



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 9 November 2014

Entrance: *I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband*

Responsorial psalm: *The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, for my name to be there forever. Alleluia!*

Communion: *Be built up like living stones into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood*

November Hope

We have listened to the words of St Paul: *“For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Rom 8:38-39). The Apostle presents the love of God as the deepest and most compelling reason for Christian trust and hope. He lists the opposing and mysterious forces that can threaten the journey of faith. But immediately he states with confidence that even if our entire life is surrounded by threats, nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love which Christ himself has obtained for us by his total self-gift. Even the demonic powers, which are hostile to man, stand powerless before the intimate union of love that exists between Jesus and whoever receives him in faith. This reality of the faithful love that God has for each one of us helps us to face life's daily journey, which sometimes passes quickly and at other times is slow and laborious, with serenity and strength. Only man's sin can break this bond, and yet even in this case God will always seek man, he will run after him in order to re-establish a union with him that endures even after death; indeed, a union that reaches its culmination in the final encounter with the Father. This certitude gives new and full meaning to earthly life and opens us to hope for life beyond death. In fact, every time we are faced with the death of a loved one or of someone whom we knew well, the question arises within us: *“What will become of his life, his work, his service in the Church?”* The Book of Wisdom tells us: they are in the hands of God! The hand is a sign of welcome and protection, it is a sign of a personal relationship of respect and faithfulness: to give a hand, to shake someone's hand. Now, these zealous pastors, who have dedicated their lives to the service of God and their brothers, are in the hands of God. All that concerns them is well cared for and will not be corroded by death. All of their days, interwoven as they were with joy and suffering, hope and struggle, faithfulness to the Gospel and passion for the spiritual and material salvation of the flock entrusted to them, are in the hands of God. Even their sins, our sins, are in the hands of God; those merciful hands, those hands “wounded” by love. It was not by chance that Jesus willed to preserve the wounds in his hands to enable us to know and feel his mercy. And this is our strength, our hope. This reality, full of hope, is the prospect of the final resurrection, of eternal life to which the “just”, those who receive the Word of God and are docile to his Spirit, are destined. *(Taken from the homily delivered by Pope Francis on 4th November, 2013, St Peter's Basilica)*



Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. Amen

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 8 were 36, 25, 4 & 24
No winner
Prize money for week 9 is £400.00, and five numbers drawn

Second collection: is for the parish redecoration project

PAC meeting: on Monday, 10th November in the parish hall at 7:30 pm

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy chaplet before Mass and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

November – The Month of Remembrance: *“Purification, Punishment, or Popish Propaganda?”* is the third and last of the series of half-hour talks on this subject of Life and Death which will take place at the Cornerstone in Charles Street, Cardiff, (opposite St. David’s Cathedral), on Tuesday, November 11th at 12.30pm. The speaker will be the Reverend Gareth Leyshon who will take a fresh look at Purgatory and how belief in a final cleansing after death is rooted in Scripture and Tradition. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the talk. On Wednesday, November 12th, the Cornerstone will be once again “open to the public” from 11 am to 2.30 pm as a place of reflection for anyone who feels conscious of bereavement. Drop in at any time during these hours to find a warm welcome. Refreshments will be available. On Friday, November 14th, there will be a special prayer service, (not a Mass), for anyone whose life has been touched by the loss of a child in the womb, through stillbirth or miscarriage at Christ the King Church in Llanishen, first at 1.30 p.m. and again at 7.30 p.m.

