

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3 November 2013

Entrance: *Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation*

Responsorial psalm: *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!*

Communion: *You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord*

Thoughts on Purgatory (part one)

Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. It may be prolonged for centuries in the case of the more guilty souls, or of those who, being excluded from the Catholic communion, are deprived of the suffrages of the Church, although by the divine mercy they have escaped hell. But the end of the world, which will be also the end of time, will close for ever the place of temporary expiation. God will know how to reconcile His justice and His goodness in the purification of the last members of the human race, and to supply by the intensity of the expiatory suffering what may be wanting in duration. But, whereas a favourable sentence at the particular judgment admits of eternal beatitude being suspended and postponed, and leaves the bodies of the elect to the same fate as those of the reprobate; at the universal judgment, every sentence, whether for heaven or for hell, will be absolute, and will be executed immediately and completely.

The Church Suffering and the Church Militant constitute in their relations a second circle of most vital activities. Having entered into the night "*wherein no man can work,*" the Suffering Church cannot ripen to its final blessedness by any efforts of its own, but only through the help of others—through the intercessory prayers and sacrifices (suffragia) of those living members of the Body of Christ who being still in this world are able in the grace of Christ to perform expiatory works. The Church has from the earliest times faithfully guarded the words of Scripture that it is a holy and a wholesome thing to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins. [2 Macab. 12, 43] The suppliant cry of her liturgy: "*Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them,*" can be heard already in the Acts of the martyrdom of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas (A.D. 203) and is represented in numerous sepulchral inscriptions of the most ancient period, while theologians and Fathers of the Church, beginning with Tertullian, have supplied its substantial proof. . . . So fundamental indeed and so natural to man's hope and desire and love is this belief, that historians of religion have discovered it among almost all non-Christian civilized peoples: a striking illustration of Tertullian's saying that the human soul is naturally Christian.

The Catholic, therefore, is jealous to expiate and suffer for the "poor souls," especially by offering the Eucharistic Sacrifice, wherein Christ's infinite expiation on the Cross is sacramentally represented, and stimulating and joining itself with the expiatory works of the faithful, passes to the Church Suffering according to the measure determined by God's wisdom and mercy. (*Karl Adam*)



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 27 were 28, 11, 48 & 4 - no winner

Prize money for week 28 is £140.00 and five numbers to be drawn

Today's second collection: is for the parish redecoration project

Helping to build confidence to share our faith: evening talks by Fr. Gareth Leyshon at the Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff; Monday 4th November at 7:00pm, We Believe in the Resurrection of the Body – what will happen to us when we die?

Funeral arrangements: your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Mr David Thomas. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady's this Tuesday at 12:15pm. *Requiescat in pace*

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

Eucharistic Adoration: for the unborn and their families from 9am to 6pm in St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Monday 4th November, with Benediction. All are welcome

Our Lady of Guadalupe: in 1531 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Juan Diego, a humble peasant living near Mexico City. As proof that the vision was genuine, Our Lady caused out-of-seasons roses to bloom, which St Juan gathered in his native cloak, or tilma. When he unfolded his tilma to show the roses, the local bishop was amazed to see that an image of the Virgin Mary was imprinted on the fabric. This miraculous image has remained intact for almost 500 years, and is still preserved in the Basilica of Mexico City. An official representative of the shrine, Ana Elena Olascoaga Camacho, will be visiting St Philip Evans parish in Cardiff on Thursday 7th November. She has a profound knowledge of these apparitions of Our Lady. The talk begins at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall (behind the church) at St Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL

Our Christmas Fair: is on Saturday 30th November, 1.30pm. We would be very grateful for donations of Gifts for Christmas, good quality Bric-a-brac, Books (especially Children's books), Toys & Games in good condition, Bottles, Tombola gifts, Christmas crafts/decorations, Raffle Prizes, Cakes, but no jumble please. These can be brought to the Church during the week before the Fair. Any help with setting up in the morning and manning stalls in the afternoon would be very gratefully received. Other ideas for stalls, games, activities are also very welcome. If you would like to sign up to help on a stall, there is a list in the Parish Room, or contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847 to volunteer to help and if you have a good idea for a game/activity/stall

