



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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4th Ordinary Sunday of the Year –Year C – 31st January 2016

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

Entrance Antiphon - “Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you.”

Responsorial psalm - “My lips will tell of your help.”

Gospel Acclamation - ““Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia.”

Communion Antiphon – “Let your face shine on your servant, save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.”

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

This Tuesday, 2nd February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemass, Br. David Yates will be making his Solemn Profession at Belmont, during High Mass at 11.30am; the mass begins with the traditional procession and blessing of candles. Resources for Lent, Ash Wednesday is on 10th February, are available at the back of Church, booklets and magazines for adults and children, please take one or more and make use of them in your daily Lenten prayers etc.

Next weekend some of the major events to celebrate the Diocesan 100th anniversary take place. On Saturday 6th February the monks of Belmont will be singing vespers at the Cathedral in Cardiff at 3.00pm and on Sunday 7th there will be High Mass at Belmont at 3.00pm celebrated by Archbishop George. Also this Friday, the 1st Friday of the month, there will be the opportunity to gain the Holy Year Indulgence by visiting the Holy Door at Belmont, by attending confession, available from 11 till 12noon and holy mass at 12.00noon.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. “PROPHET TO THE NATIONS.” God's words in today's First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations". Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins - that He's more than just "the son of Joseph." The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colourful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many...in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God. "None...not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes. His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many...in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That's why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him. And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation - not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their "rock of refuge," as we sing in today's Psalm. Prophecies, Paul tells us in today's Epistle, are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes." In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today's Gospel. Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved, to love God as our Father, as One Who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word. This is the salvation, the "mighty works of the Lord," that we, as the Psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.

Dates for Your Diary

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

**TOTE last week, numbers for week 15 were 35, 40, 22, 4, 44 & 9 no winner
Prize money for week 16 £500 and 6 numbers to be drawn.**

Second Collection – Parish Decoration Fund. Next Week – Marriage Care in Herefordshire.

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

Prayer Sponsors for our Confirmation Candidates. - If you would like to be a Prayer Sponsor to one (or more) of our confirmation candidates, there is a list at the back of the Church to sign up.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Please keep the 30 children in your prayers, the next preparation session is this Sunday 31st January after the 9.30am mass., then next Saturday 6th at 2.00pm, and the 1st Confessions next Sunday at 12.30pm.

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

FEAST OF CANDLEMASS – This Tuesday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemass. It marks 40th days since Christmas and as part of the evening mass there will be the traditional blessing of candles. High Mass and Procession at Belmont at 11.30am. Wednesday is the Feast of St. Blaise, the Patron Saint of sore throats and so there will be the traditional blessing of throats at the morning mass (later time of 9.45am.)

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 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

BAPTISM – We celebrate the baptism of Natasha Ann Long in the 11.30am mass today, daughter of Angela and Iain, and granddaughter of Marlene.

SCHOOL MASS. Next Sunday the 9.30am Mass will be led by children of our Primary school, who will be reading all the readings etc.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on Wednesday 10th February, there will be masses with the distribution of ashes at 9.30am and 7.00pm. Stations on Fridays at 6.15pm. (School service at 11.00am in school.)

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

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP. meets next this Wednesday 3rd February at 7.00pm. We are making use of a resources called "The Wednesday Word." 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.

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. 31st JANUARY – 7th FEBRUARY.

PSALTER WEEK 4. YEAR C SUNDAYS. YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 31st – 4th Ordinary Sunday.

9:30am Lil Green

11:30 am Tess Forder and Bernard Mulloy

6.30pm Anna Grzybowska/ Przemyslaw Grzybowski

Monday 1st February.

9.30am Mass –Meg Seabold

Tuesday 2nd. Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas.)

11.30am High Mass – Belmont Abbey.

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30). Thomas Leach/Sarah Devlin.

(Mass with blessing of candles.)

Wednesday 3rd –St. Blaise

9.45 am Mass (With blessing of throats.) –Ken Davis.

(Please note later mass time.)

7.00pm Scripture Study Group

Thursday 4th St. Thomas Aquinas.

9.30 am Mass –Lil Green.

2.00pm CAFOD Supporters meeting in Parish Hall.

Friday 5th – St. Agatha.

7.00pm Mass – Supple Family Int.

Saturday 6th –St. Paul Miki and Companions.

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass – Maria Mecina (10th Anniv.)

Sunday 7th February – 5th Ordinary Sunday.

9:30am People of the Parish. (School Mass.)

11:30 am Mr. Wadley, Sylvia Headon (4th Annv.)

3.00pm Mass at Belmont – 100th Anniv of the Diocese.

6.30pm Lil Green.

Rota Schedule for 31st January – 7th February.

Flower Arrangers Jan and Kerry

Cleaners: Cleaning now Saturday after mass. Volunteers please.

Ushers: 9:30am. P. Roberts and C. Sharland

11:30am. J. McGowan and J. Kelly.

6:30pm. Volunteers please.

Readers: 9:30am. School children. 11:30am. M. Langely

6.30pm. J. Winter.

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am. Helen Fishlock, Fran Keogh, Simon Thompson.

11.30am. Cecilia Balestra, Martin Davies, John McGowan.

6.30pm. Chris Milsom.

Altar Linen: See Rota on Church notice board.

Counting. Janet, Richard and Kathy.

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 27 Lutego o godz 16:00

Finance:

Sunday 17th January 1st Coll £298.79 G.A. £26.00

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.

BELMONT RETREAT PROGRAMME – Booklets with the full details of Belmont Abbeys residential and day retreats for this year are available at the back of Church.

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. 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.

