



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord –Year C – 10th January 2016

Holy Year of Mercy – “Merciful, like the Father.”

Entrance Antiphon - “After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Responsorial psalm - “The Lord will bless his people with peace.”

Gospel Acclamation - ““Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Fathers voice resounded: “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. Alleluia.”

Communion Antiphon – “Behold the one of whom Jesus said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

Could I wish all parishioners a very happy and holy new year. I returned last Thursday from my little break, I had a lovely time on Anglesey, the weather wasn't too bad and I enjoyed driving and walking around the beautiful coastline. Could I once again thank all parishioners for their many kind cards and gifts which I received at Christmas, your generosity and kindness was very humbling. Today we mark another stage in the preparation of the young people who are due to be confirmed in June, today at the 9.30am mass they will undergo a rite of election. Also today we have the annual White Flower appeal, for the benefit of the Society for the protection of the Unborn Child, a leaflet is attached to this bulletin. Finally the Funeral of Bernard Mulloy who died just before Christmas is this Monday at 11.30am in Church.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. BAPTISM OF OUR LORD.

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan - that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance. Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus" - opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God. Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power." The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob". The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest. That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary - Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever. In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage-way to healing and freedom - a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Dates for Your Diary

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

No TOTE last week, begins again this week 6 numbers to be drawn £425.00

Second Collection – White flower appeal for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC, defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life and pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals, Please give generously to this worthy cause.

PEACE SUNDAY 17th JANUARY. *Next Sunday is Peace Sunday and we will be praying for the work of Pax Christi, the international Christian peace movement, with a 2nd collection for their work.*

Tuesday devotions: *Divine Mercy Chaplet/Novena before Mass and the joyful mysteries after mass.*

Prayer Sponsors for our Confirmation Candidates. Parishioners' prayers are very important for our Candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and it would be wonderful if each candidate could have at least two Prayer Sponsors to pray specifically for them over the coming months (there is no limit to numbers!) - If you would like to be a Prayer Sponsor to one (or more) of our candidates, there is a list at the back of the Church to sign up - Our candidates are:- Abi Francis, Beth Windall, Mia Price, Olivia Thompson, Sophie Milsom, Cintia Ramos and Stephaney Nascimento. Thank you for your prayers and your support.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Please keep the 30 children in your prayers, the next preparation session is Sunday 31st January after the 9.30am mass.

SVP. Thanks to all those who attended the recent meeting, the date of the first meeting of the reformed Parish SVP group will be on Friday 15th January at 7.00pm in Our Lady's Chapel in Church.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. The annual week of prayer for Christian unity begins on Monday 18th January, the list of daily services is available at the back of Church. We are hosting a lunchtime service followed by refreshments on Tuesday 19th at 1.00pm in Church.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. The next meeting is this Monday 11th January at 7.00pm.

PARISH WEBSITE – *The parish website the weekly newsletter, Fr. Matthews Sunday sermons and also, recordings of some of the Sunday masses.*

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP. The group meets next this Wednesday 13th January at 7.00pm. We are making use of a resources called "The Wednesday Word." This provides reflections on the Sunday readings, it can be accessed at www.wednesdayword.org. Copies available at the back of church.

CEILIDH – CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEREFORD, *Saturday 23rd January, St. Nicholas Church, Barton Rd, 7.00pm. See poster at back of church.*

PARISH PILGRIMAGE. *The dates for the pilgrimage are from Friday 12th- Friday 19th August, flying from Manchester. Booking forms are available at the back of Church, Return forms to Fr. Matthew ASAP. The cost will be approx £660 staying in a 3 star hotel, full board and programme etc, single supplements extra. Led by Fr. Matthew. Organised by Tangey Tours.*

PARISH SCHEDULE – 10th JANUARY.

Sunday 10th – Baptism of the Lord.

9:30am Anna Coleman

11:30 am Shirley Walters.

6.30pm People of the Parish.

Monday 11th Requiem Mass 11.30 am Bernard Mulloy

(Note later mass time today.)

PAC Meeting 7.00pm.

Tuesday 12th St. Aelred of Rievaulx

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30). Rhian Frith

Wednesday 13th St. Hilary 9.30 am Mass. – Bernard Mulloy.

Scripture Study Group 7.00pm

Thursday 14th 9.30 am Mass. People of the Parish.

Friday 15th 7.00pm Mass – Georgina Edwards

Saturday 16th – Memoria of Our Lady.

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass – Christopher Leach & Alex A'Court

Sunday 17th – 2nd Ordinary Sunday.

9:30am Elizabeth Corbin & Son.

11:30 am Angelo and Antony Morutzi

6.30pm Paul Young (Healing.)

Rota Schedule for 10th -17th January 2015

Flower Arrangers. Leigh. Cleaners:

Ushers: 9:30am. J. Sullivan & M. Slane

11:30am J. McGowan & J. Kelly

6:30pm. Volunteers please.

Readers: 9:30am. P. Buckley 11:30am. M. Brown

6.30pm. G. McAleer.

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am. Tim Bray, Helen Fishlock, Jan Winter

11.30am. Felicity Davies, Jim Meenaghan, Janucz Wagner
6.30pm.. Celia Sharland.

Altar Linen: See Rota on Church notice board.

Counting. Marlene and Celia.

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

Sunday 25th December Clergy Offering £1090.

Sunday 27th December 1st Coll £241.17 .G.A. £99.80

Crib Collection £200.29

Please pray for the Sick, especially Tess Forder, Emilia Dzierza, Lil Green, Albert Piotr, Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna & John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O'Leary, Joshua Isada, Joan Berry, Petal O'Hea, Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book.

The recently dead – Bernard Mulloy, Anna Gryzbowska, Tony McGreevy, Mark Evans,

Those whose anniversary falls in January - Lillian Orchard, Walter Jennings, Kathleen Jones, Kathleen Shawcross, Marjorie Sullivan, Ellen Willis, Elizabeth Farley, Ernest Cooper, Patrick Taylor, Margaret Ryan, Jamie McGoran, Winifred Brennan, Catherine Ross, Syd Swann, Eileen Harris, Patrick Lynch, Denise McQuaid, Ronald, O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Raymond Watkins, Leslie Foulkes, Celia Methven, Reginald Sly, Shirley Walters, Irene Brennan, Jean Chappell, Angelo Moruzzi, Raymond Breeze, Amelia Smith, Jerzy Schmidt, Michał Piwień, Baden Powell, Francis Seymour, Eileen Scott, William Graham, James Jones, Louise Champion and Margaret Dean, Simon Williams.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – The local Walsingham association is organising a pilgrimage from 6th-9th May to Walsingham. More info on poster on notice board in church.

CAFOD "Laudate Si" - Care for our Common Home. – A presentation exploring Pope Francis' new encyclical. This will be a chance to look at some of the issues raised and how we can respond to climate change. Wednesday 20th January 2.00pm Our Lady's Parish room.