



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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2nd ORDINARY SUNDAY– 14th JANUARY 2018

Entrance Antiphon – “All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, O Most High.”

Responsorial psalm - “Here I am, lord! I come to do your will.”

Gospel Acclamation - “Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.”

Communion Antiphon – “You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.”

Sunday Mass Readings – 1Sam 3:3-10,19; Ps 39; 1Cor 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42.

The readings and prayers can be found in the Parish Mass Book on page 127.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL – is taking place this Sunday. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation. Attached to this Bulletin are cards from SPUC giving you more info on this campaign asking us to lobby our MP.

PEACE SUNDAY Today is also the Annual Peace Sunday, when we are asked to pray for peace in our troubled world, and especially the Catholic Peace Movement “Pax Christi.”

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Begins this Thursday 18th, details of local events are inside this bulletin.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Starts upon again after the 9.30am mass this Sunday, 14th January, and then Sunday 21st.

REFLECTION - HEARING THE CALL

In the call of Samuel and the first Apostles, today's Readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ. Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by. Samuel is also waiting on the Lord – sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see [1 Samuel 3:21](#); [7:2-3](#)). The disciples too, heard and followed – words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord. These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives. God is constantly calling to each of us – personally, by name (see [Isaiah 43:1](#); [John 10:3](#)). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see [Wisdom 6:11-12](#)). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see [Psalm 42:2](#)). For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle. We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise – that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see [John 15:14](#); [14:21-23](#)), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah. As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: “Behold I come . . . to do your will O God.”

Dates for Your Diary.

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

200 CLUB. The winners of the December draw were 1st Prize £70 to No 27 J. Sullivan and 2nd Prize £25 to No 8 . V. Thomas. A list of members has been posted at the back of Church. The January draw takes place on Sunday 14th January.

2nd Collection.. SPUC – Annual White Flower Appeal. Next week - No Collection.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - We are having the annual White Flower Appeal in the parish, to help support the work of SPUC – the Society for the protection of the Unborn child. We are facing an unprecedented attack on the lives of unborn children and the health and welfare of mothers. A huge and powerful; lobby is calling for the complete decriminalisation of abortion. This means taking abortion outside the law so that women can self-administer an abortion, at any time during the pregnancy. SPUC cares about women and unborn children and they have launched a campaign under the tile “We care about women.” To help SPUC in their work please do be generous to the retiring collection next week.

PEACE SUNDAY – Today is also the Annual Peace Sunday, when we are asked to pray for peace in our troubled world, and especially the Catholic Peace Movement “Pax Christi.”

PRAYER FOR PEACE – Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

HEREFORD HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY - Fr. Matthew is a member of the Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy team and acts as Catholic Chaplain. Please therefore make sure relations admitted to hospital are registered as Catholics and let Fr. Matthew know so that he can visit them.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – The next session of preparation is today **Sunday 14th January** following the 9.30am mass, and then next Sunday - 21st January, with the 1st Confessions on Sunday 28th.

“GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST IN MARKS GOSPEL” – Day retreat at Belmont Abbey – Saturday 20th January 10am-4pm, led by Abbot Paul. To include mass, bring own lunch, basic refr’s offered, Offering of £8. Poster at back of church.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – This year on 2nd March, Friday at 11.00am. In St. Johns Methodist Church. There is a preparation meeting being held this Thursday 18th January 2.30pm at St. Johns Methodist Church in St. Owens St, for anyone who would like to get involved.

BELMONT RETREAT PROGRAMME – Programmes giving details of the Belmont Retreat programme for this year are available at the back of Church.

FR. AIDAN DOYLE OSB – Please keep Fr. Aidan (Parish Priest of Leominster and Bromyard) in your prayers at this time, he is not at all well, and is very much in need of our prayers.

PHILIP COOK RIP – The Funeral of Philip Cook, son of John and Mary Cook is this Monday at 1.00pm in SFX Church.

MARY DAVIES RIP – The Funeral of Mary Davies, who used to attend mass Our Lady’s, is on Tuesday 30th January at the Crematorium at 3.00pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR – Harry and Tobe Ohakanu, the children of Istiphanus and Eseohe, who this Sunday afternoon will receive the grace of Baptism.

OUR LADY’S LUNCH CLUB – Team 1 – This Saturday 20th January, from 12.00noon till 1.00pm. Lists of team members have been placed on the parish notice boards at the back of Church, with the rota. The Lunch club is in need of toiletries to distribute, small packs of soup, toothpaste, if you can help just bring them to Church. Thanks also to one of the local Dental practices that has supplied us with many small tubes of toothpaste.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2018 – Are available at the back of Church, by the Catholic Newspapers stand, priced £3.

MODEL RAILWAY GROUP - Interested in forming a model railway group in the area ? Ring John on 508316.

CATHOLIC SINGLES - is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

St Mary's Syro-Malabar Community Mass. Sunday, 14th January 4.00pm. **POLISH MASS** - Sunday 28th January 4.00pm. **SCRIPTURE GROUP** – Not this week-sorry.

