

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 16th July 2017 15th Sunday		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Mary Elizabeth & Giancarlo</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Alamos Szabo</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	17th	9.15am	<i>Gwen O'Leary</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	18th	7.00pm	<i>Private Intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	19th	9.15am	<i>Frederick Colbert</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	Rosary	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	20th	10.00am	<i>Mass for School Leavers</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	21st	9.15am	<i>Enero Ramirez Aguilera, Cruz Muniz Aguilera & Ryan Aguilera</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk prison – (Feast of St Mary Magdalen)				
Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday: 5.15pm-5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm				
Sunday 23rd July 2017 16th Sunday		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Margaret Regan</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Squires' Intention</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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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16th 2017

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 practice or 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 and 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 it 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

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Offertory Totals Sunday 9th July 2017

Envelopes	Loose Plate	Other	Sea Sunday	Total
£100.00	£97.02	£48.77	£137.26	£303.05

Sick parishioners: *Please remember in your prayers: Rita Katrak, Ivan Merritt, Charles Lumb, Claire Niven, Paul Bennett, Fr. Anthony, Bridgit Frankland, Eileen & Roger Crosby, Joyce Wight, Margaret Collinson, Rebecca Laird, Neil Hillyer, Kathy O'Connor, Mary McCrory, Fausta Scarand, Janet and Andrew Baily, Margarete Denton.*

We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Beatrice Bullimore, Bessie Pierson, Jan Novy, Cecilia Moller.*

100 Club – Year 3: subscriptions to the 100 Club are due and envelopes are attached to this newsletter. Your £12 contribution is a simple way of supporting parish running costs and enters you into a draw which takes place four times a year, with the chance to win a £100 or £25 prize each time. The first draw will take place in October. Thank you for your continued support. Further envelopes are available from Aidan Browne.

Herefordshire Catholic History Society: The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th July in the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey at 2.30 pm when we will have a talk on the History of Longworth Chapel and Bartestree Convent. All welcome. Further information bmwarde@aol.com.

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 9.15am Mass. See poster at the back of the church for further details.

Welcome to visitors: we extend a very warm welcome to you and hope you enjoy your time in Ross and the surrounding area. Please join us for tea or coffee in the parish room, at the rear of the church, after Mass.



St. Frances of Rome Parish is organising a Day of Reflection based on the theme: *Living our Faith in the Modern World.*

The event will take place at **Belmont Abbey** from **10.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday 2nd September 2017**. Further details will be given during the next few weeks. If there is enough interest, a coach will be organised for those who would prefer this. This opportunity is open to all and it is hoped many parishioners from St. Frances' and St. Mary's will take this opportunity to reflect for a day in our otherwise busy lives. If you are interested, please sign the sheet at the back of church or send an email to **Neil Wareing** n.f.w@btconnect.com or **Honor Houghton** honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk

Sung Vespers: Tintern Abbey - An early note for your diary. There will be an ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer on Sunday 3rd September 2017 at 3:00pm.

Harvington Hall: Parish Outing, Saturday 23rd September 2017: bookings are coming in for this trip, so if you are thinking of coming please fill in your form and return with payment as soon as possible - to Lynne D, Janet B, via the offertory collection or the parish letter box by the door to the parish room. Booking forms and full information are available at the back of the church. *Just a reminder - there are up to 10 free places available for children aged 16 and under, so come and bring the family.* www.harvingtonhall.com

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
15th Sunday 16th July 2017	Joan Mason	Honor, Aidan, Lynne	Josie E.
16th Sunday 23rd July 2017	Catherine Williams	Mike, Christine, Claire	Mike & Christine

Study Day - *Recusancy in Abergavenny and the Marches.* 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.