



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - Year C – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

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

*Entrance Antiphon - “Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.”*

*Responsorial psalm - “I will leave this place and go to my Father.”*

*Gospel Acclamation - “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 Antiphon – “How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.”*

*Sunday Mass Readings – Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 50, 1Tim 1:12-17. Luke 15:1-32.*

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

*The pilgrimage of prayer marking the Archdiocesan 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary continues, as we pray this week for the parishes of Saint Anne in Malpas, Saint Basil & Saint Gwladys in Rogerstone, Saint David in Malpas, Saint David Lewis in Betws, Saint Mary in Newport and Saint Michael in Newport. Also Fr's Michael Evans, Michael Doyle, and John Boye, and the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Skelmorlie, the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Malpas, Saint Joseph's High School and the Royal Gwent Hospital.*

*Today a letter from Archbishop George is being read in Church, concerning the Holy Doors of the Archdiocese, part of the year of mercy, and the events being held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September involving the Holy Door at Belmont Abbey. Copies of the letter are at the back of Church and it is on the parish web-site. Today we continue asking for memberships for the new Parish 200 club, please encourage family, friends and colleagues to join as well so we can reach our target of 200 members; extra forms are available at the back of Church. Thanks to those parishioners who have returned their forms already, approx 65. The first draw takes place in October, the tote continues until then*

**REFLECTION –** The episode in today's First Reading – has been called "Israel's original sin." freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways, fell to worshipping a golden calf. Moses implores God's mercy, as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race, as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church. Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the plowman's yoke (see [Jeremiah 7:26](#)). Like Israel, in our sin we push God away, reject our divine sonship. Once He called us "my people" (see [Exodus 3:10](#); [6:7](#)). But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown (see [Deuteronomy 32:21](#); [1 Peter 2:10](#)). Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us—as a shepherd to seek the lost (see [Ezekiel 34:11-16](#)), to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's Epistle. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy. As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm—our hearts, humbled and contrite. In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offense, celebrate with Him—that we have turned from the evil way that we might live (see [Ezekiel 18:23](#)).

## 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 44 were 30, 15, 48, 47, 26, 29, 42, 13, 33 & 14, no winners, 10 numbers to be drawn this week, Prize of £575 for week 45.*

Second Collection. No collection. Next week –No collection

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy Novena before Mass and sorrowful mysteries of the rosary.

CHURCH READERS – Could all Parish readers please take one of the letters from the back of Church, which has some pointers and reminders regarding their ministry in Church.

**St Mary's Syro-Malabar Catholic Community Mass.** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 4.00pm. The next mass is today, Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, catechism for children will take place before the mass in Church from 2.30pm. Parents are encouraged to bring their children along.

POLISH MASS – Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, mass is celebrated in Polish, next one is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

ALTAR SERVERS – There will be a practice and get-together for all our parish altar servers, especially the new ones on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in Church, finishing at 4.00pm.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR - Welcome back to school for all staff and pupils of Our Lady's School. The 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of the new school year is this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am and at St. Mary's, Lugwardine on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

VENNTURE – A local Christian charity which co-ordinates such work as the Street Pastors and Family Pastors, who support families in need, is giving a presentation on its work, today, Sunday, at 6.30pm in St. Pauls Church Community Centre in Tupsley. A venture worker will also be speaking at the parish council meeting this Monday.

BAPTISMS TODAY – During the 9.30am mass today there will be the baptism of Catherine Rignall, daughter of Anthony and Louise Rignall, and also in the afternoon the baptism of Emily Jayne Godsall-Mayo, daughter of Ryan and Rachel.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL VESPERS – On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the Belmont Monastic Community will be singing vespers at Hereford Cathedral at 3.30pm.

BELMONT RETREAT – The Monastic community are having their annual retreat from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October, mass times during this time may be altered.

NEW LAY CHAPLAIN AT ST. MARY'S – Welcome to Ben Aldridge the new lay chaplain at St. Mary's Lugwardine.

2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, will be for the Shrine of Our lady in Walsingham, to help fund renewals and repairs of the buildings there; by direction of the Bishops of England and Wales.

HOLY DOOR EVENT - On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Belmont Abbey is offering guests a simple meal in Hedley Lodge at 1pm and 6.30pm, free of charge, followed by an opportunity to pass through the Door of Mercy. We need to get the word out to potential guests that they are invited to these meals. The invitation is for Catholics who are no longer regular attenders at church and for people who have never followed the Christian faith. At the end of the meal, a parish representative will give a short explanation of what the Holy Door means, and invite those who wish to pass through it. The key message is that everyone is welcome as part of a local community of worshipping Catholics. There are flyers available at the back of Church for you to pass on to your family members, friends, and work colleagues.

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR ADULTS – English classes for adults are being held at Trinity Primary school on Barricombe drive in Hereford, beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September, for all levels of English speakers. Posters and fliers at the back of Church.

RED BOXES - Please can Red Boxes be handed into Peter, me or Father Matthew for the Autumn count. Please can you check your name is on the label on the bottom of the box so they can be returned to you. When they have been counted we will put them on the shelf at the back of the Church near the Hymn books. The Autumn Mission Today magazines have arrived and are near the Newsletters for anyone interested in reading about the work of APF- Mill Hill.

