



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 5 October 2014

Entrance: *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are Lord of all*

Responsorial psalm: *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!*

Communion: *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him*

The proclamation of the Gospel of the Family is an integral part of the mission of the Church, since the revelation of God sheds light on the relationship between a man and a woman, their love for each other and the fruitfulness of their relationship. In these times, a widespread cultural, social and spiritual crisis is posing a challenge in the Church's work of evangelizing the family, the vital nucleus of society and the ecclesial community. This proclamation of the Gospel of the Family takes place in continuity with the synodal assembly on The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith and the Year of Faith, announced by Pope Benedict XVI. The Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the topic: The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization, aware that "*Tradition, originating with the apostles, proceeds in the Church with the assistance of the Holy Spirit*" (DV, 8), is called to reflect on the path to follow to communicate to everyone the truth about conjugal love and the family and respond to its many challenges (cf. EG, 66). The family is an inexhaustible resource and font of life in the Church's pastoral activity. Therefore, the primary task of the Church is to proclaim the beauty of the vocation to love which holds great potential for society and the Church. To meet this urgency, the episcopate throughout the world is being called, *cum et sub Petro*, to listen humbly to the Holy Spirit and reflect on today's pastoral challenges. The Church, fully aware that family life is not ultimately defined by difficulties and that people do not have problems only, willingly recognizes the efforts being made, primarily by young people, to bring about a new springtime for the family. This can be seen in the moving testimonies in many Church encounters where a renewed desire for marriage and family life is clearly manifested, above all in the newer generations. In light of this desire, the Church is called upon to offer support and guidance, wherever she be, in faithfulness to the Lord's mandate to proclaim the beauty of family love. The Holy Father encouraged everyone to look with hope to the future and recommended a manner of acting which preserves and fosters love within the family, namely, by saying "*Can I? May I?*", "*Thank you*" and "*I'm sorry*" and never allowing the sun to set on a quarrel or misunderstanding, without having the humility to ask forgiveness. From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has emphasized that "*the Lord never tires of forgiving: never! It is we who tire of asking his forgiveness.*" (Angelus, 17 March 2013). This accent on mercy has had a great impact even in matters relating to marriage and the family, in that, far removed from every kind of moralism, it confirms the Christian outlook on life and opens new possibilities for the future, no matter what the personal limitations or the sins committed. God's mercy is an opening to an ongoing conversion and a continuous rebirth. (Preface to *INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS* the Working Document for the Synod of the Family)



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 3 were 49, 32, 46 & 48

No winner

Prize money for week 4 is £275.00

Message from the Abbot of Belmont: Dear friends in Christ, parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, as you know, although Our Lady's is a diocesan parish, it is in the pastoral care of the Benedictine Community of Belmont Abbey due to a special agreement and contract with the Archdiocese of Cardiff. For the past 8½ years your Parish Priest has been Fr Cenydd Marrison. I know that you have grown very attached to Fr Cenydd because he is a wonderful priest and totally dedicated to you, his parishioners. However, the time has come for him to move on to a new post and a new challenge. I have asked him to become Parish Priest of St Begh's, Whitehaven, Cumbria, an important and historical parish in the Diocese of Lancaster. This means he will be leaving Our Lady's at the end of December after a happy and fruitful ministry among you. I am deeply grateful to Fr Cenydd for showing such generosity and dedication in his monastic and priestly life. I have asked Fr Cenydd to find space for my message in the newsletter, as I know he will be too embarrassed to read out what I have written, but he really is a monk and a priest for whom I have the highest regard. In succession to Fr Cenydd, and with the agreement of Archbishop George Stack, I have appointed Fr Matthew Carney to succeed him at Our Lady's. Many of you will remember Fr Matthew from the time he was Prior and Parish Priest of Belmont. However, Fr Matthew will be having a short sabbatical before taking up his new post at Our Lady's on 1st September 2015. In the meantime, a group of us from Belmont will take care of the parish. I will be the moderator of this team of priests. Details and contact numbers will be made known in December. I can assure you that everything will continue as usual. May I end by thanking you all for the support given to Fr Cenydd and ask your prayers for him as he prepares to leave you and begin a new work. Thank you. Abbot Paul Stonham

Second collection: is for the redecoration of church and hall

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

Thursday: is the day that Fr Cenydd leaves for the Benedictine Pilgrimage. Sunday Masses will be as normal, but weekday Masses are suspended until his return on Saturday, 18th October

Jumble Sale: the next parish jumble sale is on Saturday, 11th October. Helpers are needed to put out the sales produce on the morning of Friday, 10th 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, 12th October. Please see poster for details

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

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society: the first of our autumn talks, "Eastern Christianity and the British Isles - an encounter between cultures" Speaker: Fr. James Siemens, Parish Priest of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of St. Theodore of Tarsus. Where: St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College Cardiff. When: Sunday October 12th. Time: 3pm. All are most welcome

Thank the Lord: Gareth Thomas will be ordained to the priesthood on the 18th October by the Archbishop

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

Twenty Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter week III

Today:

9:30 am Rose & Charles Brooks
11:30 am Martin Gudge
6:30 pm

Monday 6 October 9:30am Mass – Int. of Ann Morris
St Bruno, Priest

Tuesday 7 October 7:00pm Mass – Thanksgiving (RO)
Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday, 8 October 9:30am Mass – Trevor Roberts
Feria

Thursday, 9 October No Mass
Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest

Friday, 10 October No Mass
St Paulinus of York, Bishop

Saturday, 11 October No Confessions
Feria No Mass

Sunday, 12 October (Twenty Eighth in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am John Farren
11:30 am Int of Tymoteusz Stojewski
6:30 pm *Fr Nicholas Wetz*

Rota Schedule for 10 to 16 October 2014

Flower Arrangers: No flowers this week

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am J Sullivan & M Went
11:30am J McGowan & J Kelly
6:30pm Mr & Mrs Seamarks

Readers:
9:30am OL school children
11:30am S West
6:30pm G McAleer

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am S Thompson, R Jones, F Keogh
11:30pm C Mulloy, F Davies, E Cotterell
6:30pm J Wagner

Altar Linen: C Simons

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 26 października godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 28th September raised £437.03

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

The recently dead, especially Tony Constantine, Margaret Davies, Martin Gudge and Trevor Roberts

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of October, including: John McGoran, Madge Supple, Rose Rivers, Minnie Tuite, Gyula Simon, Eileen Heir, Florence McMahon, James McColgan, Irene Ballinger, John Kulakowski, Kevin Berry, Bruno Jakielaszek, Susan Smith, Yvette Dandeker, Jack McGowan, Kenneth Truscott, Josef Jakubowicz, Elizabeth Novak, Keith Marshall, Mary Osborne, Hillary Phillips, Daisy Slane and David Thomas

A man gets hired to paint the lines on a road. On the first day he gets four miles of road painted. The second day he goes out he gets two miles of road painted. The third day he goes out he only gets one mile painted. His boss calls him into his office. "What happened? You did very well the first day, alright the second day, and very poorly the third day." The workman replied, "Well sir, each day I got further and further from the bucket!"

A policeman pulled a car over and told the man driving that he was going 50 mph in a 40 mph zone. "I was only going 40!" the driver protested. "Not according to my radar," the policeman said. "Yes, I was!" the man shouted back. "No you weren't!" the policeman replied. With that, the man's wife leaned toward the window and said, "Officer, I should warn you not to argue with my husband when he's been drinking."

