

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth
and
St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye
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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
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In the parables Jesus tells us simply about human life, about people working in the fields, about their experiences in sowing, about how crops grow on the land, about rain and sun. He takes examples from his surroundings, like that of a steward whom his master has dismissed for corrupt practices. Or he gives the example of the owner of a vineyard who hires labourers at all times of the day. Jesus' stories are so exciting that people pay attention to them. He casts his spell on people. They go along with him. He confirms what they think. Then all at once his story telling changes. For the conclusion isn't necessarily what people expected.

Jesus opens up every day experiences to God. He tells of life in such a way that all at once the mystery of God dawns on people. Jesus bewitches his audience with his parables. He transforms their mood into approval of God's action. People feel that Jesus is talking about them and their lives. And all at once he opens their eyes so that they see more deeply, so that they discover God in their lives. For Jesus, God isn't abstract. God becomes visible; he can be experienced in the stories. The art of Jesus is that he doesn't constantly utter the word God and proclaim every possible doctrine about God. Rather, he talks to people in such a way that God dawns on them. When Jesus tells stories, his hearers are as if they were created anew. They find that they're transformed by God's grace. When Jesus tells people parables, they're renewed and rescued from patterns of life that bring death.

Anselm Grun

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose	Apostleship of the Sea	Monmouth School Donation	100 Club
£207.45	£286.39	£331.34	£100	£150

Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Humphreys, James Boyle, Simon McGrath, Emma Davies, Billy Mann, Mary Davis, Sheila MacEwan, Jill Lloyd, Harry Bradbear, Esther Gallagher, Bernadette Price, Dorothy Evans, Liam O'Keefe, Bill Rowan, Margaret Kelly, Mary Iles, Tessa Kemp, Arthur & Angela Barge, Kate Parry, Pat Munday, Les Duffield and all members of our parish who are sick. Please remember also, those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St. John Kemble

This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20th August 2017. As usual Pilgrims will set off to walk to Welsh Newton after the 9:15 a.m. Mass. See poster at the back of the church for further details.

Parish Outing

The Social and Fundraising group at St. Frances have organised an outing to Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster on Saturday 23rd September 2017. Coach picks up in Monmouth at 10:00 a.m., Ross at 10:30 a.m. Full information and booking forms available at the back of the church.

Sung Vespers – Tintern Abbey

An early note for your diary. An ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer on Sunday 3rd September 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Study Day - Recusancy in Abergavenny and the Marches

On Saturday 14th October at St Michael's Centre, Abergavenny. Following the acquisition of the Gunter Mansion by the Welsh Georgian Trust earlier this year, the study day will explore how covert activity carried out by Catholics persisted in Abergavenny and the Marches in the years after the Reformation, and in particular how the Gunter family provided a secret meeting place for Catholics in Abergavenny.

WCCM in South East Wales Retreat – 27th to 29th October

At Llangasty Retreat House, Llangasty, Brecon, Powys LD3 7PX. This retreat, being run by the World Community for Christian Meditation, is for those who wish to deepen their meditation practice within a time of sustained silence. It will be led by Eileen McDade and will include periods of meditation, short talks and the opportunity to meet with the retreat leader on a 1:1 basis. On Sunday there will be a shared Eucharist. For more information or a booking form, contact Barbara Jones bardemi@hotmail.co.uk or Phone: 01600 772895.

Monmouth Foodbank

The Monmouth Foodbank based at the Baptist Church provides a valuable service to some of the more needy people in our community who can be provided with food parcels on a Friday morning. Many would go hungry without them. Of late our supply of food has dwindled and we find that we are particularly short of tinned meat of any kind and fruit juice. It would be very helpful if when you come to Mass you would be prepared to leave a tin or carton behind in a basket which we will provide. Such donations would go a long way to solving our shortage. There is now a Foodbank Box at the back of the church. The current shortage item we are looking for: tinned meat (nothing fancy!).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>15th July</i>	<i>Glyn Jones</i>	<i>Liz Alford</i>	<i>Elizabeth Alcock</i>
<i>16th July</i>	<i>Richard Tonkin</i>	<i>Roger Ruston</i>	<i>Fay McGrath</i>
<i>22nd July</i>	<i>Anne May</i>	<i>Mike Hargaden</i>	<i>Don & Ann Harvey</i>
<i>23rd July</i>	<i>Ali Szwagrzak</i>	<i>Cath Sherrington</i>	<i>Wilf & Pat Tampling</i>

Mass Times with Intentions

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>15th July.</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Mary Elizabeth & Giancarlo</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday 16th July</i>		<i>9.15am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Alamos Szabo</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>17th July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Gwen O'Leary</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Tues.</i>	<i>18th July</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>19th July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Frederick Colbert</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>20th July</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>School Leavers Mass</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	<i>21st July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Enero Ramirez Aguilera, Cruz Muniz Aguilera & Ryan Aguilera</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>22nd July</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Margaret Regan</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday 23rd July</i>		<i>9.15am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Squires' Intention</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monmouth: Saturday Evenings at 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Ross-on-Wye : Tuesday Evenings at 6.15pm to 6.45pm

or on request.

While Pat Munday is unwell, contributions to the newsletter should be emailed to Michael Hoddinott: dmhddntt@aol.com by 12:00 noon on Thursdays at the latest