Nine Hours of Eucharistic Adoration: praying for the unborn and their families. St. David’s Cathedral, Cardiff, 9am to 5.30pm, Thursday 13th November; Mass at 12.45pm, Benediction at 5.30pm

Mass of Remembrance for supporters of CAFOD: please join us at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St David, Cardiff on Sunday 16 November at 5:30pm to commemorate all those who have touched our lives and made the world a better place. If you would like a loved one remembered during this special Mass, please contact southwales@cafod.org.uk or call 029 2034 4882 to include them in our book of remembrance

A special Children's Liturgy meeting: on 16th November following 9.30 am Mass; the meeting is open to everyone who is interested, especially parents. All supporters are most welcome. We will discuss our plans for Advent, but also our plans for 2015, which we know will be a challenging time for our parish community

St Francis Xavier’s Church: in association with Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust proudly present the Neath Male Voice Choir. A rare chance to see and hear the extraordinary choir at St Francis Xavier’s Church, Hereford, on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30 pm; tickets £10. See poster for details

Weekend of prayer: Catholic women aged 25 to 55 are invited to a weekend of prayer, following in the footsteps of Jesus with Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Friday 28th to Sunday 30th November, at the Poor Clare Monastery, Much Birch. If interested contact Sr Josephine at saintclaremonastery@gmail.com or write to the Poor Clare Monastery, Much Birch, Hereford, HR2 8PS

Date for your diary: **Our Lady's Parish Christmas Fayre - Saturday 13th December**, 1.30pm, in the Parish Hall - further details to follow

World Mission Sunday collection: the total announced last week, (£287.31), was enhanced by a single donation of £400 during the week, so the amount is now **£687.31**

Pilgrimage to France 2015: our Parish Pilgrimage is now fully booked. If any parishioner would like to put their name on the reserve list in case of cancellations please contact John/Mary Cook on 850231. Further details of pilgrimage will follow in due course. Thank you

From Ann Rollings: I would like to thank you all for the prayers offered for my daughter. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness that you have shown. She has had good news from her consultant. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for you all on 18th November. God bless

Thirty Second Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter week IV

Today:

9:30 am Janina & Josef Priebe
11:30 am Anthony Moruzzi
6:30 pm

Monday 10 November 9:30 am Mass – Faye Hopgood
St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 11 November 7:00 pm Mass – Preedy family
St Martin of Tours, Bishop

Wednesday, 12 November 9:30 am Mass – Burgoyne family
St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Thursday, 13 November 9:30 am Mass – David Thomas
Feria

Friday, 14 November 7:00 pm Mass – November Lists
Mass of the Dead

Saturday, 15 November 9:30 am Confessions
Votive Mass of the BVM 10:30 am Mass – John Farren

Sunday, 16 November (Thirty Third Sunday in OT)

9:30 am Dennis Leach
11:30 am Tim Langley
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, Glyn Matthews, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Anne Jenkins and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Trevor Roberts, Fr. Donal Gillespie, Fr. Laurence Beer OSB and Monica Thompson

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of November, including: Joan Delaney, Amelia Perry, Cecil Evans, Moira Kelleher, Catherine Taylor, Rose Rivers, Terence Davies, Phyllis Jones, Edward Keogh, John Faraday, Bridget Mullens, Mary Matthews, Albert Williams, Ivor Brace, John Frayne, Timothy Langley, John Doherty, Rose Pick, Anthony Keogh, Harold Carroll, Timothy Dillon and Corrine Wiles

Three doctors, famous in their respective fields, die in a car crash on their way to a medical conference. In the arrival room in Heaven they are asked to fill in a questionnaire and one of the questions reads "When you were in your coffin, and friends and family were gathered round you, what would you have liked them to say about you?" The first doctor writes, "I would have liked to hear them say, 'I was a great doctor of my time, and a great family man.'" The second doctor writes, "I would have liked to hear them say, 'I was a wonderful husband, and a doctor who made a huge difference in peoples' lives.'" The last doctor hesitates for a while, then writes, "I would have liked to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Rota Schedule for 14 to 20 November 2014

Flower Arrangers: L Meredith

Cleaners: Volunteers

Ushers: 9:30am P Roberts & C Sharland

11:30am R Cotterell & volunteer

6:30pm Volunteers

Readers:

9:30am A Spanjers

11:30am J Meenaghan

6:30pm M Woolaway

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am D Lissaman, T Bray, H Fishlock

11:30pm E Cotterell, M Davies, C Balestra

6:30pm R Jones

Altar Linen: A Hepworth

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 2nd November raised £379.19



Rumors about the "kiss of death" made for a lame dating scene.