



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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21st Sunday of the Year - Year C – 21st August 2016.

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

Entrance Antiphon - “Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.”

Responsorial psalm - “Go out to the whole world, proclaim the good news.”

Gospel Acclamation - “Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia.”

Communion Antiphon – “The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.”

Sunday Mass Readings – Isaiah 36: 18-21, Ps 116, Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13. Luke 13: 22-30.

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

The pilgrimage of prayer marking the Archdiocesan 100th anniversary continues, as we pray this week for the parish of St. Mary in Chepstow and St. Paul in Caldicott and the Parish Priest Fr. Michael St. Clair. 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. The first draw takes place in October, the tote continues until then. I returned from Lourdes with the other pilgrims late on Friday, we had a wonderful time in Lourdes. I go off again on Tuesday morning. Next Sunday a Xaverian Missionary Father, Fr. Archie Casey will be supplying in the Parish, making an appeal for his orders work. Fr. Abbot will be celebrating some weekday masses, his phone number is 374718.

REFLECTION – GATEWAY TO LIFE,

Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today - how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door. Jesus is “the narrow gate,” the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see [John 14:6](#)). In Jesus, God has come - as He promises in this week's First Reading - to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory. Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see [John 3:14](#)), will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations - to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in Sunday's Psalm. In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see Romans 1:16; [Acts 3:25-26](#)), who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God (see [Isaiah 43:5-6](#); [Psalm 107:2-3](#)). Many however will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, render themselves unknown to the Father (see [Isaiah 63:15-16](#)). We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see [Isaiah 35:3](#)). So we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering - the way of the beloved Son. As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path - that we may enter the gate, take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

Dates for Your Diary

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

Tote numbers for week 42 were 30, 39, 42, 48, 20, 21, 34, 45 & 38 No winner Prize money for week 43 £500 and 10 numbers will be drawn

Second Collection.Parish Decoration Fund. Next week - Mission Appeal Collection Xaverian Fathers.

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

PARISH 200 CLUB. Forms for the 200 club were distributed recently, please return to the sacristy, shop or presbytery, please feel free to photocopy or take some of the extra copies at the back of Church and give to family and friends. So far about 55 memberships have been taken out.

SOUTH INDIAN COMMUNITY MASS – Every 2nd Sunday of the month mass is held in the Syro-Malabar rite for the local community from South India-Kerala, at 4.00pm. The next mass is Sunday 11th September.

POLISH MASS – Every 4th Sunday of the month, mass is celebrated in Polish, the next one is on Sunday 28th August.

BELMONT ABBEY OPEN DAY – Monday 29th August – Free Guided Tours of the Abbey Church.

HEREFORD FOOD BANK – Is in need of the following items, tins of meat, fruit, rice pudding, dried goods – Smashed Potato, Rice, instant coffee, and jars of jam/marmalade, also instant or microwave meals. Items can be left in the church porch/narthex.

HOLY DOOR HELPER! The Diocesan Evangelisation Team invites you to help run a “Mission to the Doors of Mercy” in September this year. Help is needed at Belmont Abbey on Monday 19th September to welcome guests at the door and as table hosts; prepare refreshments and help with the simple prayer service. If you can help, Contact Chris Moore on cjm1957@btinternet.com

FR. MATTHEW AWAY. Fr. Matthew disappears again this Tuesday 23rd August, returning 3rd September. Fr. Archie Casey will be supplying in the parish next weekend, he is a Xaverian Missionary and will be making an appeal at all masses that Sunday 28th August. There will be some weekdays without mass, please consult the bulletin for details. Fr. Abbot 374718 and Fr. Jonathan 374737 will be saying some weekday masses.

WALSINGHAM YOUTH 2000. The 25th - 29st of August are the dates for Youth 2000's Walsingham retreat 2016! A 5 day Prayer Festival, packed with dynamic talks, live-band worship, powerful prayer services, fun social activities, and loads more with over a thousand other young Catholics from the UK. With top speakers from the USA and all over the country, all descending on the National shrine of Walsingham. For more details on the festival, e-mail: info@youth2000.org or find us on Facebook.

BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY – Please pray for Olivia Monika Cather being baptised this Sunday afternoon, daughter of David and Monika.