CCRS COURSE - Last chance to register for CCRS Course: Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? This course is especially useful for teachers in Catholic schools, Catechists and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. For more information and for a registration form please visit www.rcadc.org/CCRS. All registration forms must be received by **January 15th**. The course will commence on January 22nd. Please contact ccrs@rcadc.org / 029 2036 5965 for more information.

EMMAUS YOUTH - The dates for the next few meetings of Emmaus Youth are 20th January, 17th February and 17th March at Our Lady's Parish Hall, 2.30-5.30 pm. You are invited to share in some Praise and Worship, Liturgy, refreshments and time to socialize. Come and join us for some fun!! Rob and Jacqui Corrigan, Annie Ridgway and Ben Aldridge 01432 352241, 07739 566578
emmausyouth@hotmail.com

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Next meeting on Monday 22nd January 7.00pm. **PARISH COUNCIL** – Next meeting this Monday 15th January 7.00pm. **EVANGELISATION MEETING.** The parish group will meet again this Wednesday 17th January at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

THE HOLY FATHERS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR CHRISTMASTIDE - Pope Francis invites us to pray for openness to the word of God, for migrants and refugees and for expectant mothers. **USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS.**

Funeral Directors - Bayley Brothers 272465, Shayne Hogg 341871, Dawe Brothers 274066, Cathedral Funeral Services (Catholic) 340777. Also - John the Computer Doctor 370861, Chapel Road Garage 342201,

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY **18th–25th January 2018**

Theme: THAT ALL MAY BE FREE

‘Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power’ (Exodus 15:6)

Churches Together in Hereford are offering a programme of events:

Thursday 18th January: Meeting for Worship at the Quaker Meeting House, King Street, at 12.30 pm, followed by a soup lunch.

Sunday 21st January: United Service at St Martin's Church, Ross Road, at 5.00 pm, preceded by tea at 4.00.

Monday 22nd January: Taizé Service at All Saints Church at 12.30 pm.

Wednesday 24th January: Prayers for Peace in the Cathedral at 1.00 pm, followed by soup.

Thursday 25th January: Coffee Morning at St Peter's Church, 10.30–12.00.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of these events.

PARISH SCHEDULE. 14th – 21st JANUARY. PSALTER WEEK 2. YEAR B
SUNDAYS, 2nd WEEK AFTER XMAS. YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 14th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time.

9.30am. Aileen Hepworth, Gwendoline Howell RIP & Cook Family. 11.30am. Angelo and Anthony Moruzzi & Shirley Walters. 6.30pm. Agnes McGowan.

Monday 15th January- St's Maurus & Placid.

9.30am Mass – Philip Cook RIP

7.00pm Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 16th

7.00pm Mass – Mary Davies RIP.

Divine mercy prayers before and Rosary after mass.

Wednesday 17th- St. Antony of Egypt.

9.30am Mass – Sick of the Parish.

7.00pm Evangelisation Group meeting.

Thursday 18th .

9.30am Mass – Philip Cook RIP.

Friday 19th – St. Wulstan.

7.00pm Mass – People of Parish/Deanery.

Saturday 20th Memoria of the BVM.

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass - Spec Int (G.W.)

11.30am Church cleaning.

12.00 – 1.00pm Our Lady's Lunch Club – Team 1.

Sunday 21st – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time.

9.30am. John Hepworth RIP.

11.30am. Timothy Bunclark.

6.30pm . Rita O'Leary.

Rota Schedule for 14th – 21st January.

Flowers – Patrice & Rene. Cleaners and Church prep:
Saturday 11.30am Volunteers please.

Altar Linen. Barbara Spanjers. Counting– John, Denise & Jan.

Ministries for Sunday 21st January.

Readers –

9.30am. Tim Bray. 11.30am. H. Meenaghan. 6.30pm V. Woods.

Welcomers – 9.30am, P. Roberts & C. Sharland.

11.30am. J. McGowan & J. Kelly. 6.30pm. Mr and Mrs. Seamarks.

Eucharistic Ministers - 9.30am. Celia Sharland, Simon Thompson, Jan Winter. 11.30am. Cecilia Balestra, Arthur Staton, Kathy Davis. 6.30pm. Cynthia Fookes, Denise Lissaman, John Patten.

Polish Information: Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 28th Stucznia o godz 16:00,

Offertory Collection for 7th January – 1st £270.42, GA £228.00.

Crib donations approx £100 – Hereford Foodbank.

Average weekly standing orders £230.00. Thank you.

Please pray for the Sick, Fr. Aidan Doyle OSB, Veronica Rolls, Kathleen Marsh, Bill Padden, Marie Sadler, Sally Mountford, Katie Balnaves, Paul Bennett, Nigel Cotterill, Alison Fishlock, Timothy Bunclark, Gail Gibbons, Ruby Chandler-Marsh, Pat England, Agnes Lee, Michael Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Rita O'Leary, Petal O'Hea, Neil Hillyer & all in our prayer book.

Please remember in your prayers the recently dead – Philip Cook, Mary Davies, Gwendoline Howell, Emilia Dzierza, Mark Smith, Ted Mountford, Finlay Abbaton, and those whose anniversary falls in January – Lil Greene, Patricia Franklin, Veronica French, Aniela Kaleta, Florence Johns, Margaret Thomas, 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.

