

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 6 July 2014

**Entrance:** *Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice*

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

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him*



Dear young friends, I send affectionate greetings to you on the occasion of the National Catholic Youth Festival which has brought so many of you together at the Abbey of Mariënkroon in Nieuwkuijk. I wish also to greet and to thank your Pastors, who have planned this meeting centred on the theme: *“New, pure and intense”*. As you know, every year I write a Message to the young people of the whole world for the World Youth Day. Starting from this year until WYD 2016, which will be celebrated in Krakow, I have proposed an itinerary of spiritual preparation based on the Beatitudes. In this wonderful text from Matthew's Gospel (Mt5:3-12), you can find a concrete program of life that can serve as a guide for us on the path to true happiness. The three beatitudes that I propose for your reflection are:

2014: *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”* (Mt 5:3);

2015: *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”* (Mt 5:8);

2016: *“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy”* (Mt 5:7).

As you can see, the Beatitudes of Jesus are new. In fact, they are revolutionary. They present a model of happiness contrary to the logic of this world. Those whom Jesus proclaimed blessed are regarded as useless, or “losers”. What the world glorifies is success at any cost, affluence, the arrogance of power and self-affirmation at the expense of others. Jesus offers a different definition of what it means to be “blessed”; he shows us the way to life and happiness, the way that he himself has taken. In fact, Jesus himself is the way! Throughout his entire life he showed us how to live each one of the Beatitudes. Jesus loves each one of you, each one of us, with an infinite love! By his death on the cross and his resurrection, he proved his boundless mercy, gave us salvation and opened the way for us to a new life. If we accept his love and salvation, if we contemplate Jesus in his own poverty, his purity of heart, and his mercy, we will realize how beautiful our Christian vocation is, and we will not hesitate to ask the Lord for the grace to imitate him. I invite you to do just that. *“Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything”* (Benedict XVI). Dear brothers and sisters, Saint John, writing to young people, told them: *“You are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one”* (1 Jn 2:14). Young people want to live intense experiences! I challenge you: Say no to an ephemeral, superficial and throwaway culture, a culture that assumes that you are not strong, that you are not capable of facing great challenges in your life! Think big! As Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati once said: *“To live without faith, to have no heritage to uphold, to fail to struggle constantly to defend the truth: this is not living. It is scraping by. We should never just scrape by, but really live”*. May the Virgin Mary, whom all generations call “blessed” (cf. Lk 1:48), intercede for you, so that you can experience that joy which is new, pure and intense, the joy which you can find only in Jesus. To each of you, your families, and to all the young people of the Netherlands, I gladly impart my blessing as a pledge of joy and peace. (Pope Francis)

## 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 11 were 12, 9, 16 & 45 – no winner**

**Prize money for week 12 is £140.00 and five numbers to be drawn**

The second collection: will go towards the redecoration of the church and hall

Fr. Cenydd: is away on holiday from tomorrow, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The morning Masses next Sunday will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Stonham; there will also be weekday Masses in the parish, three each week, through the kindness of Fr. Frank Slater, the former parish priest of Leominster. Please see opposite for the times of the Masses that Fr. Frank will be celebrating this coming week

Tuesday Devotions: these are suspended while Fr. Cenydd is away

Thank you: to all involved in the organisation of last Sunday's Parish Barbeque. It was a fantastic event! To the ticket-sellers, the furniture carriers, the bar staff, the ladies making the tea, the cooks, the servers, the face painters, the children entertainers, the bouncy castle helpers – to all involved, a VERY BIG THANK YOU!

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, who are Esther Johnson, Declan Kinsella, Cassandra Portis, Michelle Solanyk, Pawel Wagner, Krzysztof Kopaczewski, Amy Lanchbury, Phoebe Nairn and Sophie Nairn. Thank you

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

A Notice for Stonyhurst Pilgrims: the coach will leave Belmont Abbey on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am, (so please be there in good time). We will stop in Leominster at 7:30 am as close to St Ethelbert's as we can get and then we are on our way to Stonyhurst with a stop half way or more than one if the need arises. Please bring a packed lunch. The plan is to leave the College at 4 pm and, including a stop or two, to arrive at the Abbey by 8 pm. I am looking forward to seeing you, Lynne.

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

Emergency numbers: Fr. Michael on 01432 273485, Fr Nicholas on 01432 277319 – for the dying only, please

# Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time

## Psalter week II

Today:

9:30 am Mieczysław Wojtczak  
11:30 am John Young  
6:30 pm

Monday 7 July 9:30am Mass – Marshall-Janssens Int  
*Feria*

Tuesday 8 July No Mass  
*Feria*

Wednesday, 9 July No Mass  
*Feria*

Thursday, 10 July 9:30am Mass –  
*Feria*

Friday, 11 July 9:30am Mass –  
*St Benedict, Abbot*

Saturday, 12 July No Mass  
*St John Lewis, Priest & Martyr*

Sunday, 6 July (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am Jack Pick  
11:30 am Those being Confirmed today  
6:30 pm *Fr Nicholas Wetz*

### 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 Penālosa, Henry Matty and Vera Lampard

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of July, including: Margaret Town, Bruno Kavaliauskas, Kenneth Nicholas, Jeremiah Scully, Joseph Shawcross, Ellen Devereux, Francis Worsley, Philip Barnacle, Veronica Porter, Thomas Hurley, Ada Tipping, Marion Lewandowski, Francis Heavey, Adelaide Weekes, Veronica Robinson, Thomas Joseph Supple, Helen Banas, Pat King, Kathleen Scriven, Jadwiga Pawłowicz, Dennis Knowles, Jim Greenaway, John Connell, Paula Jenkins, Alan Panario and Susan Doherty

The new family in the neighbourhood overslept and their six-year-old daughter missed her school bus. The father, though late for work himself, had to drive her. Since he did not know the way, he said that she would have to direct him to the school. They drove for ten minutes before she told him to turn the first time, several more before she indicated another turn. This went on for 20 minutes - but when they finally reached the school, it proved to be only a short distance from their home. The father, much annoyed, asked his daughter why she'd led him around in such a circle. The child explained, "That's the way the school bus goes, Daddy. It's the only way I know."

### Rota Schedule for 11 to 17 July 2014

**Flower Arrangers:** L Brazewell

**Cleaners:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

### Readers:

9:30am P Roberts

11:30am M Brown

6:30pm R Maloney

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am A Hepworth, H Fishlock, T Bray

11:30pm M Davies, J McGowan, H Meenaghan

6:30pm J Winter, C Milsom, R Jones

**Altar Linen:** M Lynch

### Polish Information:

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

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June came to **£457.14** – thank you



**Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.**