

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Pentecost Sunday, Year A – 8 June 2014

Entrance: *The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia*

Responsorial psalm: *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!*

Communion: *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia*



Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, programme and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness - God always brings newness -, and demands our complete trust: Noah, mocked by all, builds an ark and is saved; Abram leaves his land with only a promise in hand; Moses stands up to the might of Pharaoh and leads his people to freedom; the apostles, huddled fearfully in the Upper Room, go forth with courage to proclaim the Gospel. This is not a question of novelty for novelty's sake, the search for something new to relieve our boredom, as is so often the case in our own day. The newness which God brings into our life is something that actually brings fulfilment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good. Let us ask ourselves today: Are we open to "God's surprises"? A second thought: the Holy Spirit would appear to create disorder in the Church, since he brings the diversity of charisms and gifts; yet all this, by his working, is a great source of wealth, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which does not mean uniformity, but which leads everything back to harmony. In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit who creates harmony. One of Fathers of the Church has an expression which I love: the Holy Spirit himself is harmony – "*Ipse harmonia est*". He is indeed harmony. Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality and multiplicity, while at the same time building unity. Here too, when we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and other, we bring division. When we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization. But if instead we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, richness, variety and diversity never become a source of conflict, because he impels us to experience variety within the communion of the Church. Journeying together in the Church, under the guidance of her pastors who possess a special charism and ministry, is a sign of the working of the Holy Spirit. Having a sense of the Church is something fundamental for every Christian, every community and every movement. It is the Church which brings Christ to me, and me to Christ; parallel journeys are very dangerous! When we venture beyond (*proagon*) the Church's teaching and community – the Apostle John tells us in his Second Letter - and do not remain in them, we are not one with the God of Jesus Christ. So let us ask ourselves: Do I let myself be guided by the Holy Spirit, living in the Church and with the Church? (*From Pope Francis's homily, Pentecost 2013*)

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 7 were 18, 37, 2, 45, 1, 39, 29, 19, 46, 42 & 30 – no winner

Prize money for week 8 is £400.00 and twelve numbers to be drawn

The second collection: is for the redecoration of the parish

PAC meeting: on Monday at 7:30pm in the parish rooms

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

Bible Study: on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, in the parish house

House Prayer Meeting: will be held on Wednesday 11th June at 7:00pm at 72 Hinton Road. All very welcome for a relaxed hour of shared prayer. Contact Lindsaye on 01432 279357

The Legion of Mary: would like to invite all Parishioners to a Rosary Rally in Saint Mary's Church, Stow Hill, Newport, at 7.00pm on 12th June

"I Believe" Conference: at St David's Cathedral & the Cornerstone, (Cardiff CF10 2SF), 7pm Friday 13th - 4pm Sunday 15th June 2014; Free entrance, donations only. Please visit www.sdcrcf.org.uk for more details

Pimms & Pudding Evening: in aid of Life and St Michael's Hospice; to be held at Withington Village Hall at 7:00pm on Friday, 20th June. Tickets cost £7.50, which includes one Pimm's and all the pudding you can eat! Please see poster in the church porch for details

My Lord and My God: a day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A chance for prayer, reflection, fellowship and renewal; Saturday 21st June 10:00am to 4:00pm. The day will include Mass; for lunch, bring sandwiches. Tea/coffee are provided. Please see Fr. Cenydd if intending to go. Thanks

International Vigil of Prayer for Victims of Torture: (26th/27th June 2014) come and join us for the first hour of the Vigil, Holy Mass, Intercession and Adoration in the Oratory, Belmont Abbey from 8:00 – 9:00pm on Thursday 26th June. (The Oratory is situated in the courtyard to the left side of Hedley Lodge Guest House)

Our Lady's Parish BBO: will be held on Sunday 29th June, from 12.30pm (after the 11.30am Mass). Tickets must be purchased or ordered in advance; they will be on sale after Sunday Masses, or to reserve tickets please contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847 - Adults & children over 12yrs - £5, Concessionary & children 5-11 years - £3, Children under 5 - free. If the weather is inclement, we will be in the Parish Hall

Longworth Chapel: Archbishop George Stack is again making a special visit to Longworth Chapel, Herefordshire's Pre-Reformation Catholic Chapel at Bartestree, to celebrate Holy Mass on Friday, 4th July at 11.00 a.m. It is hoped that Parishioners from all our Deanery Parishes will be able to come to share in this celebration

Archdiocesan Day of Training for Parish MC's and Senior Altar Servers: on Saturday 5th July from 10.30am until 4pm, Mr Paul Moynihan, who is Westminster Cathedral's Master of Ceremonies, has been invited to Cardiff to give a day of training in Liturgy for ALL Parish MC's and Senior Altar Servers. The day will take place at The Cornerstone at St David's and also in St David's Cathedral and it will begin with an introduction by Archbishop George. If you intend to come either individually or as a parish group please could you notify Fr Mark Rowles, the Archdiocesan Master of Ceremonies asap, so that the numbers can be passed onto those organising the venue and refreshments. Thank you

Annual APF-Mill Hill Mission Mass: please see poster for details. If you intend to go, please tell Fr. Cenydd

Pearl Bray: after almost two months in hospital we're really pleased to say that Pearl Bray is now home. Our family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and best wishes which have helped Pearl return to good health

Tenth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter week II

Today:

9:30 am Edward Dzierza
11:30 am Thanksgiving (J & H Meenaghan)
6:30 pm

Monday 9 June 9:30am Mass – Special Int. (ML)
St Columba, Abbot

Tuesday 10 June 7:00pm Mass – Maria Stenzel
Feria

Wednesday, 11 June 9:30am Mass – Special Int. (RB)
St Barnabas, Apostle

Thursday, 12 June 9:30am Mass – George Schmidt
Feria

Friday, 13 June 7:00pm Mass – Mary Phillips
St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, 14 June 9:30 am - Confessions
Votive Mass of the BVM 10:30 am Mass – Int. of C Rollings

Sunday, 15 June (The Most Holy Trinity)

9:30 am John Farren
11:30 am Int. of the Meenaghan family
6:30 pm *Fr Cenydd Marrison*

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, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Tony Constantine and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Natalie Chadwick, Ryszard Dabek and Prince Rupert zu Loewenstein

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of June, including: Russell Sabel, William Collins, Enid Uden, William Lynes, Robert Derbyshire, Irene Gecks, Evelyn Lavell, Iris Croke, Alexa Laszowskyz, Gerald O'Hagan, Esther Scott, Dermot Kelleher, Lewis Murgatroyd, Zbigniew Pawlowicz, Albert LeSurf, John Donelon, Teresa Scraba, Tony Pye, Rose Rattle and Dorothy Rohde

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, 'Jesus knows you're here.' He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard 'Jesus is watching you.' Startled, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. 'Did you say that?' he hissed at the parrot. 'Yes', the parrot confessed, then squawked, 'I'm just trying to warn you that he's watching you.' The burglar relaxed. 'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?' 'Moses,' replied the bird. 'Moses?' the burglar laughed. 'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?' 'The kind of people who would name a Rottweiler Jesus'

Rota Schedule for 13 to 19 June 2014

Flower Arrangers: L Scanlon & H Meenaghan

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings & volunteer

11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield

6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting

Readers:

9:30am P Buckley

11:30am M Langley

6:30pm V Woods

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am F Keogh, T Bray, A Hepworth

11:30pm E Cotterell, J McGowan, H Meenaghan

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

Altar Linen:

A Hepworth

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 22 czerwca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 25th May came to **£544.28** – thank you

