



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 7 September 2014

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

**Responsorial psalm:** *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. 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*

Every time we renew our profession of faith by reciting the "Creed", we affirm that the Church is "one" and "holy". She is one, because her origin is in the Triune God, the mystery of unity and full communion. The Church, then, is holy, as she is founded by Jesus Christ, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, showered with his love and his salvation. At the same time, however, she is holy and made up of sinners, all of us, sinners, who experience our fragility and our misery every day. Thus, this faith which we profess urges us toward conversion, to have the courage to live unity and holiness daily, and if we are not united, if we are not holy, it is because we are not faithful to Jesus. But He, Jesus, does not leave us on our own, He does not abandon his Church! He walks with us, He understands us. He understands our weaknesses, our sins, He forgives us always, if we let him forgive us. He is always with us, helping us to become less sinful, more holy, more united. The first reassurance we have comes from the fact that Jesus prayed so much for the unity of the disciples. This is the prayer of the Last Supper, Jesus asks: "*Father, that they may all be one*". He prayed for unity, and He actually did so as the Passion was imminent, when He was about to offer His very life for us. That is what we are continually called to reread and meditate on, in one of the most intense and moving passages in Chapter 17 of the Gospel according to John. It is so beautiful to know that the Lord, shortly before dying, was not concerned about himself, but was thinking about us! And in his heartfelt dialogue with the Father, He prayed precisely that we might be one with Him and with each other. It is with these words that Jesus made himself our intercessor with the Father, so that we too may enter into full communion of love with Him; at the same time, he entrusts us with his spiritual testimony, so that unity may become ever more the distinctive mark of our Christian communities and the most beautiful response to whomsoever asks us to account for the hope that is in us. "*That they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me*". The Church has sought from the very start to accomplish this purpose which Jesus had so much at heart. The Acts of the Apostles remind us that the first Christians distinguished themselves by the fact of being "*of one heart and soul*"; the Apostle Paul, then, exhorted his communities not to forget that they "*are one body*". Experience tells us, however, that there are so many sins against unity. And let us consider not only the schisms, let us consider the very common lapses in our communities, "parochial" sins, those sins in the parishes. Sometimes, in fact, our parishes, called to be places of sharing and communion, are sadly marred by envy, jealousy, antipathy.... and gossip which everyone passes on. There is so much gossip in parishes! It is not good. For example, when one is elected president of that association, they gossip about him. And when another is elected president of Catechesis, the others gossip about her. But this is not the Church. This is not what one should do, we must not do it! We must ask the Lord for the grace not to do it. (Taken from Pope Francis' general audience on Wednesday, 27 August 2014



## Dates for Your Diary

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

**The new Parish Lottery will be introduced shortly.  
Please see below for details.  
No ticket, sticky wicket!**

Second collection: is towards the redecoration of church and parish hall

Welcome: we welcome Abbot Paul to the parish today; he will be celebrating all three Masses

AWOL: Fr. Cenydd will be away from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> till Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Please note: that Mass will not be celebrated in the parish this week until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

PAC Meeting: the next PAC meeting will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Rooms at 7:30pm. If you have something you'd like to raise, please contact a member of the PAC. If you're not sure who's on the PAC, you'll see their pictures at the back of the church

Tuesday Devotions: are suspended until Fr. Cenydd's return

Exhibition of Icons to be held at Belmont Abbey, 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September. Traditional icons and other work by Dom Alex Echeabdia Loro, monk of Belmont. Please see poster for details

Heritage Open Days at St Francis Xavier's Broad Street: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 'A splendid Jesuit Temple, opened in 1839 and designed by Charles Day according to classical Greek tradition' Part of Herefordshire's Heritage Open Days celebrating the best in English architecture with a special display of Ss John XXIII and John Paul II 'From Pope to Saint' Stewards will be on hand to guide you around. Open to visitors 10:00am to 4:00pm (except Mass times)

Congratulations: please remember in your prayers Laura Slane and Antony Wringe, who will be getting married on 12<sup>th</sup> September

