

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 24 November 2013

**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 and ever*

**Responsorial psalm:** *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'*

**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*

### Thoughts on Purgatory (part four)

An analogy we can use is that of the sick man and the charitable rich man. There was a man who lived a meagre life, eking out a living collecting cans. One night he fainted and was found laying unconscious along the side of the road. A rich doctor found him. The doctor could tell that the poor man was in need of a heart transplant but he also knew that even if the poor man collected hundreds of trash bags of cans, he would never be able to make enough money to save his own life and pay for the transplant. The doctor took pity on the man and carried him to the hospital. He then paid for the operation out of his own pocket. To stop the story there would make it incomplete. For this story to have a happy ending, the poor man must still undergo the operation and receive a new heart. Just as the poor man had to have his chest cut open and his bad heart removed and replaced by the charitable doctor, so we too must be healed and made holy by God. To say that the generous man's gift comparable to Christ's objective redemption 2000 years ago means the poor man need not have the lifesaving operation comparable to our subjective redemption here and now is silly. Yet that is the reality at the heart of the claim that Catholics don't think Christ's suffering and death was sufficient for us. Christ's gift was complete. He paid the full price for our sins. However, we must still undergo the operation or application of the payment: the sanctification, the purification for our sinfulness. Some also argue that in light of Christ's death we do not have to make reparation for our sins. The Bible tells us otherwise. 2 Samuel relates a conversation between the prophet Nathan and King David after David had committed grave sins against God. *"The Lord also had put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die"* (12:13-14). David, though he repented of his sin and was forgiven by God still had to make reparation for his sins. The reparation, in this case, took the form of the death of David's son by Bathsheba. We know that God is the most perfect Father. How, then, could He be irresponsible in matters regarding our discipline and formation? No earthly father would pay off his neighbours so his children could run wild through the neighbourhood, breaking into homes, stealing cars, and scandalizing people without concern for their actions. One of the ways God cares for us is by giving us free will and then making us responsible for our actions. The responsibility includes making reparation to our neighbours and to God for the homes we break into, the cars we steal, and the people we scandalize. If God did not require reparation of us we would become like children of a lax parent, wild and wanton and selfish. Having to bear some of the burden of our own sinfulness makes us into responsible Christians. Purgatory exists for that very purpose. It has been given to us by God so that we may participate actively in our own salvation and enter into heaven as pure and clean as God intended when He created Adam.



## 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 30 were 10, 20, 27, 23, 15, 46 & 32 - no winner**

**Prize money for week 31 is £240.00 and seven numbers to be drawn**

Today's second collection: is for the parish

Calling all children: there is a meeting after today's 9.30am Mass for any child interested in taking part in the Nativity Play at the 6:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. So far we only have an angel and a shepherd. We will meet after every 9.30 am Mass for a practice. We are also looking for readers

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

Our Christmas Fair: is on Saturday 30th November, 1.30pm. We would be very grateful for donations of 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, Cakes, but no jumble please. These can be brought to the church during the week before the Fair. Any help with setting up in the morning and manning stalls in the 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 on a stall, there is a list in the Parish Room, or contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847 to volunteer to help and if you have a good idea for a game/activity/stall

Hereford Food Bank: we plan to carry out food collections at the two Tesco stores in Hereford on 29 and 30 November and 1 December. If you are able to help for an hour or so on any of these days please contact the Food Bank on 01432 353347 or Phil King on 01432 276365. Demand has increased by 37% since the beginning of 2013; the Food Bank helped 148 people in October, including 37 children. Thank you

Prayer Group meeting: at 7:00pm on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Lady Chapel – everyone is welcome

All the gossip: the next meeting of the Herefordshire Catholic History Society will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey at 7.30 p.m., when we will hear Fr. Luke's paper on "English Benedictine Parishes"

Hereford Deanery Confirmation Course 2014: this is open to baptised Catholics in Yr 9 and above. If you wish to attend the course and to receive Confirmation next summer please speak to Fr Cenydd. There will be an introductory meeting for candidates and their parents on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Parish Room. The first preparation session, which is for candidates from all the Hereford parishes, will be on the weekend of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> (evening), Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at Our Lady's Parish Hall. Further details of this first session and the dates and details of visits & other preparation sessions will be available on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the course for this year will be £30, which is to cover a few of the costs of the course. If any parent would have difficulty meeting this payment, please speak to Fr Cenydd

Belmont Education Days – volunteers needed: we are seeking volunteers to join the team to assist with visits by primary and secondary school children to Belmont Abbey. These normally take place on Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All days commence with tours of the grounds and Abbey Church and continue with activities based on monastic life selected by the schools, for example, brass rubbing. We offer days with the themes of History, Art or RE. Do come along and join us on a visit to find out more. If you are interested, please contact Marie Williams on (01432) 275509 or Brenda Warde (01432) 760601 or email bmwarde@aol.com

40 days for life: a big 'thank you' to all who participated in the campaign by prayer, fasting or public witness. The Lord will surely hear our prayers and answer them in the fullness of time

Typhoon Appeal: last Sunday many of you took advantage of the offer to send your donations off for you, rather than leave you wander down to the bank yourselves. On Monday morning **£664.81** was sent on its way

Man's Winter, God's Spring: Advent is the season of the seed, a beautiful time of hope and expectation. Monday 8<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, a three day retreat at Belmont Abbey, led by Dom Brendan Thomas

# Thirty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

## Psalter: Week II

Today:

9:30 am Mieczysław Wojtczak  
11:30 am Intentions of Ruth Palmer  
6:30 pm

Monday 25 November 9:30 am Mass – David Thomas  
*St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*

Tuesday 26 November 7:00 pm Mass – Emma Williams Int  
*Feria*

Wednesday 27 November 9:30 am Mass – Forgotten Souls  
*Feria*

Thursday, 28 November 9:30 am Mass – David Thomas  
*Feria*

Friday, 29 November 7:00 pm Mass – November Lists  
*Votive Mass of the Dead*

Saturday, 30 November 9:30 am Confessions  
*St Andrew, Apostle* 10:30 am Mass – David Thomas

Sunday, 1 December (First Sunday of Advent)

9:30 am Josef & Jan Jakubowicz  
11:30 am David Thomas  
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Nicholas Wetz

### Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Karen Royer, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Katie Balnaves, 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, Ian O'Donahue, Dr Mike O'Kane, Simon Williams, Madeleine Went and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially David Thomas

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

"As we have learned," said the teacher, "the former ruler of Russia was called a Czar, and his wife was called a Czarina. Now who can tell me what the Czar's children were called?" A little boy at the back of the class piped up and said, "Czardines!"

Father MacDonnell is sent up to Orkney. His bishop visits him a year later. The Bishop asks, "How do you like it up here?" The priest says, "If it wasn't for my Rosary and two martinis a day, I'd be lost. Would you like a martini, my Lord?" "Yes, I would," says the Bishop. Father MacDonnell says, "Rosary, could you bring the bishop a martini, please?"

### Rota Schedule for 29 November to 5 December 2013

**Flower Arrangers:** No flowers during Advent

**Cleaners:** Wagner family

**Ushers:** 9:30am J Sullivan & Volunteer

11:30am J McGowan & J Kelly

6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seamarks

### Readers:

9:30am P Buckley

11:30am OLPS children

6:30pm G McAleer

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am A Hepworth, T Bray, (C Sharland)

11:30pm J McGowan, D Lissaman, J Meenaghan

6:30pm J Winter, A Staton, C Milsom

**Altar Linen:** A Whitehead

### Polish Information:

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

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November came **£451.69** - thank you

