. Tea/Coffee and a chat; all welcome to this thought provoking film about mission and sacrifice

Advent Penitential Service: come and join us from 5:00 p.m. on Saturday 6th December for a penitential service. Priests will be available for those who wish to partake in the sacrament of reconciliation. There will also be lay people offering prayer ministry. The service will include scripture readings, music and reflections to help us on our Advent journey

Christmas Fair: Saturday 13th December, 1.30pm, in the Parish Hall. Please come along and support this fund raising event, get some great value Christmas gifts, maybe win a prize, and enjoy some delicious cakes. We would be very grateful for donations of Cakes, Gifts for Christmas, good quality Bric-a-brac, Books (especially Children's books), Toys & Games in good condition, Bottles, Tombola gifts, Christmas crafts/decorations, Raffle Prizes, new or good-as-new accessories, but no jumble please. These can be brought to the Church during the week before the Fair. Any help with setting up on Friday & Saturday morning and manning stalls on Saturday afternoon would be very gratefully received. Other ideas for stalls, games, activities are also very welcome. If you would like to sign up to help there is a list at the back of the Church, or contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847 to volunteer to help or if you have a good idea for a game/activity/stall

Advent Prayer and Carol Service: at the Poor Clare Monastery on Sunday, 14th December, from 3:00 pm. Refreshments to be served afterwards – everyone most welcome. See poster for full details

Missio Boxes: the total for the autumn emptying of red boxes was **£735.10** - thank you to all red box holders

Thirty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter week III

Today:

9:30 am Jim & Sue Smith
11:30 am Intentions of Agnes McGowan
6:30 pm Harry Carroll

Monday 24 November 9:30 am Mass – Monica Thompson
St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companion Martyrs

Tuesday 25 November 7:00 pm Mass – Thanks (SML)
St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

Wednesday, 26 November 9:30 am Mass – Spec Int. (M/L)
Feria

Thursday, 27 November 9:30 am Mass – Spec Int. (MW)
Feria

Friday, 28 November 7:00 pm Mass – November Lists
Mass of the Dead

Saturday, 29 November 9:30 am Confessions
Votive Mass of the BVM 10:30 am Mass – Kath O'Callaghan

Sunday, 30 November (First Sunday of Advent, Year B)

9:30 am Thanksgiving (AM)
11:30 am Mulloy/Hornby family deceased
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, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Anne Jenkins and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Fr. Donal Gillespie, Fr. Laurence Beer OSB and Monica Thompson

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of November, including: Joan Delaney, Amelia Perry, Cecil Evans, Moira Kelleher, Catherine Taylor, Rose Rivers, Terence Davies, Phyllis Jones, Edward Keogh, John Faraday, Bridget Mullens, Mary Matthews, Albert Williams, Ivor Brace, John Frayne, Timothy Langley, John Doherty, Rose Pick, Anthony Keogh, Harold Carroll, Timothy Dillon and Corrine Wiles

Lying in a hospital bed, a dying man began to flail about and make motions as if he would like to speak. The priest, keeping watch at the side of his bed, leaned quietly over and asked, "Do you have something you would like to say?" The man nodded to the affirmative and the priest handed him a pad and pen. The priest said, "I know you can't speak, but write a note and I will give it to your wife. She's waiting just outside." Gathering his last bit of strength, the man scrawled his message on the pad and stuffed it into the priest's hands. Moments later, the man died. After administering the last rites, the priest left to break the sad news to the wife. After consoling her a bit, the priest handed her the note. "Here are your husband's last words. He wrote them just for you." The wife tearfully opened the note which read: "Father, get off of my oxygen hose!!"

Rota Schedule for 28 November to 4 December 2014

Flower Arrangers: S West & A Rollings
Cleaners: Volunteers
Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings & S Lewis
11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield
6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting
Readers:
9:30am R Mead
11:30am S West
6:30pm G McAleer
Eucharistic Ministers:
9:30am T Bray, C Sharland, H Fishlock
11:30pm F Davies, J Meenaghan, D Lissaman
6:30pm J Winter
Altar Linen: B Spanjers

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 listopada godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 16th November raised **£493.42** thank you

