



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary time – Year B 7th September 2015

Entrance: *You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

Responsorial psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia

Communion: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

We pray for our parish primary school as they begin the new school year this Monday, for all the staff and pupils, especially those beginning their school lives. The welcome mass for the new year for Our Lady's School takes place on Friday 18th September at 9.30 am in church.

Please give your support to the 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 Tuesday this week at 11.30am is taking his Solemn or lifelong monastic vows. A Parish Council meeting is taking place this Monday, 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, also perhaps the arrangements for Saturday mornings, possibly an earlier mass time with exposition and benediction to follow. Opinions on this please. And finally, many parishioners commented on the lack of a joke in the newsletter last week, so here is my first effort, appropriately monastic!

"One day while driving home from his fishing trip in the pouring rain, a man got a flat tire outside a monastery. A monk came out and invited him inside to have dinner and spend the night. The motorist accepted. That night he had a wonderful dinner of fish and chips. He decided to compliment the chef. Entering the kitchen, he asked the cook, "Are you the fish friar?" "No," the man replied, "I'm the chip monk."

GOSPEL REFLECTION – Mark 7.

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good. Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing. The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God." Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh. What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation. As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle. He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him. Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, Here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

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 34, 7, 13, 47, 15, 4 & 33
No winner
Prize money for week 49 is £675.00, 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.

'Churches Together in Hereford invite you to come to our next meeting and, if possible, to bring someone with you. We are meeting at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 101 Belmont Rd, HR2 7JR on Wednesday 16th September at 7 pm. Our speakers are going to focus on the problem of Debt and on possible solutions. Please come.' (See the poster in the narthex).

'Please can all Red Missio Boxes be handed in for the Autumn count. They can be handed directly to Mary or Peter Leach or given to Father Matthew and we will collect them from the Sacristy'

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.

Our Lady's School Teacher Rebecca Seamarks and Teaching Assistant Lyndsey Clark, along with their partners, are undertaking a 33 mile endurance challenge today in aid of the Lymphoma Association. Both of their Father's passed away from types of Lymphatic Cancer. The 5 mile canoe, 17 mile cycle and 11 mile run along the Monmouth to Brecon Canal will be a challenge! If you would like to help them achieve their fundraising target of £750 please donate at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/canalathon2015> or sign up using the sponsorship form at the back of Church. Any donations are hugely appreciated. Thank you.

Many thanks to the Parishioners who very kindly provided Fr. Matthew with an exercise bike, he will be pedalling furiously each morning!

23rd Sunday in ordinary time – year B

Psalter II

Today:

9:30 am Andrew and Maggie Orchard
40th Wedd anniv & Jenny Powell.
11:30 am Ray and Eileen Cotterell
(60th Wedding Anniversary.)
6:30 pm People of the Parish.

Monday 7th Sept 10.00 am Mass – Trevor Roberts.
Feria

Tuesday 8th September 7.00 pm Mass – Br. Patrick Lobo
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wednesday 9th September 10.00am Mass –
St. Peter Claver.

Thursday, 10th September 10.00am Mass –
Feria

Friday 11th September 7.00pm
Holy Souls, Jane and Tom Carter RIP.

Saturday, 12th September 10.00 am- 11.00am Sacrament of
Most Holy Name of Mary reconciliation and Exposition
11.00am Mass – Jo Ditchfield.

Sunday 13th September – 24rd Sunday.

9:30 am Jim and Meriell Cotterell – 57th Wedd anniv.
11:30 am Christina Turville..
6.30pm People of the Parish.

Rota Schedule for 7 September – 13 September 2015

Flower Arrangers: Leigh

Cleaners: Patricia Dingle

Ushers: 9:30am M Whent E Pawlowicz
11:30am D Schofield M Eyton
6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am P Buckley
11:30am M Brown
6.30pm M Netting

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am T Bray C Sharland H Fishlock
11.30am F Davies J Meenaghan J Wagner
6.30pm D Lissaman

Altar Linen: A Whitehead

Counting Marlene Kathy

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

Collection on Sunday 30th August £406.43 + £86.90 Gift Aided
Thank you

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, Petal O'Hea, Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book

The recently dead Chris Turville, Chris Burns, Simon Peter Thomas.

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 Staszowski and Jean Kilby

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

and Bear Callum Short, son of Michael and Brook, who was baptised yesterday, Saturday.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday, when there is a collection for the Catholic Evangelisation Service.