



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 27 July 2014

Entrance: *God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people*

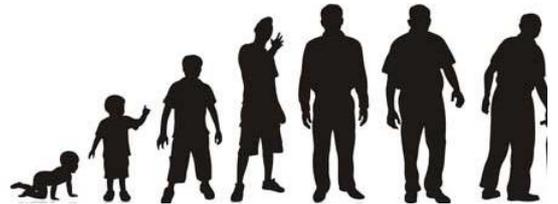
Responsorial psalm: *Lord, how I love your law*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!*

Communion: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits*

#Livelife - Protect and Cherish Life

Pope Francis knows and loves young people. At World Youth Day in Rio last year, to over three million young people, the Pope said, "young hearts want to build a better world." He invited them to be "protagonists of transformation" and urged them not to be mere "observers of life, but to get involved. Jesus did not remain an observer, but he immersed himself. Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did."



We all know heroic young people who are getting involved in the messiness of life – helping the young; the weak, the elderly, the vulnerable - and putting the needs of others above their own. In this year's Message for Day for Life the Bishops of Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales would like to follow in the footsteps of Pope Francis and invite everyone to get involved in caring for, nurturing and protecting life at every stage and in every condition. To young people especially we want to say "#Livelife!" from its beginning to its natural end.

In a 'throwaway' culture, it is easy for life to be undervalued. Last year, Donal Walsh, an extraordinary 16-year-old from Kerry in Ireland, suffering from terminal cancer, taught us how to value every second of life and to show gratitude for all that we can so easily take for granted. Donal had "wanted to live, to play for Munster, to travel the whole world to raise children and die when I'm 100" and instead of reacting with anger and despair at the news of his cancer, he embraced life to promote his anti-suicide #Livelife message. He wrote and spoke widely in the media about young people and suicide – urging teenagers to "appreciate what you have, know that there are always other options and help is always there". His #Livelife message has touched many hearts and changed lives.

Every one of us, young and old alike can play our part in the promotion of life. Our every thought, word or action can promote or extinguish life – we all have a valuable contribution to make.

Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about, "protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live." The pope speaks of "protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." He emphasises the importance of the family, "husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents." And of caring for society by "building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it."

Let's all be builders of a better world and protect life.

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 14 were 10, 42, 34, 18, 24, 15 & 45

No Winner

Prize money for week 14 is £235.00 and seven numbers to be drawn

Day for Life: is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Scotland, England and Wales and Ireland. It's a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales today will assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. *"As the Church in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales celebrates the 2014 Day for Life, the Holy Father expresses his confidence that this annual witness to the sanctity of God's gift of life will inspire the faithful, and young Catholics in particular, to combat the culture of death, not only by working to ensure adequate legal protection for the fundamental human right to life, but also by seeking to bring the merciful love of Christ as a life-giving balm to those troubling "new forms of poverty and vulnerability" (cf. Evangelii Gaudium 210) which are increasingly evident in contemporary society. To all involved in the Day for Life celebrations, His Holiness imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of wisdom, joy and peace in the Risen Lord."* Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: on Monday, 28th July, 7:30pm in the Parish Rooms

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

Lighthouse Talk: on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the parish house. Matthew Arnold will answer the question *What Came First – the Bible or the Church?* All welcome

Day of refection and prayer: at Belmont Abbey to mark the Solemnity of the Assumption. Friday, 15th August from 10:00 to 4:00 pm, with Solemn Sung Mass at 12 noon; cost of £15 includes morning coffee, two course lunch and afternoon tea. Booking is essential. Please call 01432 374724

Pilgrimage to the grave of St. John Kemble: on Sunday 24th August. At 3.00p.m we will meet for Rosary, readings and prayers at St. John Kemble's grave in the churchyard at Welsh Newton. At 4.15p.m. Benediction follows in St Mary's Church, Monmouth, and afterwards tea will be served in the garden, and produce sold

A proposed SFX/OUR LADY'S combined Pilgrimage to France: 25th to 29th May 2015. A pilgrimage to France is being planned for the above dates. It will include travel by coach and ferry. There will be one night's stay in Lisieux and three nights stay in Paris. To include visits to Notre Dame Cathedral, Sacre Coeur, Rue du Bac and Chartres Cathedral. All accommodation will be at pilgrim guesthouses. When details and prices are finalised there will be a meeting to find out more, probably around the middle of September. A cost of around £300 is envisaged. Look out for news of meeting. John Cook, SFX parishioner

Breast Cancer Care: the Strawberry Tea in the parish hall on Tuesday, 15th July raised nearly **£500**. Thank you

Parish Bingo: sadly last Tuesday evening saw the end of an era, with the final call on the parish bingo after nearly sixty continuous years of fundraising for the parish and service of our local community. We give thanks to God for the generous support of all the parishioners who have helped to run the bingo over those many years - for their enthusiasm and energy, and for the good will towards our parish that their work placed in the hearts of so many of our neighbours; the next generation has a lot to learn from you!

Holiday photos: a reminder to our parents of the Children's Liturgy holiday photo collage this coming autumn. Please remember to photograph yourselves outside the church you attend while you're on holiday

Job Vacancy: LIFE Charity Shop Manager – Hereford. Based at 42 Eign Gate, Hereford HR4 0AB, part time, 18 hours per week, £7.70 per hour. Closing date 18 August 2014; interviews will be held on 28 August 2014. We are looking for a dynamic person with retail experience who will manage and recruit volunteers and will ensure the shop layout and displays are interesting. In addition, we are looking for someone who will head up an engaging retail strategy. For job description, please email jobs@lifecharity.org.uk

Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter week I

Today:

9:30 am Kerry Niblett
11:30 am David Martin
6:30 pm

Monday 28 July 9:30am Mass –Chloe Corrigan Int.
Feria

Tuesday 29 July 7:00 pm Mass – Anna Schmidt Int.
St Martha

Wednesday, 30 July 9:30am Mass – Aileen Moore Int.
St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday, 31 July 9:30am Mass – John O’Rorke
St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Friday, 1 August 7:00 pm Mass – Holy Souls
St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, 2 August 9:30 am Confessions
Votive Mass of the BVM 10:30 am Mass – Special Int. (CB)

Sunday, 3 August (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Joan Coonan Int.
11:30 am Stefano Coppola
6:30 pm *Fr Michael Evans*

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, Joe Carroll, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Tony Constantine and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Ceri Strong, Jan Prosniewski, Romanita Penˆlosa, Henry Matty, Vera Lampard, Stefano Coppola and Patrick Burns

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of July, including: Margaret Town, Bruno Kavaliauskas, Kenneth Nicholas, Jeremiah Scully, Joseph Shawcross, Ellen Devereux, Francis Worsley, Philip Barnacle, Veronica Porter, Thomas Hurley, Ada Tipping, Marion Lewandowski, Francis Heavey, Adelaide Weekes, Veronica Robinson, Thomas Joseph Supple, Helen Banas, Pat King, Kathleen Scriven, Jadwiga Pawlowicz, Dennis Knowles, Jim Greenaway, John Connell, Paula Jenkins, Alan Panario and Susan Doherty

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their services. When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear the woman who answered was not happy to see them. She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message, and before they could say anything more, she slammed the door in their faces. To her surprise, however, the door did not close; in fact, it bounced back open. She tried again, really putting her back into it, and slammed it again with the same result - the door bounced back open. Convinced these rude young people were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson. Just then, one of them said quietly: "Ma'am, before you do that again, you really need to move your cat."

Rota Schedule for 1 to 7 August 2014

Flower Arrangers: L Scanlon & H Meenaghan

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am T Bray

11:30am M Langley

6:30pm R Seamarks

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland, A Hepworth, H Fishlock

11:30pm M Davies, C Mulloy, K Davis

6:30pm Janet Winter

Altar Linen: C Simons

Polish Information:

Następną Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 27 lipca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 20th July raised **£542.16**.
Thank you

