

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Saint Peter and St Paul, Apostles, Year A – 29 June 2014

**Entrance:** *These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God*

**Responsorial psalm:** *From all my terrors the Lord set me free*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church*



It is hard to read Augustine's Confessions without understanding human nature better, and particularly our own weaknesses. Writing in the form of a prayerful reflection on his life and a general confession of his faults to God, Augustine carefully describes the course of his life from his birth to his conversion at age 31. Then he concludes his confession with an examination of the current state of his soul. His comments on the temptations that come through hearing have a clear and immediate application to the liturgy. To put the matter simply, Augustine is concerned that he often seems to enjoy spiritual realities more when beautiful hymns are incorporated into their presentation. He regards this as a significant problem, a personal stumbling block. Were he alive today, he would doubtless recognize this "problem" as a key component of what we might call the liturgy wars. Having stated the nature of the temptation, Augustine weighs the benefits of music in Church against its dangers. He wishes to avoid the severity of banning it altogether, though that often seems best to him, because he knows it can do good. In these days in which we quarrel and complain incessantly about the liturgy, I wish we had more like Augustine who could see the very real temptations which assault us, recognizing that none of us is so spiritually strong as to be unaffected by them. Clearly, what is most conducive to worship for one person at one moment may not be most conducive for another in a different moment, or may even constitute a temptation. Above all, I wish we could all be more aware that just when we think we have reached the summit of worship, we may actually be at a low point. If we but knew ourselves better, we might realize that we have enjoyed a bodily sensation rather than the ineffable Word of God. Just so, in all aspects of the spiritual life, the presence of consolations may be helpful for a time, but if we cannot transcend the consolations, we are the most abject of Christians. Augustine is not afraid to describe those who depend on these things as having "*the weaker minds*". When we begin to feel very strongly about our liturgical preferences—and especially when those preferences lead us to look down on others as inferior, and to separate ourselves from the fundamental ecclesiality of worship, then we are wise to remember St. Augustine's heightened awareness of the point at which sin entered his own acts of worship. Liturgical worship is the action of the Church. We participate by joining ourselves to her, despite the imperfections of all her members and of all their efforts to serve God. Catholicism is universal because it is the religion of "here comes everybody". At the apex of the Mass, we are all weak, imperfect and sinful before God, and we all benefit from His merciful redemption. This is true no matter what our senses say to us, pro or con, about the external forms which are used to guide our ascent to the source and summit of the Christian life. (Taken from an essay by Dr. Jeff Mirus)

## 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 10 were 29, 2, 9 & 32 – no winner**

**Prize money for week 11 is £110.00 and four numbers to be drawn**

The second collection: is the annual **Peter's Pence** collection

Dementia Friends: thank you to all the Dementia Friends in the parish and welcome to the five new friends we made last week. There is another chance to become a friend today, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, after the 9:30 Mass

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

Lighthouse talk: this Wednesday at 7:00pm – *How to Get the Most Out of Mass* – given by Dr Scott Hahn

The Annual Retreat: of the monastic community at Belmont takes place this week, from Monday to Thursday. This means that Fr. Cenydd will have to attend the talks on those days, which in turn will mean that some parish works will have to be cut to accommodate the talks. If your usual time of visit/meeting is affected, he can only offer his sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused

Ordination of Rev. Bernard Sixtus: after serving the Catholic parish of Usk as deacon, the former Anglican vicar will be ordained a priest at St. David's Cathedral during Mass on the vigil of the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle (2nd July at 6.30pm). All are both welcome and encouraged to attend. Please pray for his future ministry in the Archdiocese – he might well end up in Herefordshire one day

Longworth Chapel: Archbishop George Stack will celebrate Holy Mass at Longworth Chapel, Herefordshire's Pre-Reformation Catholic Chapel at Bartestree, on Friday, 4th July at 11.00 a.m. It is hoped that Parishioners from all our Deanery Parishes will be able to come to share in this celebration

An Elgar Pilgrimage: Elgar's great choral works express his own journey of faith: passion, joy and struggle. We pray with *Gerontius* and the soul drama of the *Concerti*. Led by Euan Tait from 11 to 13 July; telephone 07799 811 646 for more details or to book a place

Confirmation Day: on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, during the 11:00am Mass at Belmont Abbey, our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop George. We are all invited to attend this significant event. Till then, please redouble your prayers for our young people as we count down the days to their sealing with the Holy Spirit

