



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 24 August 2014

**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 the day long*

**Responsorial psalm:** *Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. 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*

### The message sent by Pope Francis to His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General, United Nations Organization, 13 August 2014



It is with a heavy and anguished heart that I have been following the dramatic events of these past few days in Northern Iraq where Christians and other religious minorities have been forced to flee from their homes and witness the destruction of their places of worship and religious patrimony. Moved by their plight, I have asked His Eminence Cardinal Fernando Filoni, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, who served as the Representative of my predecessors, Pope St John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, to the people in Iraq, to manifest my spiritual closeness and to express my concern, and that of the entire Catholic Church, for the intolerable suffering of those who only wish to live in peace, harmony and freedom in the land of their forefathers.

In the same spirit, I write to you, Mr Secretary-General, and place before you the tears, the suffering and the heartfelt cries of despair of Christians and other religious minorities of the beloved land of Iraq. In renewing my urgent appeal to the international community to take action to end the humanitarian tragedy now underway, I encourage all the competent organs of the United Nations, in particular those responsible for security, peace, humanitarian law and assistance to refugees, to continue their efforts in accordance with the Preamble and relevant Articles of the United Nations Charter.

The violent attacks that are sweeping across Northern Iraq cannot but awaken the consciences of all men and women of goodwill to concrete acts of solidarity by protecting those affected or threatened by violence and assuring the necessary and urgent assistance for the many displaced people as well as their safe return to their cities and their homes. The tragic experiences of the Twentieth Century, and the most basic understanding of human dignity, compels the international community, particularly through the norms and mechanisms of international law, to do all that it can to stop and to prevent further systematic violence against ethnic and religious minorities.

Confident that my appeal, which I unite with those of the Oriental Patriarchs and other religious leaders, will meet with a positive reply, I take this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

From the Vatican, 9 August 2014, FRANCISCUS PP

## Dates for Your Diary

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

**The numbers drawn for week 16 were 29 12 44 31 33 32 24 & 5**  
**One Winner: Mrs F Preedy**  
**The new Parish Lottery will be introduced in September**

Second collection: is for the work of Aid to the Church in Need on the ground in Iraq. Iraqi Christians are currently being persecuted with abhorrent atrocities

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

Lighthouse Talk: this week is entitled "*When life doesn't make sense*" and is delivered by Fr Benedict Groeschal. Wednesday, 7:00pm, parish house

Holy Hour: you are invited to St David's Cathedral for a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. It will take place at 6pm on Wednesday, 27th August. There is more information on the diocesan vocations' page on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/CardiffVocations](http://www.facebook.com/CardiffVocations)

Rev. Deacon Noel Williams: of All Saints Parish, Newport, died on Saturday, 16th August, after a protracted battle with cancer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers at this time. His funeral will take place on Friday 29th August in St. Mary's, Stow Hill, Newport, at 10am. *Requiescat in pace*

Annual Pilgrimage in honour of Saint David Lewis SJ: Mass at 3:00pm on Sunday 31st August, SS. Francis Xavier and David Lewis Church, Porth - y - Carne Street, Usk, NP15 1RZ, followed by the procession to the Martyr's Grave. Light Refreshments will be served

An Art History Retreat: at Belmont Abbey, led by Dom Simon McGurk, Sep 1 – 4. Visit Herefordshire's exquisite Romanesque churches and explore how 12th Century people read their Bibles and folklore through stone carving. For all retreat enquires please call 07799 811 646 or email [retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk](mailto:retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk)

Join the Ride and Stride: this year to help fund repairs badly needed in many of Herefordshire's churches. This national event takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Cycle or walk between the churches in your area. Half of the sponsorship raised goes to the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, half to the church of your choice. For more information go to [www.herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride.php](http://www.herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride.php)

Exhibition of Icons to be held at Belmont Abbey, 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September. Traditional icons and other work by Dom Alex Echeabdia Loro, monk of Belmont. Please see poster for details

Sung Vespers: will be celebrated at 3:00pm on Sunday, 7th September in the ruins of the former Cistercian abbey church at Tintern, in the beautiful Wye Valley; please bring a folding seat or cushions for your comfort during the service. Refreshments are available afterwards

Hereford Food Bank: many thanks for continuing to support the Food Bank so generously. Unfortunately we are as busy as ever. In the first seven months of 2014 we were asked to provide 936 Emergency Food Parcels, which helped 1130 adults and 500 children. Our stock of food is becoming very low and we urgently need the following: Tins of "hot" meat (stews etc.), cold meat, (ham, spam, corned beef), tins of vegetables, rice, pasta sauces, dried & UHT milk, sugar, jams, beans and pulses, toothpaste, shampoo, and toilet rolls. More information can be had from Jacquie Alsop at the Food Bank (01432 353347) or from Phil King (01432 276365).  
**THANK YOU!**

Congratulations: Ciaràn Martin Holder of 29 Stanberrow Road Hereford and Sarah Meredith of 20 Beech Road, Monmouth are getting married on the 4th October at St Thomas's in Monmouth

Please help: a parishioner has asked us to help petition the UK and EU governments to act more firmly in defence of those persecuted by the Islamic State terrorist group in Syria and Iraq. The templates for the letters are with Fr. Cenydd; all you have to do is sign them and send them off. And pray every day with the Pope for our persecuted brothers and sisters

# Twenty First Week of Ordinary Time

## Psalter week I

Today:

9:30 am  
11:30 am Ellen Bridget Kinsella  
6:30 pm

Monday 25 August 9:30am Mass – David Thomas  
*Votive Mass of St Thomas of Hereford*

Tuesday 26 August 7:00pm Mass – Michael Lee  
*Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest*

Wednesday, 27 August 9:30am Mass – Higgins family int.  
*St Monica, Widow*

Thursday, 28 August 9:30am Mass – Special int. (RH)  
*St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Friday, 29 August 7:00pm Mass – Edward McShane  
*The Passion of St John the Baptist*

Saturday, 30 August 9:30am Confessions  
*St Anne Line, Martyr* 10:30am Mass – Hatton family

Sunday, 31 August (Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Roy Marrison  
11:30 am Cotterell family intention  
6:30 pm *Fr Cenydd Marrison*

### Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Bernie Carroll, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Tony Constantine, and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Canon Frank Mulvey and Rev. Deacon Noel Williams

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

A teacher writes on a chalkboard the sentence: "A woman without her man is nothing" The teacher then asks the boys to punctuate it properly, and they all write:

"A woman, without her man, is nothing" The teacher asks the girls to punctuate it and they write: "A woman: without her, man is nothing"

"In English," he said, "A double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative."

A voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."

### Rota Schedule for 29 August to 4 September 2014

**Flower Arrangers:** T Forder & R Jones

**Cleaners:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** 9:30am J Sullivan & M Whent

11:30am J McGowan & J Kelly

6:30pm R & R Seamarks

### Readers:

9:30am J Sullivan

11:30am M Brown

6:30pm G McAleer

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am F Keogh, volunteers

11:30pm K Davis, C Mulloy, H Meenaghan

6:30pm Rene Jones

**Altar Linen:** J Callingham

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 24 sierpnia godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August raised £596.93

Thank you

