

# PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 9 June 2013

**Entrance:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall*

**Responsorial psalm:** *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!*

**Communion:** *The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength*

In every age, Christ has called and continues to call men to follow him more closely by participating in his priesthood – that implies that, in every period of the history of the Church, the Lord has held a vocational dialogue with the faithful that He has chosen, so that they may be his representatives among the people of God, as well as mediators between heaven and earth, particularly in the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments. In fact, one can say that the liturgy opens heaven wide here on earth. On this basis, you are called through ordination – without any merit of your own – to be mediators between God and his people and to make possible the salvific encounter through the celebration of the divine mysteries. Notwithstanding your own limits, you have responded to this call with generosity and joy. It is important that you always keep alive the sense of youthfulness in your hearts: *“We must live the faith with a young heart, always: a young heart, even at the age of seventy or eighty. Dear young people! With Christ, the heart never grows old”* (Pope Francis, Homily for Palm Sunday, 24 March 2013, no. 3). The youthfulness of the priestly spirit, firm in its vocation, is guaranteed by prayer, that is the continually maintained attitude of interior silence which favours listening to God every day. This continual opening of the heart happens, naturally, within a stability that – once the fundamental life decisions have been taken – is capable, with the help of grace, to remain faithful to the tasks which have been solemnly accepted, right up to the end of our earthly life. However, this necessary stability does not imply closing our ear to the ongoing call of God, because the Lord, while confirming us every day in our fundamental vocation, is always at the door of our heart knocking, waiting for us to open it to Him with the same generosity with which we said to him our first *“fiat”*, imitating the availability of the Ever Virgin Mother of God. We can, therefore, never place limits on the plan that God has for us and that he will communicate to us day after day, throughout the whole of our life. This vocational openness also represents the most certain way to live evangelical joy. It is, in fact, the Lord who will make us truly happy. Our joy does not come from mundane satisfaction, which makes us briefly happy and quickly disappears, as St. Ignatius of Loyola noted in his first spiritual discernment. Our joy is Christ! In the daily dialogue with Him, our spirit is reassured and continually renews our passion and our zeal for the salvation of souls. This prayerful dimension of the priestly vocation reminds us of still more very important aspects. First among them is the fact that vocations grow not principally from a pastoral strategy, but above all through prayer. As Jesus taught: *“Pray... the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest”*. (Taken from the letter of Mauro Cardinal Piacenza, Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, 2013)



## Dates for Your Diary

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

**Tote numbers drawn for week 8 were 8, 12, 25 & 9 - no winners**

**Prize money for week 9 – £90.00 and four numbers to be drawn**

Confirmation Day: we welcome His Grace, Archbishop George, to the parish today for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:30 am Mass

Second collection today: for the parish

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

Frassati Youth Group: meetings after half term will be on Thursdays 13th & 27th June, 11th July, in the Parish Room, 7-9pm. Anyone in Yr 7 and above is very welcome to join us for games, activities & prayer

OLP School First Holy Communion Mass: at 9:30am on Saturday, 15th June in the parish church. All welcome

Belmont Abbey Garden Fete: takes place on 15th June at Belmont Abbey, from 2:00 pm. Lots of stalls and things to do, and a Grand Draw with over 20 prizes. Do come and enjoy a strawberry and cream tea!

The Wisdom of Pope John: a Belmont Retreat, 14th to 16th June, marking the 50th anniversary of the death of Pope John XXIII whose good cheer, wit and pastoral sense endeared him to the world. Led by Dom Brendan

Local Catholic History: may I draw to your parishioners' attention a Symposium to take place at Hereford Cathedral on 21st June 2013 on Jesuit culture & music, followed by an evening concert at Saint Francis Xavier's church in Hereford? This is all in association with the work of Hannah Thomas (who has spoken to us several times) on the Cwm Library, seized from the Jesuits in 1679 and now housed in the Chained Library. Details of the day and booking arrangements can be found on the website [worldsourhouse.blogspot.com](http://worldsourhouse.blogspot.com) It looks a very interesting day! Brenda Warde

Parish Family BBQ: Sunday 23rd June, after the 11.30am Mass. Bar, beverages & plenty of food. Hopefully the weather will be fine this year, but if it is not, we will be in the Parish Hall instead of outside. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses. Please make sure that you buy your ticket in advance. Price: Adults & Children over 12 yrs - £5; Concessionary & Children 5-11yrs - £3; Children under 5 - free. To reserve tickets please contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847

