

Mass Times & Intentions				
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</i> <i>(Jones)</i>	Ross-on-Wye	
Monday	27th	9.15am	<i>Machin intention</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	28th	7.00pm	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	29th	9.15am	<i>Dorothy Evans</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	30th	10.00am	St Andrew (Apostle) <i>Bridget Smith</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	1st Dec	9.15am	<i>Eddie McCaffrey</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				
3rd Dec 2017 1st Sunday of Advent	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Special intention (De Waal)</i>	Monmouth	
	9.15am	<i>Les Duffield</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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If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com				

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Solemnity 26th November 2017

The Church's mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6).

He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love. God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:23-24), through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father.

"The glory of God is the living man" (Irenaeus, Adversus Haereses IV, 20, 7). The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims (cf. Is 55:10-11): Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation (cf. Jn 1:14).

Pope Francis

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Offertory Totals 19th Nov 2017

Envelopes	Loose plate	Other	Total
£99.86	£131.75	£51.67	£283.28

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: *Arthur Drinkwater, Arthur Cumberland, Dennis Drinkwater,*

William Taylor, Laura Holder, James Lovely, John Dubordieu.

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

Our 1st 100 Club Draw for the year: took place in the Parish Room after Mass last week. 89 numbers are now sold and were included in the Draw. All 3 winning numbers were drawn by Parishioners during Coffee.

£100 No. 52 Ronnie Gabb; £25 No. 80 Stephen Machin; £25 No. 34 John Munnelly. Winners please collect your cheques from Aidan Browne or Stephen Baker. The next (2nd) Draw will take place on Sunday 17th Dec 2017.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The parish needs more extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Father Nick.

“From Seed to Centrepiece” next 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.

Faith Sharing Group: will meet at 12.00 this coming Thursday, 30th November in the parish room.

St Joseph’s School Events

- **Christmas Fair:** 1st December at the school 2pm. Includes an Elves’ workshop, crafts and refreshments, with Santa in attendance. If any parishioners are able to help with this, please contact the school.
- **Infants’ Nativity:** at the school - 11th December 2pm;
- **Juniors’ Carol Concert:** in the church - 12th December 6.30pm
- **End of term Mass:** in the church on 14th December at 10am.
Parishioners are warmly invited to share in these events.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION RETREAT – next Saturday 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 email - christianmahoney2@gmail.com

Light up a Life: next 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
Christ the King 26th Nov 2017	Marion C	Mike, Christine, Claire	Agnes & Erika
1st of Advent 3rd Dec 2017	Lynne	Jon, Lindsay, Maureen	Mike & Christine.

ADVANCED NOTICE – ASSISI & ROME PILGRIMAGE 2018: expressions of interest are invited to see if it would be feasible to organise this trip. The final programme, feasibility and costs, will be determined by the group. It is likely to take place in September 2018. *An initial quote is £865 (£190 single supplement) - return flights from Bristol-Rome; return train ticket Rome-Assisi. Three nights bed & breakfast 4* hotel central Rome and 4 nights half-board Assisi, excursions with coach and local guide whilst in Rome & Assisi.* If you are interested in finding out more (no commitment at this stage) please let Fr Nick know or send an email to Honor Houghton – honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk