



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 28 September 2014

**Entrance:** *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy*

**Responsorial psalm:** *Remember your mercy, Lord*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low*

Recalling the decades of atrocious suffering and harsh persecutions against Catholics, Orthodox and Muslims, we can say that Albania was a land of martyrs: many bishops, priests, men and women religious, laity, and clerics and ministers of other religions paid for their fidelity with their lives. Demonstrations of great courage and constancy in the profession of the faith are not lacking. How many Christians did not succumb when threatened, but persevered without wavering on the path they had undertaken! I stand spiritually at that wall of the cemetery of Scutari, a symbolic place of the martyrdom of Catholics before the firing squads, and with profound emotion I place the flower of my prayer and of my grateful and undying remembrance. The Lord was close to you, dear brothers and sisters, to sustain you; he led you and consoled you and in the end he has raised you up on eagle's wings as he did for the ancient people of Israel, as we heard in the First Reading. The eagle, depicted on your nation's flag, calls to mind hope, and the need to always place your trust in God, who does not lead us astray and who is ever at our side, especially in moments of difficulty. Today, the doors of Albania have been reopened and a season of new missionary vitality is growing for all of the members of the people of God: each baptized person has his or her role to fulfil in the Church and in society. Each one must experience the call to dedicate themselves generously to the announcing of the Gospel and to the witness of charity; called to strengthen the bonds of solidarity so as to create more just and fraternal living conditions for all. Today, I have come to thank you for your witness and also to encourage you to cultivate hope among yourselves and within your hearts. Never forget the eagle! The eagle does not forget its nest, but flies into the heights. All of you, fly into the heights! Go high! I have also come to involve the young generations; to nourish you assiduously on the Word of God, opening your hearts to Christ, to the Gospel, to an encounter with God, to an encounter with one another, as you are already doing and by which you witness to the whole of Europe. In the spirit of communion among bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity, I encourage you to bring vitality to your pastoral activities, which are activities of service, and to continuously seek new ways of making the Church present in society. In particular, I extend an invitation to the young, of whom there were so many along the way from the airport to here. This is a young people, very young! And where there is youth, there is hope. Listen to God, worship him and love one another as a people, as brothers and sisters. To the Church which is alive in this land of Albania, I say "thank you" for the example of fidelity to the Gospel. Do not forget the nest, your long history, or your trials. Do not forget the wounds, but also do not be vengeful. Go forward to work with hope for a great future. (Taken from the homily given by Pope Francis at the Mass in Mother Teresa Square, Tirana, Sunday, 21 September 2014)



## 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 2 were 36, 13, 20 & 37**

**No winner**

**Prize money for week 2 £250.00**

Second collection: there isn't one this weekend

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

Thursday: there will not be a public Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday of this week

Jumble Sale: the next parish jumble sale is on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Helpers are needed to put out the sales produce on the morning of Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, and on Saturday too, plus helpers to cover stalls when the doors open to our customers. Home made cakes are a great source of revenue, so please get baking. And, of course, all saleable items gratefully received

Invitation: the parish are warmly invited to the share in the colourful celebrations in honour of Our Lady and St Alphonsa to take place on the afternoon of Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please see poster for details

Barn Dance: with the fabulous Sheila's Reels Ceilidh Band on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October from 7:30pm in our parish hall. See posters for details

Prayers and candles: all candle, prayer and Mass requests for Fr Cenydd's recent trip were honoured

From the Primary School Admissions Officer (Reception Intake): Normally around this time of year we send packs out to all known 3 year old due to commence reception the following academic year. This year we are doing things differently. We will not be sending packs out but will be encouraging applicants to apply online instead. We have advertised this facility on the Nursery Education Funding forms, in the local press (Hereford Times issued on the 11th September), on the Council's website and also on the Council Facebook and Twitter pages. We will also be sending information to all pre-school/nursery settings and will circulate posters (once they have been approved and printed) to all schools, local doctors surgeries, dentists, family centres, libraries, info centres and Health Visitors. We would also appreciate it if you could spread the word, if at all possible, by mentioning it on your website or in your next news letter (this will then target all those with siblings already at the school and hopefully current parents will spread the word to others they know). If any parents do not have access to the internet they may phone our office to request a paper copy. The closing date for applications is the January 15th 2015 and the offer date will be the 16th April 2015