The Guild of St Stephen: the Archdiocese of Cardiff annual Guild Mass will be celebrated at St Philip Evans Church, (Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL), on Saturday 14th December at midday. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All Altar Servers in the diocese are encouraged and welcomed to take part – Deacon Eddie Wyman, diocesan director of the Guild of St Stephen

October Count: the figures for last Sunday were 9:30am Mass 121; 11:30am Mass 81; 4:00pm Polish language Mass 128; 6:30pm Mass 52. We calculate that this comes to an average of 373.5 per those four Sundays

S.O.S from the Life shop manager: we have lost several of our shop volunteers for the excellent reason that they have now got paid jobs. However, we are finding it difficult to replace them. If you feel you could help out for just one morning or afternoon session a week please call Sam on 01432 842800. Thank you, *Jean Payne*

Timely reminder: please remember you Advent Calendars, there are also advent candles marking the days until Christmas, plus cards, diaries and other items

From a parishioner: a found this and thought it may be of use - www.maynoothparish.org/reconcillation - and oh boy, it is!

Aid to the Church in Need: the appeal last Sunday raised **£486.38** – thank you very much indeed. Eighteen of you Gift Aided your donation, which will bring more for the charity at no extra cost, so another thank you too

Thirty First Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week III

Today:

9:30 am Burgoyne Family
11:30 am Angelo Moruzzi
6:30 pm

Monday 4 November 9:30 am Mass – Frac Intention
St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Tuesday 5 November 7:00 pm Mass – Fr Benjamin Busko
Feria

Wednesday 6 November 9:30 am Mass – Supple Intention
Feria

Thursday, 7 November 9:30 am Mass – Anthony Moruzzi
St Willibrord, Bishop

Friday, 8 November 7:00 pm Mass – November Lists
Feria

Saturday, 9 November 9:30 am Confessions
Dedication of Lateran Basilica 10:30 am Mass – David Thomas

Sunday, 10 November (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Edward Dzierza
11:30 am Pawlowicz Intention
6:30 pm Celebrated by Fr Michael Evans

Rota Schedule for 8 to 14 November 2013

Flower Arrangers: C Malloy & L Meredith

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan & volunteer

11:30am J McGowan & J Kelly

6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seamarks

Readers:

9:30am F Keogh

11:30am M Brown

6:30pm J Winter

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock, A Hepworth, (F Keogh)

11:30pm C Balestra, M Davies, H Meenaghan,

6:30pm M Langford, A Staton, C Milsom

Altar Linen: C Simons

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 24 listopada godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 27th October came **£423.59** - thank you

Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Karen Royer, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Katie Balnaves, Damian Brackley, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Leo Hornby, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Jason Houten, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Sr Catherine Jackson OP, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Glyn Matthews, Joan Sheeran, Janet McNamara, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Ann Griffin, Dr Mike O'Kane, Simon Williams and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially David Thomas

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of November, including: Joan Delaney, Amelia Perry, Cecil Evans, Moira Kelleher, Catherine Taylor, Rose Rivers, Terence Davies, Phyllis Jones, Edward Keogh, John Faraday, Bridget Mullens, Mary Matthews, Albert Williams, Ivor Brace, John Frayne, Timothy Langley, John Doherty, Rose Pick, Anthony Keogh, Harold Carroll, Timothy Dillon and Corrine Wiles

My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

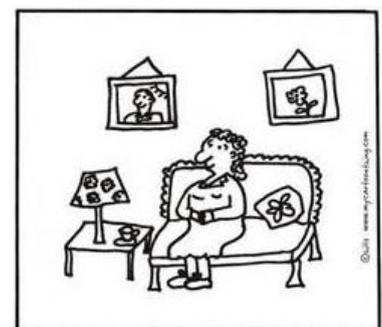
I'm not a compete idiot -- some parts are missing!

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.

Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Ham and eggs -- a day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig



After waiting sometime in purgatory, Beryl decided to redecorate.