

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 9 February 2014

Entrance: *O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God*

Responsorial psalm: *The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

Communion: *Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul and the hungry he fills with good things*

A brief history of our diocese

In the reign of Henry VIII, the whole of Wales became part of the realm of England and the four ancient dioceses of Llandaff, St David's, Bangor and St Asaph's became part of his autonomous "Church of England" of which he proclaimed himself the "supreme head". All the Welsh religious houses were suppressed in 1536, and in Herefordshire by 1538, with deep social implications for the people; except for a brief period under Queen Mary the members of the Catholic Church in England and Wales then entered a two hundred year period of deprivation and persecution. The Old Faith survived in many parts of Wales and Herefordshire, though barely. Large numbers of the Catholic gentry faced penury and imprisonment for being recusants - refusing to attend the new services in the parish church. Missionary priests educated abroad were hunted down when they returned and tried to minister to pockets of Catholics in secret houses. Being hung, drawn and quartered was the penalty they faced for being "massing" priests. These policies gradually prevailed and the supply of priests diminished drastically - except in some large estates owned by heroic and influential Catholics, particularly in Monmouthshire. Families like the Vaughans, the Gunters and the Herberts hid and maintained chaplains so that their own families and their workers could attend the celebration of the Mass. Gradually the penal laws against Catholics were eased and in 1829 this culminated in Catholic Emancipation when a great many - but by no means all - of the restrictions on Catholics were swept away. From 1688, despite the danger to the individuals appointed, Rome chose men of piety, integrity, sacrifice and learning to act as vicars apostolic to areas of Britain. Wales and Herefordshire were part of what was known as the Western District. This was administered by Benedictine monks and Franciscan friars whose appointments as vicars apostolic carried the rank of bishop. In 1840 the Western District was divided in two. Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and Wales became the Welsh District, with Bishop Brown, OSB as vicar apostolic. In 1850 the diocese of Newport and Menevia was set up as a suffragan see of Westminster diocese, with Bishop Brown in charge. Belmont Abbey was the cathedral of the new diocese. Boundaries were changed in 1895, when the diocese of Newport was redefined as comprising the counties of Glamorgan, Monmouth and Hereford. Bishop Hedley was reappointed in 1895 and continued until 1916. Francis Mostyn was vicar apostolic for the rest of the area until 1898 when it was made the diocese of Menevia of which he became the ordinary. In 1916 the Cardiff Province was established, comprising the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Cardiff with the diocese of Menevia as a suffragan see, and after a short transitional period the cathedral was moved from Belmont to St David's, Cardiff.



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 36 were 13, 42, 35, 38, 19 & 25 – no winner

Prize money for week 37 is £215.00 and seven numbers to be drawn

Second collection today: is to go towards the cost of decorating the church

Tuesday Devotions: the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass; the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

PAC membership: due to the resignation of PAC members we currently have vacancies; if you would like to put your name forward please see Fr Cenydd or Richard Seamarks. The post of secretary to the PAC also needs filling. Meetings take place about every 6 weeks, so the task is not onerous

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life: on Monday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please join us in a day of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. See www.goodcounselnet.co.uk for more information

Nine Hours of Eucharistic Adoration: to pray for the unborn and their families at St. David's Cathedral; 9am to 6pm, (with Mass at 12.45pm), on Monday 10th February. All welcome

Special collection next Sunday: for Marriage Care. *"Marriage Care helps couples and individuals to build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship difficulty. And we've been doing this for over 65 years. Our vision is a society in which all adults can build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy relationships. We are doing what we can towards achieving this vision by offering relationship education resources, marriage preparation services and relationship counselling to all, regardless of ability to pay. We have over 50 centres and more than 100 counselling locations across England and Wales, so you'll probably find us in a community near you. With over 700 couple relationship specialists and support team members, who generously volunteer their time and expertise on a regular basis, we are the second largest relationship support provider in England and Wales, and the largest single provider of marriage preparation services for couples marrying in the Catholic Church in England and Wales."* (Taken from their website)