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Friday 3 October: it is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. On Friday 3 October – Harvest Fast Day – CAFOD is asking you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. Your Fast Day envelopes are available in church this week. Please give as much as you can so that hunger isn't a fact of life for the world's poorest people

Headteacher at St John Lloyd RC Primary School: the Governing Body are seeking to appoint a Headteacher to lead this Category A school for January 2015 or as early as possible thereafter. Only Catholic Education Forms will be accepted which should be returned to the Clerk of Governors, Catherine Chambers, St John Lloyd RC Primary School, Brynbala Way, Trowbridge, Cardiff. CF3 1SX. Closing Date: Monday 6th October 2014 at 1pm

Come and See Weekend: the Sisters of Nazareth offer Prayer, Community and Ministry; an invitation to women open to discerning a vocation to Religious Life and wishing to share a "come and see" experience with the Sisters. 17th – 19th October, Nazareth House, Colum Road, Cardiff – contact Sister Frances Kelly on 07906372786 or vocinfo@sistersofnazareth.com

Pilgrimage to France 25th-29th May 2015: if you missed last Monday's meeting and wish to know more about the pilgrimage contact Mr John Cook either on 01432 850231 or [cook.john9@gmail.com](mailto:cook.john9@gmail.com)

# Twenty Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

## Psalter week II

Today:

9:30 am Patrick Bulejko  
11:30 am Deceased of the Christopher family  
6:30 pm

Monday 29 September 9:30am Mass – Thanksgiving (BK)  
*Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

Tuesday 30 September 7:00pm Mass – Tony Constantine  
*St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

Wednesday, 1 October 9:30am Mass – Int. of A McGowan  
*St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

Thursday, 2 October No Mass  
*Holy Guardian Angels*

Friday, 3 October 7:00pm Mass – Int. of Rita O'Leary  
*St Thomas of Hereford, Bishop*

Saturday, 4 October 9:30am Confessions  
*St Francis of Assisi, Deacon* 10:30am Mass –

Sunday, 5 October (Twenty Seventh in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Rose & Charles Brooks  
11:30 am  
6:30 pm Fr Andrew Berry

### 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, Bernie Carroll, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Tony Constantine and Margaret Davies

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of September, including: Rose Brooks, Charles Brooks, Edward Scriven, Megan Hughes, Rose Rivers, John Jenkins, Rosarie May, William Strickland, Veronica Hill, Teofil Janowski, Patrick Donovan, Magdalene Brown, John Frayne, Elizabeth McEwan, Ruth Marston, Gladys Wood, Sheila Fleming, Patricia Gurney, Marie Brazuk, Elsie Adams, Miroslaw Staszowski and Margaret Buckeridge

A man entered the emergency room with his two ears burned. "What happened?" asked the doctor. "Well", the man explained, "my wife was ironing clothing, behind my chair while I was watching TV. She put down the iron next to the phone and when the phone rang I answered the iron." "Wow that is terrible," responded the doctor. "And what happened to your other ear?" "Well, believe it or not, right afterwards the phone rang again!"

A man was rushed in to hospital yesterday because he swallowed a five pound note. They are keeping him in for observation on his condition - but so far there has been no change!

### Rota Schedule for 3 to 9 October 2014

**Flower Arrangers:** L Meredith

**Cleaners:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

### Readers:

9:30am P Buckley

11:30am H Meenaghan

6:30pm R Maloney

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland, D Lissaman, T Bray

11:30pm M Davies, J McGowan, A Staton

6:30pm J Winter

### Altar Linen:

B Spanjer

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 28 września godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September raised **£441.61**

The collection for Close House raised **£339.22**