Llantarnam Abbey: as part of the year of celebrations for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy arriving in Britain you are invited to join us in the Ty Croeso Centre for coffee and Welsh Cakes on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July between 10:00am and 2:00pm. A selection of home produce, craft and toiletries will be on sale. (Ty Croeso Centre, Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran, Torfaen. NP44 3YJ)

Breast Cancer Care: a Strawberry Tea in the parish hall on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July between 1:30pm and 3:00pm; all are welcome. For more details contact Mrs Denise Lissaman on 07792 545106

Ordination: Archbishop George will ordain Br. Jonathan to the diaconate at Belmont Abbey on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 11:30am. Ordinations are public events, so if you'd like to attend you are most welcome. As he begins his public ministry – deacons are ordained to serve the people of God – your prayers would come in very handy

The Face of Christ: How do we imagine Jesus? We explore how each age has expressed its faith through its portrayals of Christ. A retreat led by Dom Brendan Thomas at Belmont Abbey, running from Friday to Sunday, 25 to 27 July

Job opportunity: Belmont Abbey Parish is looking for a new organist to accompany and lead their Sunday 11:00am Mass and possibly other parish services. If you know of anyone who might be interested in such a position, please contact Fr Nicholas on 01432 277319 or pp@belmontparish.plus.com

# Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time

## Psalter week I

Today:

9:30 am Enid Udin & Ellen Willis  
11:30 am Antoni Busko  
6:30 pm

Monday 30 June 9:30am Mass – Duffy Family Int.  
*Blessed Philip Powell, Priest & Martyr*

Tuesday 1 July 7:00pm Mass – Philip Barnacle  
*St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr*

Wednesday, 2 July 9:30am Mass – Jadwiga Pawlowicz  
*Feria*

Thursday, 3 July 9:30am Mass – Int. of C Rollings  
*St Thomas, Apostle*

Friday, 4 July 7:00pm Mass – Holy Souls  
*St Elizabeth of Portugal, Widow*

Saturday, 5 July 9:30am Confessions  
*Votive Mass of the BVM* 10:30am Mass – Special Int. (CB)

Sunday, 6 July (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Mieczysław Wojtczak  
11:30 am John Young  
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 Natalie Chadwick, Ryszard Dabek, Ceri Strong, Jan Prosniewski, Romanita Penálosa and Henry Matty

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of June, including: Russell Sabel, William Collins, Enid Uden, William Lynes, Robert Derbyshire, Irene Gecks, Evelyn Lavell, Iris Croke, Alexa Laszowskyz, Gerald O'Hagan, Esther Scott, Dermot Kelleher, Lewis Murgatroyd, Zbigniew Pawlowicz, Albert LeSurf, John Donelon, Teresa Scraba, Tony Pye, Rose Rattle and Dorothy Rohde

Back just before the Second Vatican Council Seamus and Michael, two lads from County Clare, went on pilgrimage to Rome. After a quick look around the Vatican they made for the nearest bar. Seamus asked the barman for two pints of Guinness. "Guinness? We don't stock that", said the barman. Michael chipped in, "We've just seen where the Pope lives; what does he drink?" The barman, sensing a sale after all, says, "He likes a glass of Crème de Menthe whenever he drinks here". "That'll do us", says Seamus, "give us two pints of that, then". Two large glasses of Crème de Menthe duly arrive. "What do you think?" Michael asks his drinking companion. "It's a bit like drinking Polo Mints", Seamus replies. "If the Pope drinks it; two more pints of Crème de Menthe, please." Waking in a terrible state the next day, Seamus ponders, "They say the Pope drinks that green stuff; no wonder they carry him around in a chair."

### Rota Schedule for 4 to 10 July 2014

**Flower Arrangers:** S West & A Rollings  
**Cleaners:** Wagner family  
**Ushers:** 9:30am A Rollings & E Pawlowicz  
11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield  
6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting  
**Readers:**  
9:30am J Sullivan  
11:30am S West  
6:30pm M Woolaway

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am S Thompson, F Keogh, C Sharland  
11:30pm C Mulloy, J Meenaghan, K Davis  
6:30pm G McAleer, J Wagner, C Milsom

**Altar Linen:** B Spanjers

### Polish Information:

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

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June came to **£380.43** – thank you

