



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 26 October 2014

Entrance: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face*

Responsorial psalm: *I love you, Lord, my strength*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

Communion: *We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God*

We have just heard one of the most famous phrases in the entire Gospel: “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” Goaded by the Pharisees who wanted, as it were, to give him an exam in religion and catch him in error, Jesus gives this ironic and brilliant reply. It is a striking phrase which the Lord has bequeathed to all those who experience qualms of conscience, particularly when their comfort, their wealth, their prestige, their power and their reputation are in question. This happens all the time; it always has. Certainly Jesus puts the stress on the second part of the phrase: “and to God the things that are God’s”. This calls for acknowledging and professing – in the face of any sort of power – that God alone is the Lord of mankind, that there is no other. This is the perennial newness to be discovered each day, and it requires mastering the fear which we often feel at God’s surprises. God is not afraid of new things! That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts and guiding us in unexpected ways. He renews us: he constantly makes us “new”. A Christian who lives the Gospel is “God’s newness” in the Church and in the world. How much God loves this “newness”! “Rendering to God the things that are God’s” means being docile to his will, devoting our lives to him and working for his kingdom of mercy, love and peace. Here is where our true strength is found; here is the leaven which makes it grow and the salt which gives flavour to all our efforts to combat the prevalent pessimism which the world proposes to us. Here too is where our hope is found, for when we put our hope in God we are neither fleeing from reality nor seeking an alibi: instead, we are striving to render to God what is God’s. That is why we Christians look to the future, God’s future. It is so that we can live this life to the fullest – with our feet firmly planted on the ground – and respond courageously to whatever new challenges come our way. In these days, during the extraordinary Synod of Bishops, we have seen how true this is. “Synod” means “journeying together”. And indeed pastors and lay people from every part of the world have come to Rome, bringing the voice of their particular Churches in order to help today’s families walk the path the Gospel with their gaze fixed on Jesus. It has been a great experience, in which we have lived synodality and collegiality, and felt the power of the Holy Spirit who constantly guides and renews the Church. For the Church is called to waste no time in seeking to bind up open wounds and to rekindle hope in so many people who have lost hope. For the gift of this Synod and for the constructive spirit which everyone has shown, in union with the Apostle Paul “we give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers”. May the Holy Spirit, who during these busy days has enabled us to work generously, in true freedom and humble creativity, continue to guide the journey which, in the Churches throughout the world, is bringing us to the Ordinary Synod of Bishops in October 2015. We have sown and we continued to sow, patiently and perseveringly, in the certainty that it is the Lord who gives growth to what we have sown. (Taken from the homily of Pope Francis for the closing Mass of the Extraordinary Synod on the Family, 16/10/14)



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 6 were 33 34 20 16

No winner

Prize money for week 5 is £350.00

Second collection: is for World Mission Sunday. "Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries and young churches as they share faith, build churches and provide healthcare and education, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances overseas. The World Mission Sunday collection will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and message of dignity for all. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Every gift makes a real difference to people living in poverty who are yearning to hear the Good News of God's love for them."

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

November Lists: envelopes are available at the back of church, by the newsletter. Return ASAP please

National day of prayer: and fasting for life. On Monday 27th October, the 47th anniversary of the legalisation of abortion becoming law, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740

Walsingham Association: the next meeting of the WA Herefordshire and Belmont Abbey branch will be on Wednesday 29th October, 5:50 pm at Belmont Abbey. All welcome – membership application forms will be available should you wish to join

Life After Death: is the subject of the first of three half-hour talks which will take place at the Cornerstone in Charles Street, Cardiff (opposite St. David's Cathedral) on Tuesday, October 28th at 12.30pm. The speaker will be Mr. Des Robertson who will consider what our Catholic faith teaches us about death, and why we dare to hope that in death, life is changed, not ended? All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the talk. This talk will be repeated on Tuesday, November 25th at the same time

Modern Art – enemy or friend of religious art? a lecture by Lord Harries of Pentregarth, (Anglican bishop of Oxford 1987 to 2006), on Thursday, 30th October, starting at 7:00 pm at Swansea University. Please see poster for details

A Deep and Dazzling Darkness: a Belmont Abbey retreat, Oct 31 - Nov 2 (2 days Reg Fee £28). Saints, sages and poets have explored the movements of the human heart in light and shadow. We draw on their wisdom and encouragement to make sense of our experience of faith. Dom Brendan Thomas

Witnessing to Faith: a day retreat at Belmont Abbey; to be held on Saturday, 8th November, between 10am and 4.00pm - we are all called to be witnesses to our faith in God and to spreading the good news of his Gospel of love and peace. We look at discipleship in our contemporary world. Led by Dom Andrew Berry the day will include Mass. For lunch, bring sandwiches. Tea/coffee provided. £8 offering

Deputy Headteacher: required from Easter 2015. ISR 9-13, £46,555 – £51,372. St Joseph's, Sully Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan, CF64 2TQ, is an inclusive, welcoming and caring school with a strong Catholic ethos. It is a place where the children lead their learning through exploration and investigation in our great outdoors and innovative indoor learning environment. Throughout the school, hard-working and talented practitioners provide exciting and meaningful learning experiences and staff members have the highest expectations of themselves and of each child from Nursery to Year 6. Completed applications should be returned to the school address by 4.00pm on Friday 7th November 2014. Shortlisting will take place on Monday 10th November 2014. Please see poster for further details

Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter week II

Today:

9:30 am Fraç family intention
11:30 am Henry Balestra
6:30 pm Josef & Jan Jakubowicz

Monday 27 October 9:30 am Mass – Cotterell family int.
Feria

Tuesday 28 October 7:00 pm Mass – Lena Kennedy
Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

Wednesday, 29 October 9:30 am Mass – Trevor Roberts
Feria

Thursday, 30 October 9:30 am Mass – Cancer sufferers
Votive Mass of St Peregrine Laziosi, Priest

Friday, 31 October 7:00 pm Mass –
Feria

Saturday, 1 November 9:30 am Confessions
Votive Mass of the BVM 10:30 am Mass – Sofia Smith int.

Sunday, 2 November (All Saints)

9:30 am
11:30 am Angelo Moruzzi
6:30 pm Fr Nicholas Wetz

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 Martin Gudge and Trevor Roberts

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of October, including: John McGoran, Madge Supple, Rose Rivers, Minnie Tuite, Gyula Simon, Eileen Heir, Florence McMahon, James McColgan, Irene Ballinger, John Kulakowski, Kevin Berry, Bruno Jakielaszek, Susan Smith, Yvette Dandeker, Jack McGowan, Kenneth Truscott, Josef Jakubowicz, Elizabeth Novak, Keith Marshall, Mary Osborne, Hillary Phillips, Daisy Slane and David Thomas

A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!" The neighbours feared him, and the old man liked the fact that he was feared. Then one evening, he died. After the burial her neighbours, concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?" The widow smiled softly, and with a twinkle in her eye said, "Let him dig. I had him buried upside down...and I know he won't ask for directions."

Rota Schedule for 31 October to 6 November 2014

Flower Arrangers: A Rollings & S West

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan & M Went
11:30am J McGowan & J Kelly
6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seamarks

Readers:
9:30am P Roberts
11:30am V Thomas
6:30pm R Seamarks

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am F Keogh, T Bray, S Thompson
11:30pm E Cotterell, D Lissaman, J Wagner
6:30pm J Winter

Altar Linen: M Lynch

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 19th October raised **£500.77**

