

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 2 March 2014

Entrance: *The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me*

Responsorial psalm: *In God alone is my soul at rest*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate me in the truth. Alleluia!*

Communion: *I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High*



LENTEN MESSAGE OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS 2014 (part 2)

So what is this poverty by which Christ frees us and enriches us? It is his way of loving us, his way of being our neighbour, just as the Good Samaritan was neighbour to the man left half dead by the side of the road (cf. Lk 10:25ff). What gives us true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of his love. Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us. Christ's poverty is the greatest treasure of all: Jesus' wealth is that of his boundless confidence in God the Father, his constant trust, his desire always and only to do the Father's will and give glory to him. Jesus is rich in the same way as a child who feels loved and who loves its parents, without doubting their love and tenderness for an instant. Jesus' wealth lies in his being the Son; his unique relationship with the Father is the sovereign prerogative of this Messiah who is poor. When Jesus asks us to take up his "*yoke which is easy*", he asks us to be enriched by his "*poverty which is rich*" and his "*richness which is poor*", to share his filial and fraternal Spirit, to become sons and daughters in the Son, brothers and sisters in the firstborn brother (cf. Rom 8:29). It has been said that the only real regret lies in not being a saint (L. Bloy); we could also say that there is only one real kind of poverty: not living as children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ. We might think that this "way" of poverty was Jesus' way, whereas we who come after him can save the world with the right kind of human resources. This is not the case. In every time and place God continues to save mankind and the world through the poverty of Christ, who makes himself poor in the sacraments, in his word and in his Church, which is a people of the poor. God's wealth passes not through our wealth, but invariably and exclusively through our personal and communal poverty, enlivened by the Spirit of Christ. In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it. Destitution is not the same as poverty: destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope. There are three types of destitution: material, moral and spiritual. Material destitution is what is normally called poverty, and affects those living in conditions opposed to human dignity: those who lack basic rights and needs such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally. In response to this destitution, the Church offers her help, her diakonia, in meeting these needs and binding these wounds which disfigure the face of humanity. In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.

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 39 were 6, 11, 24 & 22 – no winner

Prize money for week 40 is £70.00 and four numbers to be drawn

Second collection today: there isn't one

Tuesday Devotions: the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass; the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Ash Wednesday: ashes will be distributed during the Mass at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm

Lenten devotions: every Friday morning there will be Stations of the Cross at 10 am for those who prefer to be about in daylight, and after the evening Mass (roughly 7:30 pm) for those who work/are free in the evenings. Every Wednesday, (excepting Ash Wednesday), the sacrament of Confession will be celebrated between 7 and 8 pm – this is in addition to the normal times. This will be followed by a talk, given by an expert in their field, on subjects relating to the sacraments – please see our weekly newsletter for details

Lenten alms: there will be a box left before the altar during Lent for you to give alms to charitable work within the Archdiocese – should you wish to enter into the spirit of the season

PAC Vacancies: two people have volunteered to serve on the Parish Advisory Council. As the number of volunteers is less than the number of current vacancies, Mrs D Lissaman and Mrs L Briscoe have been elected as new members of the PAC. One further volunteer is having their arm twisted at present – watch this space

40 Days For Life: from 5th March through to 13th April you are invited to join other Christians for forty days of prayer and fasting for an end of abortion. If you would like to volunteer to help or would like more information, please contact Clare Jackson on 07580275698

Youth Retreat: from the 7th-9th March, AWAKEN, the National Retreat for the youth of Wales will be running at St. David's College, Cardiff. For Further Information: email: info@youth2000.org or call: 020 7221 2124 or Facebook: www.facebook.com/youth2000

The WHY? Course at SFX: a series of DVD's and guided talks in the Annexe on our faith, suitable for the committed and those who are doubtful. Why God? Monday 10th March. Why Jesus? Friday 21st March. Why the Church? 31st March. All presentations start at 7.30 pm