Our Lady's Lotto (TOTE): sales of Our Lady's Lotto tickets will commence on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014, with prize money of £200.00. Four numbers will be drawn every week with £10.00 added weekly until won. The numbers will be drawn on Tuesday evenings. If anyone would like to sell them to friends and family, a prize of £10.00 will be awarded to the seller of the winning ticket

Epistle of Gold, Epistle of Straw? a retreat led by Abbot Paul Stonham at Belmont Abbey 19 - 21 September

Pilgrimage to France 2015: find out more on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7:00pm in the parish room

Garden of Remembrance benches: all good things come to an end, and this is true of generously donated benches too. If your family gave money towards one of the previous benches, or if your family would like to make a donation to new benches, please contact Fr. Cenydd or Mr. Richard Seamarks, chair of the PAC. Thank you

Congratulations: Ciaràn Martin Holder of 29 Stanberrow Road Hereford and Sarah Meredith of 20 Beech Road, Monmouth are getting married on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at St Thomas's in Monmouth

LIFE Shop Hereford: volunteers urgently needed to help the charity to help others in need in Hereford. We are very low on volunteer workers in the shop and in the sorting room. LIFE is a registered national charity, was founded to provide pro-life care, educational and housing services and these activities are at the heart of the charity. Trained volunteers provide a Care Service upstairs at the LIFE Shop. All Charities nationally are experiencing problems gaining volunteers, and LIFE is having to compete on a part of Hereford City Centre that already has six charity shops close by. If you can help in any way please call in at the LIFE Shop 42 Eign Gate, or call Martin & Felicity Davies on 01432 269161

Red Missio boxes: please bring in your red Missio collection boxes for counting, as the third quarter of the year has been reached. Deliver to the sacristy before Mass or hand to Peter or Mary Leach – thank you

# Twenty Third Week of Ordinary Time

## Psalter week III

Today:

9:30 am Pat King  
11:30 am Mary Meenaghan  
6:30 pm

Monday 8 September No Mass  
*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday 9 September No Mass  
*St Peter Claver, Priest*

Wednesday, 10 September No Mass  
*Feria*

Thursday, 11 September No Mass  
*Feria*

Friday, 12 September No Mass  
*Most Holy Name of Mary*

Saturday, 13 September No Confessions  
*St John Chrysostom, Bishop* No Mass

Sunday, 14 September (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

9:30 am Edward Dzierza  
11:30 am John Farren  
6:30 pm Fr Michael Evans

### 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, Bernie Carroll, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Tony Constantine, Agnes McGowan and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Canon Frank Mulvey and Rev. Deacon Noel Williams

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, Mirosław Staszkowski and Margaret Buckeridge

A man walks into a London bank and says he wants to borrow £2,000 for three weeks. The loan officer asks him what kind of collateral he has. The man says "I've got a Rolls Royce -- keep it until the loan is paid off -- here are the keys." The loan officer promptly has the car driven into the bank's underground parking for safe keeping, and gives the man £2,000. Three weeks later the man comes into the bank, pays back the £2,000 loan, plus £20 interest, and regains possession of the Rolls Royce. The loan officer asks him, "Sir, if I may ask, why would a man who drives a Rolls Royce need to borrow two thousand pounds?" The man answers, "I had to go to the States for three weeks, and where else could I store a Rolls Royce for that long for twenty pounds?"

### Rota Schedule for 12 to 18 September 2014

**Flower Arrangers:** N & C Scotford

**Cleaners:** None this week

**Ushers:** 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland  
11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer  
6:30pm Volunteers

### Readers:

9:30am F Keogh  
11:30am V Thomas  
6:30pm R Seamarks

### Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am H Fishlock, A Hepworth, S Thompson  
11:30pm C Balestra, M Davies, E Cotterell  
6:30pm C Milsom

**Altar Linen:** A Hepworth

### Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 28 września godz 16:00

### Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August raised £335.68  
Thank you

