



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – year cycle B – 9th August

Entrance *Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

Responsorial psalm: *Taste and see that the lord is good.*

Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia: *If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia*

Communion: *O Jerusalem, glorify the lord, who gives you're your fill of finest wheat*

The words of Pope Francis at the Angelus on Sunday, 26th July 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel presents the great sign of the multiplication of the loaves, in the account of John the Evangelist (6:1-15). Jesus is on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and is surrounded by "a multitude", who were attracted by "the signs which he did on those who were diseased". Acting in Him is the merciful power of God, who heals every evil of the body and spirit. But Jesus is not only healer, he is also *teacher*: indeed, *he goes up into the hills* and sits, with the typical attitude of a teacher when he teaches: he goes up to that natural "pulpit" created by his Heavenly Father. At this point Jesus, who fully understands what he is about to do, *puts his disciples to the test*. How can they feed all these people? Philip, one of the Twelve, quickly calculates: by taking up a collection, they might collect 200 denarii at most, which would not be enough to feed 5,000 people.

The disciples reason in "marketing" terms, but Jesus substitutes the logic of *buying* with another logic, the logic of *giving*. It is here that Andrew, one of the Apostles, the brother of Simon Peter, presents a young lad who offers everything he has: five loaves and two fish; but of course, Andrew says, they are nothing for that multitude. Jesus actually expects this. He orders the disciples to make the people sit down, then he *takes* those loaves and those fish, *gives thanks* to the Father and *distributes* them. These acts prefigure the Last Supper, which gives the bread of Jesus its truest significance. The bread of God is Jesus Himself. By receiving Him in Communion, we receive his life within us and we become children of the Heavenly Father and brothers among ourselves. By receiving communion we meet Jesus truly living and risen! Taking part in the Eucharist means entering into the logic of Jesus, the logic of giving freely, of sharing. And as poor as we are, we all have something to give. "To receive Communion" means to draw from Christ the grace which enables us to share with others all we are and all we have

The crowd is struck by the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves; but the gift Jesus offers is the *fullness of life for a hungry mankind*. Jesus satiates not only material hunger, but the most profound one, the hunger for the meaning of life, the hunger for God. Before the suffering, loneliness, poverty and difficulties of so many people, what can we ourselves do? Complaining doesn't resolve anything, but we can offer the little that we have, like the lad in the Gospel. We surely have a few hours of time, certain talents, some skills... Who among us doesn't have "five loaves and two fish" of his own? We all have them! If we are willing to place them in the Lord's hands, they will be enough to bring about a little more love, peace, justice and especially joy in the world. How necessary joy is in the world! God is capable of multiplying our small acts of solidarity and allowing us to share in his gift.

May our prayer sustain the common commitment that no one may lack the heavenly Bread, which gives eternal life and the basic necessities for a dignified life, and may it affirm the logic of sharing and love. May the Virgin Mary accompany us with her maternal intercession.

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 45 were 15, 35, 36, 34, 49 & 11
No winner
Prize money for week 46 is £575.00, and six numbers to be drawn**

Second Collection for redecoration

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary after mass.

Confirmation Course at Our Lady's

We will be starting a Confirmation course at Our Lady's in the autumn term, leading up to Confirmation with the Archbishop in the summer term 2016. The course will involve catechesis sessions, activities, & visits. There will be a meeting in late September/early October, after Fr Matthew has had a few weeks to settle into the Parish, which all candidates and their parents will be invited to attend - so please look out for the date in the newsletter. At this meeting we will be able to give you an outline of the course and some dates for the sessions. The course is open to anyone in Year 9 and above (from Sept 2015). In the meantime, please contact Fran Keogh (email:- fran.keogh1461@gmail.com) if you would like to join us on the course or would like to find out more about it.

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

Have you remembered about this Conference?

Please see the details below if you would like to join us, and please spread the word for us!

Proclaim the Good News! Mark 16 v. 15 Catholic Renewal Conference

August 21-23 2015. @ University College of Wales, Trinity St David Carmarthen CF31 3EP

Online booking forms available.

Dementia & Spirituality: Prayer Service with hymns and the Sacrament of the Sick for people with dementia and their carers on Thursday 27th August at 2:00pm to 3:30pm in Llantranam Abbey, Cwmbran, NP44 3YJ. Light refreshments provided. Let us come together and pray for & with all who experience the effects of Dementia.

St John Kemble The annual Pilgrimage to the grave of St John Kemble, will take place on Sunday 23rd August beginning after the 9.00am mass at St Mary's Church Monmouth to walk to Welsh Newton Rosary, Readings and Prayers at the Grave at 3.00pm, Benediction at 4.15 at St Mary's, followed by tea in the garden.

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. We hope that as many people as possible will visit, and learn more about this wonderful Saint.