Pastoral Care Project: the Archdiocese of Cardiff is supporting the Pastoral Care Project Week of Prayer & Awareness of Dementia 12-19th March. Archbishop George Stack will concelebrate Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick on Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 12:00 Noon in All Hallows Church, Miskin, CF72 8PG. All who experience the effects of Dementia especially sufferers and their carers are most welcome. There will be an opportunity to remember sufferers and carers who have died during the past year

Wednesdays in Lent at Belmont Abbey: the parables of Jesus present us with a 're-imagined' world; one in which we are challenged to adopt a new way of living and relating. **12th March: Division and Reconciliation with Dom Andrew Berry** - morning coffee at 10.30, talk at 11.00, Mass at 12 noon; 1.00 simple bread & soup lunch, talk at 2.00pm, afternoon tea at 3.00pm. Suggested offering of £10.00, which includes lunch

Herefordshire Catholic History Society: the next meeting of the HCHS will take place on Thursday 13th March in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey at 2.30 p.m., when David Whitehead, a prominent local historian, will give a talk on the Bodenham family of Rotherwas. Visitors welcome. Further information from bmwarde@aol.com or 01432760601

Parish Jumble Sale: to be held on Saturday, 15th March. Helpers needed on Friday, 14th March between 8am and Noon, and on the day between 8am and 4pm. Bric-a-brac, clothes, toys, shoes, handbags, bedding, books, CDs, DVDs etc, etc. Not forgetting **home made cakes!** Why not come along to the Jumble Sale yourself?

Missio Boxes: it's time your red boxes were emptied – hand them either to Fr Cenydd or Mr & Mrs Leach

Eighth week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week IV

Today:

9:30 am June Lapsley
11:30 am Thanksgiving (CB)
6:30 pm

Monday 3 March 9:30 am Mass – Int of John Griffin
Feria

Tuesday 4 March 7:00 pm Mass – Betty Bishop
St Casimir, Confessor

Wednesday, 5 March 9:30 am Mass – Ann Meaker
Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm Mass – Spec Int (KD)

Thursday, 6 March 9:30 am Mass – Kathleen Chesterman
Lent

Friday, 7 March 7:00 pm Mass – Forgotten Souls
Lent

Saturday, 8 March 9:30 am Confessions
Lent
10:30 am Mass – Spec Int (LR)

Sunday, 9 March (First Sunday of Lent)

9:30 am Irene Leach
11:30 am Harry Forder
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison

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, Natalie Chadwick, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Sr Catherine Jackson OP, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Dr Mike O'Kane, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Margaret Anderson, Sheila Seamarks, Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Barry Britton, Janet McNamara, John Hodgson, Jason Houten, Łukasz Maziarski, Ivan Champion, Karen Royer, Ann Meaker, Peter Tonner and Mary McGowan

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of March, including: Frank Gillich, June Lapsley, Joseph Miller, Philomena Doherty, Sylvia King, Margaret Davis, Geoffrey Lyons, Eileen Foster, Daniel Higgins, Henry Lavell, Boleslaw Chojnowski, Anthony Bunclark, Brian Halligan, Rose Hughes, Bridget Burns, John Lavell, Mark Vallely, Shirley Maher, Bridget Robakowski, Robert Edward, Myrna Thomas, Harry Forder, George Goodswen and Iris Burch

Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.
It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees.
What part of "Thou Shalt Not" don't you understand?
A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.

Rota Schedule for 7 to 14 March 2014

Flower Arrangers: No flowers during Lent

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am A Spanjers

11:30am M Langley

6:30pm G McAleer

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am C Sharland, F Keogh, (A Hepworth)

11:30pm F Davies, A Staton, J Meenaghan

6:30pm D Lissaman, G McAleer

Altar Linen: J Callingham

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 marca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 23rd February came to **£554.38**
– thank you



"LET'S EASE INTO THIS--I WANT YOU TO TRY FASTING BETWEEN MEALS."



...actually, I've decided to give up abstinence for Lent...

The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday.
Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive.
Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
Satan subtracts and divides. God adds and multiplies.