

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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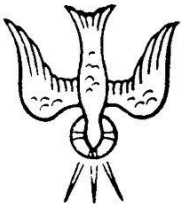
Holy Trinity, Year C – 26 May 2013

Entrance: *Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love*

Responsorial psalm: *How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who was, who is, and who is to come. Alleluia!*

Communion: *Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father*



Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, programme and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness - God always brings newness - and demands our complete trust: Noah, mocked by all, builds an ark and is saved; Abram leaves his land with only a promise in hand; Moses stands up to the might of Pharaoh and leads his people to freedom; the apostles, huddled fearfully in the Upper Room, go forth with courage to proclaim the Gospel. This is not a question of novelty for novelty's sake, the search for something new to relieve our boredom, as is so often the case in our own day. The newness which God brings into our life is something that actually brings fulfilment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good. Let us ask ourselves today: Are we open to "God's surprises"? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new? We would do well to ask ourselves these questions all through the day. A second thought: the Holy Spirit would appear to create disorder in the Church, since he brings the diversity of charisms and gifts; yet all this, by his working, is a great source of wealth, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which does not mean uniformity, but which leads everything back to harmony. In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit who creates harmony. He is indeed harmony. Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality and multiplicity, while at the same time building unity. Here too, when we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and other, we bring division. When we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization. But if instead we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, richness, variety and diversity never become a source of conflict, because he impels us to experience variety within the communion of the Church. It is the Church which brings Christ to me and me to Christ; parallel journeys are very dangerous! When we venture beyond the Church's teaching and do not remain in them, we are not one with the God of Jesus Christ. (Part of Pope Francis' sermon for Pentecost Sunday)

Dates for Your Diary

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

Tote numbers drawn for week 7 were 37, 26, 32, 38, 22, 47, 24, 1, 21, 29 & 23 - no winner

Prize money for week 8 – £ 425.00 and twelve numbers to be drawn

Second collection today: there isn't one

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

Eucharistic Adoration: at the Poor Clare Monastery, Much Birch, 31st May to 2nd June – please see poster

Corpus Christi Procession and 'Forty Hours': in this year of faith we are hoping to make the SFX Blessed Sacrament procession even better than in previous years. We are inviting the other parishes in the deanery to join us and, to facilitate this the morning Mass on Sunday 2nd June will be at **10am** with the procession following on at **11am**. We are also holding a 'Forty Hours' devotion: a period of continuous Eucharistic Adoration. This will start at Our Lady's after the 7pm Mass on Friday 31st May, continuing through to 7pm on Saturday evening when the venue changes to SFX church. Adoration will continue at SFX until the 10am Mass on Sunday morning. We need a minimum of two people watching at all times. We have already had a good response from volunteers but still need more, especially for the small hours of Saturday morning. If you can help, please contact Pete Fawcett on 01432 853129 or pete@fawcett.co.uk

Prayer Group: the next meeting will be on Monday 3rd June at 7pm, in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome

Vocation Discernment Group: is God calling you to be a priest? If this is a real question for you and you don't know what to do next; or if you want to find out more about the priesthood and explore the notion of vocation, then why not come along to the new monthly Vocation Discernment Meetings which will take place at the Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff. The first meeting will take place on Friday 7th June at 6.30pm and the second meeting will be on Friday 12th July at 6.30pm For further information contact Fr Paul Millar tel 01656 782789 e-mail frpaul@btinternet.com

Mass of Thanksgiving: for the 50th anniversary of the opening of Our Lady's Primary School, to be celebrated at the parish church on Friday 12th July at 9:30 am; refreshments in the school after Mass. If you have been involved in Our Lady's School in the past 50 years, perhaps in the capacity of Governor, member of staff, PTA or past pupil, we would love you to join us in our celebration on 12th July. Please let the school know if you are able to attend on 01432 274814 or email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk RSVP by Wednesday 5th June

G8 Rally in London: thousands of people will be gathering in Hyde Park, London on Saturday 8 June to ask world leaders to stop the silent scandal and injustice of hunger. The day will start with an ecumenical service with Archbishop Vincent Nicholls at 11:00, before processing to Hyde Park for a family friendly rally with thousands coming together from across the UK. Coaches to London are available for a suggested donation of £10 from Swansea, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport; free spaces available for young people. Please contact CAFOD on 029 2045 3360 for further details

