

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Monday	6th	9.15am	No Mass	Monmouth
Tuesday	7th	7.00pm	<i>Fitzpatrick & Phelan families</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	8th	9.15am	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	Rosary	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	9th	No Mass in Ross-on-Wye		
		*11.00am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast) <i>Les Duffield (Requiem)</i>	Monmouth
Friday	10th	9.15am	St Leo the Great <i>Dorothy Evans</i>	Monmouth
*please note change of venue & time St Martin of Tours Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday: 5.15pm-5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm				
12th November 2017 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Deceased Catenians</i> <i>(Monmouth & Abergavenny)</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Holy Souls</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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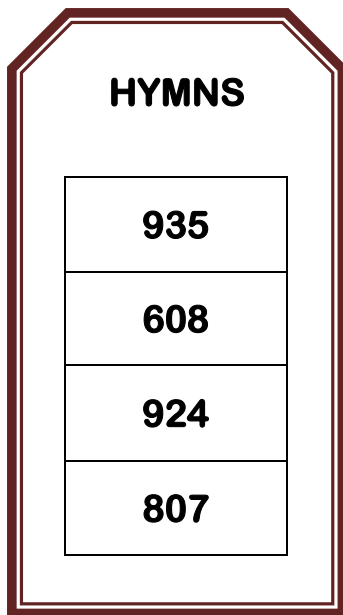
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“Now, in the context of the commemoration of the Reformation of 1517, we have a new opportunity to accept a common path... We have the opportunity to mend a critical moment of our history by moving beyond the controversies and disagreements that have 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 21st October 2016*



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: *Michael Lewis, Ellen Aldrich, Arthur Whitlock, Marian Warwick, Francis Roberts, John Robinson, Marie Robinson.*

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

Padre Pio Prayer Group: meets at 4.45pm today in the Parish Room. We pray especially for the parish, the sick and the lonely, the housebound, deceased members of our community and their families, followed by the Rosary in the church. All are welcome to join us.

CARDIFF Diocese CAFOD Memorial Mass – this coming Tuesday 7th November at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 7pm. 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

Church Cleaning: this takes place this Thursday morning at 9.30am.

Faith Sharing group: meets Thursday from 12noon to 1pm in the Parish Room. All are welcome.

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.

LiveSimply meeting: Monmouth, this 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
31st Sunday 5th Nov 2017	Stephen & Janet	Mike, Christine, Claire	Stephen & Janet
32nd Sunday 12th Nov 2017	Mike & Christine	Jon, Lindsay, Maureen	Lynne

Social & Fundraising meeting Thursday 16th November: this will take place in the Parish room after Mass. Just a reminder, this is an open meeting and all parishioners who are free at this time are welcome to attend. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for parish social or fundraising events please come and share them.

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, 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 23rd November. Tickets £10.