

Mass Times with Intentions

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| 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 |
| Mon | 6 th Nov | | NO MASS | Monmouth |
| Tues | 7 th Nov | 7.00 pm | Fitzpatrick & Phelan families | Ross-on-Wye |
| Wed | 8 th Nov | 9.15 am | Holy Souls All Saints of Wales | Monmouth |
| Thurs | 9 th Nov | 11.00 am * | Les Duffield (Requiem) Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | Monmouth |
| Fri | 10 th Nov | 9.15 am | Dorothy Evans St Leo the Great | Monmouth |

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison – St Martin of Tours

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| Sat | 11 th Nov | 6.00 pm | Deceased Catenians (Monmouth & Abergavenny) | Monmouth |
| Sunday 12 th November | | 9.15 am | People of the Parish | Monmouth |
| | | 11.00 am | Holy Souls | 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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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

5 November 2017

“Now, in the context of the commemoration of the Reformation of 1517, we have a new opportunity to accept a common path... We have the opportunity to mend a critical moment of our history by moving beyond the controversies and disagreements that have often prevented us from understanding one another... Jesus tells us that the Father is the “vinedresser” He watches over us, and his gaze of love inspires us to purify our past and to work in the present to bring about the future of unity that he so greatly desires... This is the testimony the world expects from us. We Christians will be credible witnesses of mercy to the extent that forgiveness, renewal and reconciliation are daily experienced in our midst.

Together we can proclaim and manifest God’s mercy, concretely and joyfully, by upholding and promoting the dignity of every person. Without this service to the world, and in the world, Christian faith is incomplete... we pray together conscious that without God we can do nothing. We ask his help, so that we can be living members, abiding in him, ever in need of his grace, so that together we may bring his word to this world, which so greatly needs his tender love and mercy.”

Pope Francis (homily at the World Lutheran Federation Ecumenical Service at Lund, Sweden, on 21 October 2016)

Monmouth Collections

| Gift Aid | Loose Plate | Donation | Candles & Repository |
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| £191.40 | £288.67 | £25.00 | £30.44 |

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.

CONGRATULATIONS – Best wishes to Helen & Robert Tomkins who celebrated 60 years of marriage last week. Our warmest congratulations to you both and may you enjoy many, many more years together.

S.V.P. Thank you to all those who kindly supported the collection during S.V.P. Awareness Month in September. The total raised was £284. We are grateful to you for this contribution to our funds. The next **S.V.P meeting:** is on **Wednesday, 8 November.**

Cardiff Diocese CAFOD Memorial Mass - Tuesday 7 November at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 7 pm. Everyone welcome

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

AUTUMN FAYRE - November 18th at Bridges Community Centre.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help or have donated items to date. We do need many more bottles, chocolates, gifts etc, 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. Many thanks.

RAFFLE – CHRISTMAS 'GOODIES' HAMPER

Tickets will be on sale again 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.**

Saturday, 25 November from 10.00 am - Visit to Royal Mint. Monmouth Catenians with Abergavenny Catenians are organising a family trip to the Royal Mint in Llantrisant, followed by a pub lunch at the very pleasant Red Lion in Pendoylan. The cost per person for the tour + entrance to the interactive exhibition at the Mint together with a 2 course lunch with coffee/tea at the Red Lion is £24.50 for adults, £23 for seniors (over 60) and £22 for children (up to 15). To keep the cost down we have not hired a coach, so it will be own transport, but there will be plenty of car sharing. We are limited to 50 persons but there are a few spare places and we would be delighted if anyone from the parish would like to join us. Contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728 for details.

LIVESIMPLY event: **Wednesday 29 November** at 7pm in The Priory in Monmouth. [Far Hill Flowers](#) "From Seed to Centrepiece" a Christmas arrangement demonstration with flowers grown in the Monmouthshire hills, natural fertilisers, pesticide free, bee friendly – wholly eco! Tickets £5.

WINE TASTING: Friday December 1st - Tickets, £10 each, are on sale this weekend.

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY 2018 – Save the date for a winter pick-me-up! Concert in the Glover Music School given by **Eleanor Perks** (piano) and **Francis Newman** (violin). Afterwards there will be little things to eat and (slightly bigger) things to drink. **KEEP WATCHING THIS SPACE!**

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Eucharistic Minister</i> | <i>Reader</i> | <i>Welcomer</i> |
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| 4 th Nov 5 th Nov | Anne May Robert Derricott | Mike Hargaden Children's Mass | Shelagh Adams Fay McGrath |
| 11 th Nov 12 th Nov | Ali Szwagrzak Glyn Jones | Brian Jones Martin Flach | Mrs Pat Munday Wilf & Pat Tampling |

