



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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17th Ordinary Sunday of the Year - Year C – 24th July 2016.

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

Entrance Antiphon - “God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.”

Responsorial psalm - “On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.”

Gospel Acclamation - “Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!”

Communion Antiphon – “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.”

Sunday Mass Readings – Genesis 18: 20-32, Ps 137, Colossians 2: 12-14, Luke 11: 1-13.

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

The pilgrimage of prayer marking the Archdiocesan 100th anniversary continues this week its our turn to receive the prayers of the rest of the Archdiocese, who are praying for our parish and community this week and for the Monastery of the Poor Clares and their Chaplain Dom. Antony Tumelty. The Requiem Mass and Burial of Abbot Jerome Hodgkinson is this Friday at Belmont at 2.30pm. Today we begin asking for memberships for the new Parish 200 club, a membership form is attached. 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. The first draw takes place in October. The tote continues until then. I'm away from Wednesday to Friday this week in Manchester, so no mass on Thursday this week.

GOSPEL REFLECTION – ASKED and ANSWERED.

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares in this week’s First Reading. But even Abraham—the friend of God (see [Isaiah 41:8](#)), our father in the faith see [Romans 4:12](#))—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see [Galatians 3:7,29](#)). The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see [Galatians 4:6-7](#); [Romans 8:15-16](#)). Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer. Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah. For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see [Jeremiah 5:1](#); Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle. On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all, canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been spared, visited in our affliction, saved from our enemies. We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of Eucharist. We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: We worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name. In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE. A group of 17 pilgrims led by Fr. Matthew departs for Lourdes on Thursday 11th August. If any parishioners would like a candle to be lit in memory of a loved one in Lourdes or for their loved ones to be remembered at mass, please use the envelopes at the back of Church, Offerings can also be placed with the intention for the cost of the candles etc. Return envelopes to Fr. Matthew.

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 38 40, 20, 30, 11, 13, 24, 49, 41 No winners. Prize money for week 39 £400.00.

Second Collection No Collection Next Sunday. SVP Collection – For work with homeless and needy.
Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy Novena before Mass and mysteries of light of the rosary.

HOSPITAL – A reminder that Fr. Matthew is part of the chaplaincy team at the hospital and visits Catholic patients on Wednesday & Sunday afternoons and for emergencies. Please make sure any relatives admitted to the hospital are registered as Catholic, so Fr. Matthew can visit them.

SPUC Petition Cards – Are available at the back of Church opposing the Royal College of Midwives decision to support a law allowing abortion yet more easily.

PARISH 200 CLUB. Thanks to the 60 plus parishioners who have expressed an interest in joining the 200 club, which will replace the tote. Find attached to each copy of the bulletin a membership form, please complete and 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.

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 14th August. Masses in Polish continue every 4th Sunday also at 4.00pm.

END OF SCHOOL TERM. We wish all the children and their families and the staff and their families of our local catholic schools a very safe and relaxing summer break.

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 an help with the simple prayer service. If you can help, Contact Chris Moore on cjm1957@btinternet.com

FR. MATTHEW AWAY. *Over the summer Fr. Matthew will be away a bit, 11th – 19th August in Lourdes, 23rd August – 3rd September in West Wales and Tenby. Fr. Jonathan and a Mission Priest will be supplying in the parish.*

BAPTISM - Congratulations to Austin Wringe, son of Antony and Laura who was baptised yesterday.

BELMONT ABBEY – *Concert of Gregorian Chant and Organ Music Saturday 13th August, 7.30pm, Free. DAY OF PRAYER/REFLECTION – To Celebrate the Assumption, Saturday 13th August 10-4pm. See posters at back of Church.*

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS – *Magdalena and Adam Michniok will be renewing their wedding vows during this coming Saturdays 11.00am mass and make a general invitation for parishioners to come along.*

National Eisteddfod of Wales: July 30th – August 6th, at Abergavenny

Visit Wales' largest cultural festival and call in to the **Churches' Tent** for a cuppa and a chat, where the Catholic Church will be among those offering hospitality. **Mass:** Bishop Emeritus, Edwin Regan will celebrate the Eisteddfod Mass in Welsh at the Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny on Thursday August 4th at 6pm. Croeso cynnes i bawb - all welcome. Bilingual booklets provided.

