



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary time – Year B 30th August 2015

Entrance: *Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long. O Lord you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.*

Responsorial psalm: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord,*

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia: *Your words are spirit Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia*

Communion: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

MESSAGE FROM FR. MATTHEW.

Could I once again thank all parishioners for your very warm welcome to the parish over the past fortnight, I am more or less unpacked and settled in. I have tried to visit as many of the sick and housebound as I can and will visit them regularly. Once again, please do let me know of anyone who can't get to Church for whatever reason and I will go and see them, also especially anyone admitted to hospital. Also we have been asked once again to take part in lobbying against the proposed parliamentary bill legalising assisted suicide. The bill will be debated and voted on, on September 11th. There are postcards at the back of church for us to fill in and send to our MP. Please take one and send it of ASAP. There are also some information sheets at the back of church.

Could I also ask you to pray for Br. Patrick Lobo of Belmont who on 8th September is taking his Solemn or lifelong monastic vows, we were students together in Swansea and shared a house for a year. Also Fr. Nicholas at Belmont who is recovering well from his recent surgery, and for his dad who is very ill in hospital at this time. This Friday, 4th September is the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Abbey Church at Belmont in 1859, it is also the 22nd anniversary of my Ordination - that makes me feel very old!!

A Parish Council meeting is taking place on 7th September, if any parishioner would like any matter to be raised, please let me or any PAC member know. One thing I will raise is the possibility of returning to a 9.30 mass time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Opinions on this please. I hope you all have a very relaxing bank holiday weekend as well, may the sun shine!

GOSPEL REFLECTION – Mark 7.

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law. Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see [Isaiah 29:13](#)). In observing the law, the Pharisees honour God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions. The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see [Matthew 5:17](#)). The law, fulfilled in the gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us -- the kingdom of God, eternal life. Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity. This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts. The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honour. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service? (Gospel Reflection from Dr. Scott Hahn - St. Pauls centre for Biblical Theology.)

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 48 were 9, 42, 21, 30, 27, 44 & 13
No winner
Prize money for week 49 is £650.00, and seven numbers to be drawn

Second Collection Parish

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary after mass.

Confirmation Course at Our Lady's and St Francis Xavier's

There will be an introductory meeting for candidates and parents/guardians on Tuesday 15th September in the Parish Room. This year we are joining with SFX and we will be starting the Confirmation course with a retreat at Our Lady's in October on Sat 17th (5pm-9pm) & Sun 18th (9am-6pm). There will be catechesis sessions based on the "Transformed in Christ" course, we will be meeting approximately every 3-4 weeks during term time. On 15th September we will be able to give you an outline of the course and dates. There will be forms to fill in so it is very important that a parent/guardian accompanies each candidate to this meeting. There will be a charge of £30 which will go towards course materials, If anyone has a problem with paying this charge, please speak to Fran of Fr Mathew. The Confirmation is open to anyone in Year 9 and above (from Sept 2015). To know more contact Fran Keogh (email: fran.keogh1461@gmail.com)

Our Lady's School Crossing Patrol details.

This role will be term-time only and you must be available to work between 8.40am and 9.10am and again between 3.05pm and 3.35pm each day. Full training and uniform are provided. If you are interested in applying for this post please contact the School Administrators on 01432 274814 or email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk

School Places There are spaces in year 5 – children with birthdays between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 For the term beginning in September 2015

Abbot Leonard It is with regret that Tess Forder feels she will not be able to run the Abbot Leonard club and will finish at Christmas. The club has been going since 1967, Tess has been the mainstay for a great many years. If anyone is willing and able to take over the reins please see Tess.

St Teresa of Avila An exhibition to celebrate the 500th anniversary has been touring England & Wales from the 27th August to 16th September, will be based at St David's Cathedral in Cardiff.

The next PAC meeting will take place on Monday 7th September at 7:30pm in the Parish Room. If you have any feedback or suggestions about the running of the Parish, please let either Father Matthew know or a member of the PAC (photos at the back of Church.)

Churches Together in Hereford, are holding a meeting here in the hall at Our Lady's on Wednesday the 16th September at 7 p.m. The subject is an important one - 'DEBT is there a way out?' our speakers will be Belle Goode from Christians against Poverty and Jan Jones from Money Box Credit Union. Please come if you can and persuade as many others as possible to come along. (See the poster in the narthex).