A Christian reads the Old Testament: do we still need the Old Testament? Can we still learn anything from it about the way of Christ and our destiny? A retreat led by Dom Henry Wansbrough on Friday 14th to Sunday 16th February at Belmont Abbey. Cost £28 plus meals/accommodation

Inter-faith Relations: Scriptural Reasoning: by Professor Mike Higon, (Professor of Theology and Ministry at the University of Durham; former Academic Co-Director of the Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme, University of Cambridge), at 7.00pm on Thursday, 20th February in the Taliesin, Swansea University. All welcome, admission free

Ecumenical Celebration of Family Life: a special non-Eucharistic service will be held in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Saturday March 8th at 12 noon, to celebrate God's love at work in our everyday family life, in happy and less happy times. All are very welcome, so please invite family and friends of all denominations to come with you. If you would like to take a special part by giving a reading or carrying a symbol to the altar please contact 029 20212821 or flc@rcadc.org.uk

Volunteers Needed: CAFOD in the Archdiocese is looking for volunteers to work with children and young people in schools and parishes to help them learn and to inspire them to take action with CAFOD. For further information please contact CAFOD on 02920 344 882, or email southwales@cafod.org.uk or visit their website at www.cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com

Hospital visits: if you need to receive the sacraments in hospital please contact Fr Cenydd as normal

Helping hand: a female parishioner, who is undergoing chemotherapy at present, is willing to chat with any ladies in the same position or those who are facing chemotherapy in the near future. She would like to be able to help calm nerves and share her experiences. Please see Fr Cenydd for contact details

Fifth week of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week I

Today:

9:30 am John & Mary Cummings
11:30 am Michael Wadley
6:30 pm

Monday 10 February 9:30 am Mass – Int of Ann Morris
St Scholastica, Virgin

Tuesday 11 February 7:00pm Mass – Edward Dzierza
Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday, 12 February 9:30 am Mass – *see Fr Roman Feria*

Thursday, 13 February 9:30 am Mass – *see Fr Roman Feria*

Friday, 14 February 7:00 pm Mass – Jim Smith
St Cyril, Monk, & St Methodius, Bishop

Saturday, 15 February 9:30 am Confessions
Votive Mass of the BVM 10:30 am Mass – Bartestree Convent

Sunday, 16 February (Sixth Sunday of OT)

9:30 am Int of the Sullivan Family
11:30 am Barry Britton
6:30 pm Celebrated by 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, Natalie Chadwick, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Sr Catherine Jackson OP, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Dr Mike O'Kane, Madeleine Went, Anna Foggo, Colin Reid, Catherine Rollings, Margaret Anderson, Sheila Seemarks, Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Simon Williams, Jeanette Harrall, Fr John Meredith, Jim Smith, Barry Britton, Janet McNamara, John Hodgson, Jason Houten, Łukasz Maziarski, Ivan Champion and Karen Royer

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of February, including: William Johns, Bill Morris, Agnes Cooper, Emil Bieler, Mary Mulraine, Joan Keogh, Lucy Dale, Michael Wadley, David Stanton, Alexandra Podmore, Joseph Lambert, Paul Harrison, Mary Anderson, Jay Bourne, Elizabeth McColgan, Phyllis Price, Trevor Tipping, Margaret Jones, Edward Dzierza, Teresa Govett and Alice Deans

A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So you hear your mother saying prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed"

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

If a deep sea diver has a rash, does he come up to scratch?

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

Atheism is a non-prophet organisation

Rota Schedule for 14 to 20 February 2014

Flower Arrangers: L Scanlon & H Meenaghan

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am J Sullivan

11:30am M Brown

6:30pm J Winter

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am F Keogh, (Tim Bray)

11:30pm F Davies, H Meenaghan, C Balestra

6:30pm G McAleer, R Jones, C Sharland

Altar Linen: C Simons

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 lutego godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 2nd February came to **£376.04**
– thank you