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.*

Rotherwas Chapel On Monday 15th August the Mass of the Assumption will be celebrated in Rotherwas Chapel by Abbot Paul at 11am. This will be the first Mass to be said since 1914 in this beautiful, historic Catholic chapel, formerly belonging to the Bodenham family of Rotherwas House, and so an important occasion for the Catholic community in Hereford. All are welcome. Further information: bmwarde@aol.com

. PARISH SCHEDULE. 24th – 31st July.

PSALTER WEEK 1. YEAR C SUNDAYS. ORDINARY WEEK 17, YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 24th - 17th Sunday of the Year.

9.30 am Mass Christina and Waldemar Malac.

11.30am Mass. Andrew Morrison and Family.

6.30pm Mass People of the Parish.

Monday 25th. St. James - Apostle

9.30am Mass – Fr. Luke Waring.

Tuesday 26th – St. Joachim and St. Anne.

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30pm.) Pat King.

Wednesday 27th

9.30 am Mass. Sick of the Parish.

Thursday 28th - No Mass Today.

Friday 29th St. Martha.

2.30pm Requiem Mass Abbot Jerome – Belmont Abbey.

7.00pm Mass – Abbot Jerome.

Saturday 30th Memoria of Our Lady.

10.00am exposition, confessions, benediction

11.00am Mass (Including Renewal of Marriage Vows of Adam and Magda Michniok.)

11.30am Church Cleaning.

Sunday 31st - 18th Sunday of the Year.

9.30 am Mass Barry Griffiths.

11.30am Mass. Christina Turville.

6.30pm Mass People of the Parish.

Rota Schedule for 24th – 31st July.

Flower Arrangers. Patrice and Rene Cleaners: Saturday 11.30am this week. Volunteers please.

Altar Linen: Barbara Spanjers Counting Celia and Janet – Welcomers. For Sunday 31st July.

9.30. P. Roberts and C. Sharland, 11.30. D. Schofield & D. Lissaman. 6.30. Mr and Mrs Seamarks.

Readers.

9.30. Roy Mead 11. 30. M. Langley 6.30. M. Woolaway.

Ministers

9.30. Fran Keogh, Denise Lissaman & Jan Winter

11.30. Kathy Davis, George Mecina & Jim Meenaghan.

6.30. Chris Milsom & Daniel Coyne.

Polish Information:

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

COLLECTIONS – Gift Aid £154.10, 1st Collection £261.85 2nd Coll £205.01 Average weekly standing orders £290.

Please pray for the Sick, Pat England, Marie Williams, Tess Forder, Agnes Lee, Emilia Dzierza, Pat Grealy, 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 – Abbot Jerome Hodgkinson, Fr. Luke Waring OSB & Joanne Addis.

Those whose anniversary falls in July, Margaret Town, Bruno Kavaliauskas, Kenneth Nicholas, Jeremiah Scully, Joseph Shawcross, Ellen Devereux, Francis Worsley, Philip Barnacle, Veronica Porter, Thomas Hurley, Ada Tipping, Marion Lewandowski, Francis Heavey, Adelaide Weekes, Veronica Robinson, Thomas Joseph Supple, Helen Banas, Pat King, Kathleen Scriven, Jadwiga Pawlowicz, Dennis Knowles, Jim Greenaway, John Connell, Paula Jenkins, Alan Panario, Clara Frayne and Susan Doherty

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

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST. JOHN KEMBLE – 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 meeting this Wednesday, meets next Wednesday 3rd August at 7.00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting 12th September 7.00pm.

WORLD YOUTH DAY. We keep in our prayers the group of young people from our Deanery and Archdiocese who last week travelled to Poland for the World Youth Day, in particular Kate Warde who spoke at the Sunday parish masses recently. They are staying in northern Poland for the “Days in the Diocese” before proceeding south to Krakow to join over a million other young people for this extraordinary experience. They will visit Auschwitz as well as the shrine of Our Lady at Czestohowa en route. They will return to Cardiff on 1 August. You can follow their journey on the special part of the diocesan website at <http://rcadc.org>. Kate will be writing a daily blog which can be accessed from there.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – SVP. The dates of our future meetings are 5th August, 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.