The funeral of Chris Burns will be on Monday 17th August at 12.30

A big thank you to Father Paul, for the sterling work in making sure that the parish had a daily mass during the time we were without a resident priest. We also thank Father Jonathon especially for his wonderful work over the Easter Tridium.

My dear Friends in Christ,

How quickly this month is passing. Some of you have already gone away on holiday, others will be going soon, and some of us will probably just stay at home and enjoy an English Summer. Whatever it is we plan to do, let us not forget to spend some time in prayer each day, to read the Bible and meditate on the Word of God and, of course, to go to Mass each Sunday and as often as we can. Next weekend we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, Easter in Summer, a wonderful day on which to welcome your new Parish Priest, Fr Matthew Carney. I know you will make him feel at home and will make a great effort to work with him for the spiritual and material good of our parish. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve you since the end of December. We can only ask your forgiveness for our shortcomings. God bless you all and Our Lady protect you. Abbot Paul, Fr Andrew, Fr Jonathan and Fr Joseph

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter III

<p><i>Today:</i> 9:30 am 11:30 am <i>Christina Turville RIP</i> 6:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Monday 10 August</i> <i>10.00 am Mass – Special Intention</i> <i>St Laurence</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday 11 August</i> <i>7.00 m Mass –</i> <i>St Clare of Assisi</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday 12 August</i> <i>10.00am Mass –</i> <i>Feria</i></p> <p><i>Thursday, 13 August</i> <i>10.00am Mass –</i> <i>Feria</i></p> <p><i>Friday 14 August</i> <i>7.00pm Mass –</i> <i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i></p> <p><i>Saturday, 15 August</i> <i>10.00 am- 11.00am Sacrament of</i> <i>Feria</i> <i>reconciliation and Exposition</i> <i>11.00am Mass – Magda & Adam</i> <i>Michniok 12th Wedding Anniversary</i></p> <p><i>Sunday 16 August</i> 9:30 am 11:30 am 6.30pm</p>	<p><i>Rota Schedule for 10 August – 16 August 2015</i></p> <p><i>Flower Arrangers:</i> <i>Maria Carol</i></p> <p><i>Cleaners:</i> <i>L Briscoe</i></p> <p><i>Ushers:</i> <i>9:30am</i> <i>P Roberts C Sharland</i> <i>11:30am</i> <i>Mr & Mrs Cotterell</i> <i>6:30pm</i> <i>M Netting C Milsom</i></p> <p><i>Readers:</i> <i>9:30am</i> <i>P Roberts</i> <i>11:30am</i> <i>V Thomas</i> <i>6.30pm</i> <i>R Seemarks</i></p> <p><i>Eucharistic Ministers:</i> <i>9.30am</i> <i>F Keogh D Lissaman P Buckley</i> <i>11.30am</i> <i>K Davis C Mulloy J McGowan</i> <i>6.30pm</i> <i>C Sharland</i></p> <p><i>Altar Linen:</i> <i>B Spanjers</i></p> <p><i>Counting</i> <i>Celia Volunteer</i></p> <p><u>Polish Information:</u> Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 Sierpnia godz 16:00</p> <p><u>Finance:</u> Collection on Sunday 2nd August £295.00 + £164.80 Thank you</p>
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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 Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book

The recently dead Chris Turville, Chris Burns, Peggy Parkman & Clare Frayne

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of August, including: Elizabeth Turner, Norman Michael, Neil Payne, Kathleen Jones, William Townsend, Ellen Parton, Tadeusz Radon, John Murray, Agnes Thomas, Monica Holt, John Nordell, Julianna Simon, June Szantay, Archibald Doherty, Ellen Gallagher, Francis Williams, Albert Kelly, Joseph Flanagan, Kathleen Morrell, Wilfred Jefferson, Mieczysław Wojtczak, Gary Bourne, Vera Taylor, Bridget Keenan, Michael Weaver, Wojciech Panek, Mary Norris, Agnieszka Wieclawek, Bridget Kinsella and Patricia Somerset-Butler

It was a packed church for Bill and Maryanne’s wedding Mass. The priest who was going to say the Mass decided that since he a few minutes to spare he would take a walk out to the entrance of the church where the bride was waiting. “well Maryanne how are you doing on your special day?” he asked. “Okay I think Father” she replied, “I’m just nervous about walking down that long aisle”

“I’ll share a secret with you” the priest said, “one that I have heard brides use over the years. As you start to walk down the aisle look straight ahead think how wonderful the white runner looks, then look at the altar at the beautiful flowers. Finally, listen to the hymn being played, and you will be there before you know it”.

Then the priest went back to the sacristy, the organ started the wedding march, the bride took and deep breath, and just loud enough that her father could hear “Aislealtar ...hymnaisle..... altar.... hymn... aisle.....altar....hymn”