Violin Concert: by Michael Grube, internationally renowned violinist; a new programme of exciting music for the violin, some especially written for his famous Amati violin. Belmont Abbey, Saturday, 29th June at 7:30 pm

A Date for your Prayer Diary: the annual Vigil of Prayer for Victims of Torture will be held this year during the night of 29th/30th June from 8 pm to 8 am. Sadly at present the practice of torture seems to be on the increase in our world, so please note this date and try to set aside a little time to remember those who suffer so terribly at the hands of their fellow human beings. There will be a special Mass and Exposition in the Oratory at Belmont Abbey from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. but if you cannot come to this, you can still take part in the Vigil at home

The Hereford Food Bank: needs your help. Demand for its services is increasing. From today there will be a basket in the church porch. When you go shopping, please buy an extra item and bring it in. The food bank needs tins of meat or fish, tinned potatoes, fruit, custard and rice pudding, jars of coffee, packets of rice, pasta and dried milk, sugar, tea bags, toilet rolls, shampoo, toothpaste and soap. Your help is very important. More information from the Food Bank (01432 353347) or Phil King (01432 276365); thank you

Supporting Catholics in Healthcare: a new website for Catholics working in healthcare has been launched as part of the work of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. [www.catholicsinhealthcare.wordpress.com](http://www.catholicsinhealthcare.wordpress.com) is a free site which includes materials, links and resources such as Cherishing Life and Caring for Catholic Patient series, as well as prayer material and reflections on health from the Church's teaching

# Tenth Week of Ordinary Time

## Psalter: Week II

9:30 am	Shaw Family Intention
11:30 am	Deanery Confirmandi
6:30 pm	
Monday 10 June <i>Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass – Special Int (RO)
Tuesday 11 June <i>St Barnabas, Apostle</i>	7:00 pm Mass –
Wednesday 12 June <i>Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass – Doreen Wade
Thursday, 13 June <i>St Anthony of Padua, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 am Mass – George Schmidt
Friday, 14 June <i>Feria</i>	7:00 pm Mass –
Saturday, 15 June <i>Feria</i>	9:30 am Mass – OL Communicants
Sunday, 16 June (11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year)	
9:30 am	John Farren
11:30 am	Kate Moss
6:30 pm	<i>Celebrated by Fr Cenydd Marrison</i>

### Rota Schedule for 14 to 20 June 2013

<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	S West & A Rollings
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Volunteers
<b>Ushers:</b>	9:30am A Rollings & M Langford
	11:30am D Lissaman & J Kelly
	6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting
<b>Readers:</b>	9:30am C Bray
	11:30am G Markham
	6:30pm J Winter
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	
	9:30am P King, T Bray, (R Jones)
	11:30pm J McGowan, M Davies, E Cotterell
	6:30pm J Winter, C Sharland, A Staton
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	A Whitehead

### Polish Information:

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

### Finance:

The collections on Sunday, 26 May came to **£518.91** – thank you

### Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Karen Royer, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Katie Balnaves, Damian Brackley, Shelaigh Fawcett, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Angela Smith, Chris Turville, Jason Houten, Barbara Hampton, Leo Hornby, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Sr Catherine Jackson OP, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Stan Morris, Glyn Matthews and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Franciszek Drynda, Jackie Cotton, Fergus Rainey, John Bevan, John Jackson and Doreen Wade

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of May, including: Kaz & Helena Domalik, Harold Halls, Joseph Greene, Mary Robbins, Desmond Joyce, Hilda Bindon, Mary Turner, Bernadette Lynch, Veronica Lowe, Ann Maloney, Milborough Plummer, Gerhard Kostorz, Josephina Rizzardini, Elizabeth Donovan, Bernadette Graham, Ellen Elkin, Alice Derrick, David Martin, Marguerite Jacobs, Margaret Jones, Francis Meigh, Geoffrey Staton, Ron Tyler and Florence Pockett

You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish  
When she saw her first strands of gray hair... she thought she'd dye  
The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes... was on shaky ground  
The batteries were given out... free of charge  
A dentist and a manicurist married... they fought tooth and nail  
A will is a... dead giveaway  
You are stuck with your debt if... you can't budge it  
A boiled egg is... hard to beat  
Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was... resisting a rest  
If you take a laptop computer for a run you could... jog your memory  
Those who get too big for their britches will be... exposed in the end

