

## Mass Times with Intentions

Sat	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00 pm	Noreen Grist & Mona Shaw <i>St Jerome</i>	Monmouth
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Moira Sands	Ross-on-Wye
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	9.15 am	Private intention <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Monmouth
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	7.00 pm	Ruth Harris	Ross-on-Wye
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11.00 am *	Dorothy Evans (Requiem) <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Monmouth
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00 am	Ellen Van Der Knaap	Ross-on-Wye
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.15 am	Fr Bill Boxall	Monmouth

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison – Our Lady of the Rosary

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October		9.15 am	Sheila O'Neill	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Giselle Collins (welfare)	Ross-on-Wye

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monmouth: Saturday evenings at 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm

Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday evenings at 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm  
or on request.

Contributions to the newsletter to: [stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com) by 12 noon Thursday

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and

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## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

We could also say that forgiveness is participation in the pain of transition from the drug of sin to the truth of love. It is preceding and accompanying someone on this path of death and rebirth. Only preceding and accompanying addicts in this way (for sin is always a “drug,” the lie of false happiness) can enable them to let themselves be led through the dark journey of suffering. It is only by going ahead to enter into the suffering and into the death involved in the way of transformation that makes this journey bearable, because it is only in this way that in the dark night of the narrow way the light of hope in new life becomes visible.

The reverse is true: only love gives the power to forgive, that is, to accompany the other on the road of the suffering that transforms. It is only this that makes it possible to accept and to endure with and on behalf of the other the death of the lie. It is only this that enables one to remain a bearer of the light in the pitch-black and seemingly endless tunnel and to make noticeable the fresh air of the promise that leads to rebirth.

Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)

## Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	S.V.P	Total
£173.70	£241.53	£43.70	£458.93

### Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Humphreys, James Boyle, Simon McGrath, Billy Mann, Sheila MacEwan, Jill Lloyd, Harry Bradbear, Esther Gallagher, Bernadette Price, Dorothy Evans, Liam O'Keefe, Bill Rowan, Margaret Kelly, Mary Iles, Tessa Kemp, Arthur & Angela Barge, Pat Munday, Les Duffield, Duncan Wills and all members of our parish who are sick. Please remember also all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**CAFOD** Harvest Fast Day is on **Friday 6 October 2017**. This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, your support will help lift some of the world's poorest people out of poverty.

**Prisoners' Sunday** – Next Sunday is a day of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependents. See [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul:** The SVP would like to draw your attention to the poster on the 'SVP Awareness Month' display board about the special Mass, celebrating 400 years of the Charism of St Vincent de Paul, in Cardiff on **SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER** at 12.00 p.m.

**MISSIO:** Red Boxes are now due for their half yearly collection. Please leave them at the back of the church where they will be returned the following week together with a receipt. With the change of the £5 note and the £1 coin, it is important this year to ensure that your box is emptied. Income tax payers are reminded that they can gift aid the donations and HMRC will add 25p to each pound you donate. For a declaration form or if you would like to become a Red Box holder contact Martin Flach [flach@iveco.com](mailto:flach@iveco.com)

**Study Day** - Recusancy in Abergavenny and the Marches.  
**Saturday 14th October**, St Michael's Centre, Abergavenny.

**World Community for Christian Meditation:** 'LETTING GO' A silent weekend retreat at Llangasty House, Brecon, Powys LD3 7PX from **27-29 October**. Contact Barbara Jones: [bar\\_demi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bar_demi@hotmail.co.uk).

### Autumn Bazaar – Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>

Help is requested from all parishioners. Please see the two lists at the back of church. The first is asking for parishioners to help on the Friday evening beforehand and on the Saturday itself. The second list is asking for items which can be sold at the Bazaar. Cakes, (for selling and refreshments), bottles and chocolates (for the tombolas), Christmas 'goodies', (for the raffle), and items that can be sold on the gift stall. Please, no books/bric-a-bac! Many thanks in advance.

### PROPOSED WINE TASTING

Interest has been expressed in holding another Wine Tasting evening with Tom Innes of Fingal-Rock. Please add your details to the list at the back of church to indicate your interest in attending.

**YOUNG PERSONS BUS FARES:** Stagecoach West has launched a new under-19 day-rider ticket for Hereford and the Forest of Dean. The scheme means that those aged 18 and under will be able to enjoy unlimited travel on local Stagecoach West services in the Hereford or Forest of Dean zones for £4 a day, from 09:30 am onwards on weekdays and all day on weekends.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</i>	<i>Elizabeth Cherry Lynne Derricott</i>	<i>Chris Cherry Children's Mass</i>	<i>Mrs Kath Beavis Theresa Kelly</i>
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<i>Chris Cherry Martin Flach</i>	<i>Sean Dunne Margaret Johns</i>	<i>Mrs Cawthorne Martina Davies</i>