CAFOD - Ecumenical Walk of Witness: in this Year of Faith, join us on our ecumenical walk around Cardiff churches on the 1 June to help bring an end to global hunger. Starting at the Lightship in Cardiff Bay at 9:30am we will join together with supporters from CAFOD, Christian Aid and Tearfund to pray and take action on hunger, ending at St David's Cathedral at 2pm. Join us either for the full walk, part of the walk, or for the shared picnic by the Gorsedd Stones, Bute Park at 12:15 on the day. For further details contact CAFOD on 029 2045 3360, or email southwales@cafod.org.uk to register your place

Parish Family BBQ: on Sunday 23rd June, after the 11.30am Mass. Bar, beverages & plenty of food. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses from today onwards. Please make sure that you buy your ticket in advance. Price: Adults & Children over 12 yrs - £5; Concessionary & Children 5-11yrs - £3; Children under 5 - free. To reserve tickets please contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847

Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week IV

9:30 am	Wojtczak Intention
11:30 am	Balestra Intention
6:30 pm	
Monday 27 May	9:30 am Mass – Thanksgiving (CB) <i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>
Tuesday 28 May	7:00 pm Mass – Nowosielska Int <i>Feria</i>
Wednesday 29 May	9:30 am Mass – <i>Feria</i>
Thursday, 30 May	9:30 am Mass – <i>Feria</i>
Friday, 31 May	7:00 pm Mass – Forgotten souls <i>Visitation of the BVM</i>
Saturday, 1 June	9:30 am Confessions <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>
10:30 am Mass –	
Sunday, 2 June (Corpus Christi)	
9:30 am	Enid Uden & Ellen Willis
11:30 am	Mary Phillips
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Nicholas Wetz</i>

Rota Schedule for 31 May to 6 June 2013

Flower Arrangers:	C Malloy & L Meredith
Cleaners:	Volunteers
Ushers:	9:30am J Sullivan & volunteer
	11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell
	6:30pm Volunteers
Readers:	9:30am P Buckley
	11:30am J Meenaghan
	6:30pm Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers:	
	9:30am L Johnson, P King, (C Sharland)
	11:30pm J McGowan, D Lissaman, J Meenaghan
	6:30pm J Winter, A Staton, C Milsom
Altar Linen:	C Simons

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 26 maja godz 16:00

Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 19 May came to **£590.70** – thank you

Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Pat Spence, Rita Kennedy, Alex Spence, Karen Royer, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Katie Balnaves, Damian Brackley, Shelaigh Fawcett, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Angela Smith, Chris Turville, Olivia Thompson, Jason Houten, Barbara Hampton, Leo Hornby, Eva Zakrzewska, Jean Johns, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Glyn Matthews and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Franciszek Drynda, Barbara Westlake, Jackie Cotton, Fergus Rainey and John Bevan

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of May, including: Kaz & Helena Domalik, Harold Halls, Joseph Greene, Mary Robbins, Desmond Joyce, Hilda Bindon, Mary Turner, Bernadette Lynch, Veronica Lowe, Ann Maloney, Milborough Plummer, Gerhard Kostorz, Josephina Rizzardini, Elizabeth Donovan, Bernadette Graham, Ellen Elkin, Alice Derrick, David Martin, Marguerite Jacobs, Margaret Jones, Francis Meigh, Geoffrey Staton, Ron Tyler and Florence Pockett

Bill and his wife Blanche go to the Yorkshire Show every year, and every year Bill would say, "*Blanche, I'd like to ride in that there 'elicopter*" Blanche always replied, "*I know Bill, but that 'elicopter ride is fifty quid, and fifty quid is fifty quid!*" One year Bill and Blanche went to the fair, and Bill said, "Blanche, I'm 75 years old. If I don't ride that there 'elicopter, I might never get another chance" To this, Blanche replied, "*Bill that 'elicopter ride is fifty quid, and fifty quid is fifty quid!*" The pilot overheard the couple and said, "*I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty quid.*" Bill and Blanche agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word... When they landed, the pilot turned to Bill and said, "*By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't...I'm impressed!*" Bill replied, "*Well, to tell you t'truth I almost said summat when Blanche fell out, but tha' knows, fifty quid is fifty quid!*"