

Mass Times with Intentions

Sat	28 th Oct	6.00 pm	Special Intention	Monmouth
Sunday 29 th October		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Peter Wight	Ross-on-Wye
Mon	30 th Oct	9.15 am	Machin Family	Monmouth
Tues	31 st Oct	7.00 pm	Matthew & Andrew Smith	Ross-on-Wye
Wed	1 st Nov	9.15 am 10.30 am	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation) Special intention People of the Parish	Monmouth Ross-on-Wye
Thurs	2 nd Nov	9.15 am 10.30 am	ALL SOULS Holy Souls Holy Souls	Monmouth Ross-on-Wye
Fri	3 rd Nov	9.15 am	Heather Hoddinott	Monmouth

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	4 th Nov	6.00 pm	Gillian Demidecki	Monmouth
Sunday 5 th November		9.15 am	Holy Souls	Monmouth
		11.00 am	People of the Parish	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.*

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and

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30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

29th October 2017

* WEDNESDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS *

Heaven is God's space, where full reality exists, close by our ordinary ('earthly') reality and interlocking with it. One day heaven and earth will be joined together for ever, and the true state of affairs, at present out of sight, will be unveiled.

We are to pray that God's kingdom will come, and God's will be done, 'on earth as it is in heaven'. The life of heaven - the life of the realm where God is already king - is to become the life of the world, transforming the present 'earth' into the place of beauty and delight that God always intended. And those who follow Jesus are to begin to live by this rule here and now. That's the point of the Sermon on the Mount, and these 'beatitudes' in particular. They are a summons to live in the present in the way that will make sense in God's promised future; because that future has arrived in the present in Jesus of Nazareth. It may seem upside down, but we are called to believe, with great daring, that it is in fact the right way up. Try it and see.

Tom Wright

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Missio	Parish history book
£199.50	£198.42	£314.69	£5.00

Please remember in your prayers:

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

R.I.P. Please pray for Les Duffield who died recently.

DEC Rohingya Crisis Appeal - More than 500,000 people have fled from violence in Rakhine State in Myanmar to neighbouring Bangladesh. To donate online: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Rohingya-Crisis-Appeal> or call **0500 258885**.

National commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in Wales:

On Tuesday October 31 at 11am Archbishop George Stack will lead Cytûn's service of commemoration for the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation at St David's Catholic Cathedral, Cardiff. Refreshments will follow at 12 noon and a lecture on 'The Catholicity of the Reformation' by Professor Densil Morgan at 2.00pm, both in the Cornerstone. It is an opportunity for Christians to come together to help heal the divisions of the past and to focus on what unites us, not what divides us. The events are ticketed (free) for catering purposes and are available from the Cytûn office: telephone 02920 464204. Email: post@cytun.cymru.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS – St Joseph's RC Primary School in Ross is seeking lunchtime supervisors. Responsible people with lots of energy to engage with children in the playground and supervise them while they are eating their lunch. The school needs people who are friendly, enthusiastic and reliable. Training and support provided. Hours are Mon-Fri 11.50 am- 1.15 pm (term time only). Start date November 2017. Applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. An application form can be downloaded from the school website via the vacancies tab. www.st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk

CARDIFF Diocese CAFOD Memorial Mass - Tuesday 7 November at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 7 pm. All are welcome to join whether to remember CAFOD supporters or members of your own family, friends and community who have passed away. If you would like to add a name to our Book of Remembrance please get in touch: southwales@cafod.org.uk

LIVESIMPLY: meeting **Thursday, 9 November** at 7 pm in Monmouth. Exploring the theme 'Praying Simply.' Everyone welcome.

AUTUMN FAYRE - November 18th at Bridges Community Centre.

A big thank you to those who have volunteered to help or have donated bottles/chocolates, gifts, etc. We do need many more of these items, so if you can help, please add your name to the list at the back of Church or place your donations in the box provided at the back of Church. Many thanks.

RAFFLE – CHRISTMAS 'GOODIES' HAMPER

As part of the Autumn Fayre at Bridges Community Centre, there will be a raffle for a huge Christmas 'Goodies' Hamper. This hamper (in a wheelbarrow or supermarket trolley (depending on the contents!)) will contain bottles, cakes, Christmas puddings, biscuits, tins of salmon, ham and many other festive items. Tickets will be on sale starting this weekend, and are priced at £1. You could win all your Christmas requirements for just a pound!

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – Sunday, 19 November 2017.

More information: <http://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/>

ROMERO – Heartbeat of El Salvador – Performed by Rise Theatre – at Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford on **Thursday 23 November**.

WINE TASTING: Friday December 1st - Tickets, £10 each, will go on sale on the weekend of November 5/6th.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
28 th Oct 29 th Oct	Liz Alford Richard Tonkin	Ali Szwagrzak Cath Sherrington	Don & Ann Harvey Juliet Sweeting
4 th Nov 5 th Nov	Anne May Robert Derricott	Mike Hargaden Children's Mass	Shelagh Adams Fay McGrath