Through Missio's APF and Mill Hill the Catholic Church reaches out to all people, offering the hope that comes through knowing Jesus. We share the mission of Jesus, showing love to those most in need and on the margins of society. If anyone new would like a box please speak to Father Matthew or myself - Thank you Mary Leach.

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** – *The parish will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the new church over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November. On the Sunday, Archbishop George will be celebrating mass at 10.30am, replacing the normal Sunday morning masses. The Mayor of Hereford will also be joining us. There will be an exhibition on the history of the parish and a Ceilidh on the Saturday night. We have also commissioned an Icon of Blessed Roger Cadwalder, one of the martyrs of Herefordshire which will be unveiled that weekend.*

**.PARISH SCHEDULE. 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September.**

**PSALTER WEEK 3. YEAR C SUNDAYS. ORDINARY WEEK 23, YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.**

<p><b><u>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year.</u></b>  <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jane and Tom Carter.  <b>11.30am Mass</b> Carolyna Busko &amp; James Colbert.  <b>6.30pm Mass</b> People of the Parish.  <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> –</b>  <b>9.30am Mass -</b> ( 7.00pm Parish Council.)  <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>7.00pm Mass</b> People of the Parish.  <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Exaltation of the Cross.</b>  <b>9.30am Mass</b> (No scripture group this week.)  <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Sorrows.</b>  <b>9.30am Mass</b> – Keith &amp; Sick of the Parish.  <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – St's Cornelius and Cyprian.</b>  <b>9.30am</b> – Full School Mass.  <b>7.00pm Mass.</b> Ken Davis.  <b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Robert Bellarmine.</b>  <b>10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.</b>  <b>11.00am Mass</b> – Richeldis Paxton.  <b>(11.30am Church Cleaning.)</b>  <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday –Home Mission Sunday.</b>  <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Spec Int.  <b>11.30am Mass</b> Michael Evans and Teresa Durk.  <b>6.30pm Mass</b> People of the Parish.</p>	<p><b><u>Rota Schedule for 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September.</u></b>  <b>Flower Arrangers.</b> Lesley S &amp; Hilary Cleaners: <b>Saturday 11.30am this week.</b> Volunteers please.  <b>Altar Linen-D.</b> Lissaman. Counting–Kathy &amp; Lindsaye.  <b><u>Ministries for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September.</u></b>  <b><u>Welcomers.</u></b>  <b>9.30.</b> M. Whent, E. Pawlowicz &amp; H. Kuriakose.. <b>11.30.</b> Mr and Mrs Cotterell. <b>6.30.</b> M. Netting.  <b><u>Readers.</u></b>  <b>9.30.</b> T. Bray. <b>11.30.</b> H. Meenaghan. <b>6.30.</b> R. Maloney.  <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>  <b>9.30.</b> Celia Sharland, Jan Winter &amp; Helen Fishlock.  <b>11.30.</b> Martin Davies, John McGowan and Arthur Staton..  <b>6.30pm</b> Sarah Crowley, John Patten &amp; Denise Lissaman.</p> <p><b><u>Polish Information:</u></b>  Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 24 Września o godz 16:00  <b>COLLECTIONS</b> The 1st collection was £257.31 Gift aid £112.00</p>
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***Please pray for the Sick, Pat England, Marie Williams, Tess Forder, Agnes Lee, Emilia Dzierza, Albert Piotr, Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris, Rita O'Leary, Joshua Isada, Petal O'Hea, Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book.***

***The recently dead – Teresa Durk, Micheal (Taffy Evans) Richeldis Paxton, Pat McGreevy, Abbot Jerome Hodgkinson, Fr. Luke.***

***Those whose anniversary falls in September - Rose Brooks, Charles Brooks, Edward Scriven, Megan Hughes, Rose Rivers, John Jenkins, Rosarie May, William Strickland, Veronica Hill, Teofil Janowski, Patrick Donovan, Magdalene Brown, John Frayne, Elizabeth McEwan, Ruth Marston, Gladys Wood, Sheila Fleming, Patricia Gurney, Marie Brazuk, Elsie Adams, Noel Warde, Tom Sweeney, Margaret Buckridge, Doreen Wargen, Pat Somerset-Butler, Sebastian Wood, Mirosław Staszowski, Jean Kilby, James Colbert, Jadwiga Dzioba, June Ireland and Eric Gerring.***

*SCRIPTURE GROUP - No scripture group this week, because Fr. Matthew will be celebrating the Year 7 welcome mass at St. Mary's Lugwardine at 7.00pm. **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm.*

***ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – SVP.** The dates of our future meetings are 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December. The names and phone numbers of the current members are posted on the notice-boards in the Narthex, so if you know of anyone in need please let us know.*

***CAFOD.** Will be making a presentation on their work in Bolivia, and to prepare for Harvest Fast day, at a meeting for all interested parishioners on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00pm – 4.00pm, in our parish meeting room. All Welcome. Also **CAFOD SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to give a short presentation or talk to raise awareness of global poverty and to inspire children and young people to make a difference. Full training and resources provided. If you are interested in learning more, please contact CAFOD South Wales on 02920 344 882 or email [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk), and for information on forthcoming training days for volunteers.*