

Mass Times & Intentions

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| 19th November 2017 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | | Vigil Mass 6.00pm | <i>Carole Pierce & Delma & Michael Shiel</i> | Monmouth |
| | | 9.15am | <i>Patrick James Walsh</i> | Monmouth |
| | | 11.00am | <i>People of the Parish</i> | Ross-on-Wye |
| Monday | 20th | 9.15am | <i>Dru Family</i> | Monmouth |
| Tuesday | 21st | 7.00pm | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Souls</i> | Ross-on-Wye |
| Wednesday | 22nd | 9.15am | St Cecilia <i>Holy Souls</i> | Monmouth |
| Thursday | 23rd | 10.00am | <i>Fitzpatrick & Phelan Families</i> | Ross-on-Wye |
| Friday | 24th | 9.15am | St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions <i>Annie Dunn</i> | Monmouth |
| Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison | | | | |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday: 5.15pm-5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm | | | | |
| 26th November 2017 Christ the King (Solemnity) | | Vigil Mass 6.00pm | <i>People of the Parish</i> | Monmouth |
| | | 9.15am | <i>Carmel Gallagher</i> | Monmouth |
| | | 11.00am | <i>Deceased relatives & friends (Jones)</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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| If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com | | | | |

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th November 2017

World Day of the Poor

"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him." (Ps 34:6) The Church has always understood the importance of this cry. We possess an outstanding testimony to this in the very first pages of the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter asks that seven men, "full of the Spirit and of wisdom", be chosen for the ministry of caring for the poor. This is certainly one of the first signs of the entrance of the Christian community upon the world's stage: the service of the poor. The earliest community realised that being a disciple of Jesus meant demonstrating fraternity and solidarity, in obedience to the Master's proclamation that the poor are blessed and heirs to the Kingdom of heaven.

If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: "IF you want to honour the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness."

Pope Francis



| HYMNS | |
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| 970 | |
| 898 | |
| 772 | |
| 966 | |

| Offertory Totals 12 th Nov 2017 | | | |
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| Envelopes | Loose plate | Other | Total |
| £175.10 | £135.24 | £17.81 | £328.15 |

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: *Helen Humphreys, Peter Webb, Kenneth Milne, Phyllis Edwards, Amy Simmons, Audrey Lodge, John Barnett, Francis Griffin.*

100 Club: 1st Draw for the 100 Club this year will take place after Mass in the Parish Room **today Sunday 19th Nov 2017.** This will be followed by a Draw on the 17th December and the 3rd Draw in January 2018.

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

“Let us love, not with words but with deeds”

This Sunday is the first ‘World Day of the Poor’. Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty *“enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel”*. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: *“It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance.”* Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship today. Please also take a Prayer Card away with you and keep all those experiencing poverty in your prayers. More information: <http://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/>

MISSION APPEAL Next Sunday on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers). <http://www.comboni.org.uk/>

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The parish needs more extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Father Nick.

Please note, that during the winter months, there will be no Rosary on Wednesday evenings.

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

“From Seed to Centrepiece” Wednesday 29th November at 7pm in The Priory in Monmouth. Far Hill Flowers Christmas arrangement demonstration with flowers grown in the Monmouthshire hills, natural fertilisers, pesticide free, bee friendly – wholly eco! Entrance £5. Contact livesimply.rossmonmouth@gmail.com to register your interest.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION RETREAT – 2nd December from 10.30am-3 pm at St David’s Catholic College, Cardiff CF23 5QD. The day is open to people of all faiths and no faith and is free of charge. Limited spaces. Lunch provided. Contact Christian Mahoney by email - christianmahoney2@gmail.com

Light up a Life: Sunday 3rd December at Ross Baptist Church at 6.30pm.

This is a service of prayers and readings to remember those close to us who have died.

PRAYING SIMPLY: Thursday 14th December at 7 pm. Kieran O’Brien will be leading this session exploring contemplative prayer in our busy lives. All welcome.

| Rotas | Readers | Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers | Tea & Coffee |
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| 33rd Sunday 19th Nov 2017 | Catherine Williams | Honor, Aidan, Lynne | Marie C |
| Christ the King 26th Nov 2017 | Marion C | Mike, Christine, Claire | Agnes & Erika |