



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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3rd Ordinary Sunday of the Year – Year C – 24th January 2016

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

Entrance Antiphon - “O Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.”

Responsorial psalm - “Your words are Spirit, Lord, and they are life.”

Gospel Acclamation - “Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia.”

Communion Antiphon – “Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.”

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

The Diocese is running a day of recollection for all Eucharistic ministers on Saturday 27th February at the Pastoral Resource centre in Cardiff, with a variety of workshops being run. Booking forms are available at the back of church, including for those who might be interested in becoming Eucharistic ministers, either in church or taking communion to the housebound. Please return the forms to Fr. Matthew, transport will be arranged and the £5 fee paid by the parish.

The week of prayer for Christian unity continues with a service at All Saints Church on the High St in Hereford at 4.00pm today, Sunday, and the final service tomorrow at St. Johns Methodist Church on St. Owen St at 1.00pm. Monday is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the end of this annual week of prayer. The annual chapter at Belmont went very well last week, Fr's. Thomas and Cenydd in particular send their best wishes to all parishioners.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. “New Day Dawns.”

The meaning of today's Liturgy is subtle and many-layered. We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading. Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls. The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see [Nehemiah 8:8](#)) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!" Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel. Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion; the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; [Exodus 19:6](#)) and the forging of an everlasting covenant. It sounds a lot like the First Reading. Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it. We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year. Jesus too proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God. The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God - the Church - is made "one body" with Him.

Dates for Your Diary

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

TOTE last week, 38, 28, 31, 38, 35 & 29 no winner numbers
6 to be drawn for week 15 prize money £475

Second Collection – No 2nd Collection today.

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy Novena before Mass and the glorious mysteries after mass.

Requiem Mass for Pat Franklin is this Monday 25th January at 12.30pm.

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.

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. Next meeting at 6.15pm on Friday 19th February in Church.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER- "Take your relationship to another level" Marriage Encounter offer enrichment weekends for good marriages. A meeting will be held on **Sunday 24th January** at 3pm at Christ the King Church Hall, Newborough Avenue, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5AA . Please come to find out more about how to enrich and refresh your relationship. For more information on Marriage Encounter visit wwme.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS – The present Parish Advisory Council is coming to the end of its term of office and nominations are invited, to re-nominate existing members or prospective new members. Please write to Richard Seamarks, the PAC Chairman or Fr. Matthew, at the presbytery with the details of who you would like to nominate. Closing date for nominations is Sunday 13th February.

CAFOD Supporters Meeting, Hereford

Join us for our supporters' meeting to hear the stories behind our Lenten appeal and to explore how your parish can support our Fast Day appeal using our free parish resources. Find out how your donations for our Lenten appeal this year will be doubled by the UK Government, £1 = £2. Join us on Thursday 4 February, here in Our Lady's Parish room 14:00 – 16:00 Contact CAFOD South Wales on 029 20 344 882 for further information. All welcome.

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 27th 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.

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.*

ARCHDIOCESE 100th Anniversary Celebrations – The Archdiocese is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, one forthcoming event is at Belmont on 7th February, High Mass celebrated by Archbishop George at 3.00pm.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY AT BELMONT ABBEY. On Friday 4th March there will be 24 continuous hours of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Belmont, from 11.00am on Friday till 11am on Saturday, including the divine office, confessions, rosary and other devotions. There is a request for volunteers to fill a rota for adoration before the blessed sacrament, forms available at the back of Church. A timetable for the 24 hours has also been posted at the back of Church.

PARISH SCHEDULE – 24th JANUARY.

PSALTER WEEK 3. YEAR C SUNDAYS. YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 24th – 3rd Ordinary Sunday.

9:30am People of the Parish

11:30 am Andrew and Sadie Cummings

6.30pm Pat Franklin

Monday 25th – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

9.30am Mass – Bernard Mulloy

12.30pm Requiem Mass Pat Franklin.

Tuesday 26th

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30). Emily Leach

Wednesday 27th – St's Timothy and Titus.

9.30 am Mass. Lil Green

7.00pm Scripture Study Group

Thursday 28th St. Thomas Aquinas.

9.30 am Mass – John and Harry Cummings.

Friday 29th 7.00pm Mass – People of the Parish.

Saturday 30th – Memoria of Our Lady.

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass – Bernard Mulloy

Sunday 31st – 4th Ordinary Sunday.

9:30am Lil Green

11:30 am Tess Forder and Bernard Mulloy

6.30pm Anna Grzybowska/ Przemyslaw Grzybowski

Rota Schedule for 24th – 31st January 2015

Flower Arrangers. Maria and Carol Cleaners:

Ushers: 9:30am. M. Whent & E. Pawlowicz.

11:30am Mr and Mrs. Cotterell.

6:30pm M. Netting & C. Milsom.

Readers: 9:30am. C. Thompson . 11:30am. V. Thomas

6.30pm. R. Seamarks.

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am. Fran Keogh, Denise Lissaman & Helen Fishlock.

11.30am. Kathy Davis, Felicity Davis and John McGowan.

6.30pm. Chris Milsom.

Altar Linen: See Rota on Church notice board.

Counting. Celia & Lindsaye.

Polish Information:

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

Finance:

Sunday 10th January 1st Coll £262.54 G.A. £164.60

Pax Christi Coll £254.49

Please pray for the Sick, especially Tess Forder, Emilia Dzierza, Albert Piotr, Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna & John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Eva Zakrzewska, 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 – Lil Green, Pat Franklin & Bernard Mulloy,

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.

COMMUNION MINISTERS: A day of Recollection for Ministers of Communion, Communion Catechists, and all involved in Celebrating, Sharing, Receiving, and Building up the Body of Christ in the Parish. With Tom O'Loughlin (Professor of Historical Theology, Nottingham University), and Workshops on Home Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Catechesis, and Prayer. At Pastoral resources centre in Cardiff, CF3 1XQ, on Saturday 27th February, 10.30 – 3.30. **There are booking forms at the back of Church, please complete and return to Fr. Matthew, the parish will pay the £5 fee.**