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – The parish will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the new church over the weekend of 25th-27th November. On the Sunday, Archbishop George and Abbot Paul will be celebrating mass at 10.30am, replacing the normal Sunday morning masses. 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 and placed in the Church. A draft design is on display at the back of the Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – SVP. The dates of our future meetings are 9th September, 14th October, 11th November and 9th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Fr. Matthews niece, Caroline, who last week received her A level grades, she achieved 3 A* GRADES-GENIUS!! She is off to the University of Warwick, Harry, her brother, gets his GCSE results next Thursday.

FUNERAL SERVICE. The funeral service for Pat McGreevy, of Golden Post, who died last Tuesday, will be this Monday 22nd August at 1.15pm

.PARISH SCHEDULE. 21st – 28th August.

PSALTER WEEK 1. YEAR C SUNDAYS. ORDINARY WEEK 21, YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.

<p><u>Sunday 21st - 21st Sunday of the Year.</u> 9.30 am Mass In thanksgiving (H.L.) 11.30am Mass. Alojzy and Hilda Wagner – 50th Anniv. 3.00pm Pilgrimage to the Grave of John Kemble, In Welsh Newton Churchyard. 6.30pm Mass People of the Parish.</p> <p><u>Monday 22nd.</u> 9.30am Mass 1.15pm Funeral Service - Pat McGreevy.</p> <p><u>Tuesday 23rd.</u> 9.30am Mass Richeldis Paxton. (NO evening Mass.)</p> <p><u>Wednesday 24th No Mass today.</u> <u>Thursday 25th . No mass today</u> <u>Friday 26th.</u> 7.00pm Mass – Pat McGreevy RIP.</p> <p><u>Saturday 27th .</u> <u>NO Confessions, exposition and benediction.</u> 11.00am Mass – Sick of the Parish. (11.30am Church Cleaning.)</p> <p><u>Sunday 28th – 22nd Sunday of the Year.</u> 9.30 am Mass Fr. Kevin McEwan. 11.30am Mass David Thomas. 6.30pm Mass David O’Leary.</p>	<p><u>Rota Schedule for 21st – 28th August.</u> Flower Arrangers. Lindsaye and Poppy. Cleaners: Saturday 11.30am this week. Volunteers please.</p> <p>Altar Linen: Annie Whitehead. Counting–Kathy and Lindsaye.</p> <p><u>Ministries for Sunday 28th August.</u> <u>Welcomers.</u> 9.30. P. Roberts & C. Sharland, 11.30. Mr and Mrs. Cotterell. 6.30. M. Netting.</p> <p><u>Readers.</u> 9.30. P. Roberts 11.30. V. Thomas 6.30. R. Seemarks.</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> 9.30. Simon Thompson, Celia Sharland, Jan Winter 11.30. Janucz Wagner, John McGowan, Kathy Davis. 6.30. Chris Milsom, John Patten, Daniel Coyne</p> <p><u>Polish Information:</u> Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 24 Września o godz 16:00 COLLECTIONS – Gift Aid £119.40, 1st Collection £194.19 Average weekly standing orders £290.</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 – Richeldis Paxton, Pat McGreevy, Tina McClean, Abbot Jerome Hodgkinson, Fr. Luke & Joanne Addis.

Those whose anniversary falls in August, Elizabeth Turner, Norman Michael, Neil Payne, Kathleen Jones, William Townsend, Ellen Parton, Tadeusz Radon, John Murray, Agnes Thomas, Monica Holt, John Nordell, Julianna Simon, June Szantay, Archibald Doherty, Ellen Gallagher, Francis Williams, Albert Kelly, Joseph Flanagan, Kathleen Morrell, Wilfred Jefferson, Mieczyslaw Wojtczak, Gary Bourne, Vera Taylor, Bridget Keenan, Michael Weaver, Wojciech Panek, Mary Norris, Agnieszka Wieclawek, Bridget Kinsella, David O’Leary, Patricia Somerset-Butler, Christopher Burns and Simon Thomas.

CAFOD. Will be holding a meeting here, including a briefing on all their projects and work on Wednesday 14th September from 2.00pm – 5.00pm, in our parish meeting room. All Welcome.

TINTERN ABBEY – SUNG VESPERS, Sunday 4th September, 3.00pm. Poster at back of Church.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST. JOHN KEMBLE – Today, Sunday 21st August, 3.00pm Welsh Newton Graveyard, followed by Benediction in St. Mary’s Church, Monmouth. Fr. Matthew will be preaching this year!!

SCRIPTURE GROUP *No meetings until September 7th.* **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting 12th September 7.00pm.