

Mass Times & Intentions

29th Oct 2017 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Special Intention</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Peter Wight</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	30th	9.15am	<i>Machin Family</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	31st	7.00pm	<i>Matthew & Andrew Smith</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday All Saints (Solemnity) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	1st Nov.	9.15am	<i>Special intention</i>	Monmouth
		10.30am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye
		6.30pm	Rosary	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday All Souls	2nd	9.15am	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Monmouth
		*10.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	3rd	9.15am	<i>Heather Hoddinott</i>	Monmouth
St Charles Borromeo Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
*please note change of time Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday: 5.15pm-5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm				
5th November 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Gillian Demidecki</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Sunday evening Mass is celebrated regularly at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 6.30pm. 101 Belmont Road, Hereford HR2 7JR				
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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. 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

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886	
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Offertory Totals 22nd Oct 2017				
Envelopes	Loose Plate	Missio	Other	Total
£160.00	£115.76	£235.00	£27.24	£538.00
Standing Orders £1080 August - £1040 September				

SICK PARISHIONERS: Please remember in your prayers: *Rita Katrak, Ivan Merritt, Charles Lumb, Claire Niven, Paul Bennett, Bridgit Frankland, Eileen & Roger Crosby, Joyce Wight, Margaret Collinson, Neil Hillyer, Kathy O'Connor, Mary McCrory, Fausta Scarand, Janet and Andrew Baily, Margarete Denton, John McKnight.*

We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Digby Mullenger, Karol Rach, Alfred Smith, Brenda D'Arcy, Frances*

Webb, Mary Cugley, Jack Prosser, Elizabeth Hepburn.

NATIONAL COMMEMORATION of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in Wales: this Tuesday October 31st at 11am, led by Archbishop George Stack at St David's Catholic Cathedral, Cardiff. Refreshments at 12 noon and a lecture on 'The Catholicity of the Reformation' by Professor Denis Morgan at 2.00pm, in the Cornerstone. The free tickets are available from the Cytûn office: telephone 02920 464204. Email: post@cytun.cymru.

ALL SAINTS - this Wednesday, 1st November, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

HEREFORDSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY talk *How did they cope? 'Ordinary Catholics' in Herefordshire c.1580- the Civil War* will take place **NEXT** Thursday 2nd November in the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey 2.30pm. All are welcome. Further information bmwarde@aol.com.

SVP Christmas Cards: will be on sale after Mass on Sunday November 5th in the parish room. These at £3.50 for 10, are a valuable source of income for our parish group.

CARDIFF Diocese CAFOD Memorial Mass - Tuesday 7th November at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 7 pm. All are welcome, 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: Monmouth, Thursday, 9th November at 7pm. Exploring the theme 'Praying Simply.' Everyone welcome.

DEC ROHINGYA CRISIS APPEAL: More than half a million people have fled from violence in Rakhine State in Myanmar to neighbouring Bangladesh. CAFOD is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Rohingya Crisis Appeal. *To donate call 0500 258885 or online: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Rohingya-Crisis-Appeal>.*

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
30th Sunday 29th Oct 2017	Richard Cryer	Honor, Aidan, Lindsay	Bernadette
31st Sunday 5th Nov 2017	Stephen & Janet	Mike, Christine, Claire	Stephen & Janet

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE: CAFOD Romero Retreat - Saturday 18th November, 10am-4pm, the Tŷ Croeso Centre, Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 3YJ You are invited to explore how Oscar Romero's life and faith can inspire and challenge us and transform our world today. All are welcome.

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

ROMERO – Heartbeat of El Salvador – Performed by Rise Theatre – at Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford on Thursday 23rd November. Tickets £10.

LOST PROPERTY: last call! Please check items of lost property displayed in the porch.

Lunchtime Supervisors: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, is seeking lunchtime supervisors - responsible people with lots of energy to engage with children in the playground and supervise children while they are eating their lunch – the school needs people who are friendly, enthusiastic and reliable. Training and support provided. Mon- Fri 11:50am– 1:15pm (term time only). **Start Date: November 2017**
Closing date for applications: NEXT Friday 3rd November 2017
Applicants will be subject to an enhanced check from the DBS.
An application pack can be downloaded from www.st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk

Hazelhurst Nursing Home, Bishopswood, Ross-on-Wye, are seeking a pianist willing to help out occasionally. If you are able to offer a little of your time then please contact Nikki Thompson. Transport may be available.

Retreat: Meditations from a Monastery – this series, broadcast last week, featuring the abbeys at Downside, Pluscarden and Belmont, is available on BBC iPlayer.