ACT –A call to action is an organisation that brings together clergy, religious and laity to discuss issues of common interest and concern. The next meeting of the Cardiff group of ACT is in the meeting room at the church of Our Lady of the Angels Oak Street, Cwmbran NP44 on Wednesday 16th September. 7.30.pm. Further information from Frank Callus of St Peter's parish. Email fbcallus@aol.com mobile 07956005459.

Advance notice The annual mass for altar servers, will be at St Patrick's Church Cromwell Road Newport Saturday 26th September 2015 at 11.00am. See notice in the narthex.

Gift Aid If you "Gift Aid" your donations to the church your end of year statement of tax reclaimed is at in the Narthex.

Shroud of Turin Exhibition. A unique opportunity to see the only life size replica of the shroud of Turin in the UK, at All Saints RC Church, Tredegar Rd, Ebbw Vale, from 12th-20th September, see poster in Narthex.

Exercise Bike!! Would any parishioner have an old exercise bike they are no longer in need of or use. Fr. Matthew is looking for one to use once it gets a bit cold, wet and dark to go out running each morning.

CTS Sunday Missals. The Catholic Truth Society has produced a new Sunday missal for 2016, with masses and readings for all Sundays and Feasts, cost £5.95. Order your copy in the shop or email Fr., Matthew.

Cakes will be on sale after 9.30 Mass today. Abi and Esther have been making cakes to help fund a trip to India next summer. While on the trip, they will be spending time working alongside a local community to contribute something meaningful to the local area, such as renovating school facilities, establishing a clean water supply or building traditional housing.

22nd Sunday in ordinary time – year B

Psalter II

<p><i>Today:</i></p> <p>9:30 am Paul Proud. 11:30 am Chris Burns. 6:30 pm Teresa Jones.</p> <p>Monday 31 August 10.00 am Mass – Feria</p> <p>Tuesday 1 September 7.00 am Mass – Feria</p> <p>Wednesday 2 September 10.00am Mass – Feria</p> <p>Thursday, 3 September 10.00am Mass – St Gregory the Great</p> <p>Friday 4 September 1.00pm Funeral Service for Simon Thomas Anniversary of Dedication of Belmont Abbey Church 7.00pm Peter and Mary Leach, 30th wedd anniv and Pat King.</p> <p>Saturday, 5 September 10.00 am- 11.00am Sacrament of reconciliation and Exposition 11.00am Mass – Peter Bellamy.</p> <p>Sunday 6 September – 23rd Sunday. 9:30 am Andrew and Maggie Orchard 40th Wedd anniv. 11:30 am Eileen and Ray Cotterell 60th Wedd anniv. 6.30pm Simon Thomas.</p>	<p>Rota Schedule for 31 August – 6 September 2015</p> <p>Flower Arrangers: Lesley Meredith</p> <p>Cleaners: Koperscy Holmann</p> <p>Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings P King 11:30am Mr & Mrs Cotterell 6:30pm M Netting C Milsom</p> <p>Readers:</p> <p>9:30am T Bray 11:30am H Meenaghan 6.30pm R Maloney</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers:</p> <p>9.30am J Winter, F Keogh, S Thompson 11.30am C Balestra, M Davies, E Cotterell 6.30pm C Milsom</p> <p>Altar Linen: A Whitehead</p> <p>Counting Marlene Kathy</p> <hr/> <p>Polish Information: Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 27 Wrzesznia godz 16:00</p> <p>Finance: Collection on Sunday 23rd August £260.40 + £108.40 Gift Aided Thank you</p>
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Please pray for: The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna & John O'neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O'Leary Pat Spence, Joshua Isada Joan Berry Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book

The recently dead Chris Turville, Chris Burns also Deacon Phillip Gummet, Simon Peter Thomas whose funeral will be is this Friday at 1.00pm , and Teresa Jones an aunt of Father Matthew who died recently

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, Noel Warde, Tom Sweeney, Margaret Buckridge, Doreen Wargen, Pat Somerset-Butler, Sebastian Wood, Mirosław Staszkowski and Jean Kilby

Please Pray for Emily Keogh and Elliot Goodwin as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage on 12th September
Congratulations to Marcin Kasprzak and Adrianna Smarzewska who were married this Saturday at our Lady's.