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*16th Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
*23rd July 2017*

Reading the Scriptures also makes it clear that the Gospel is not merely about our personal relationship with God. Nor should our loving response to God merely be seen as an accumulation of small personal gestures to individuals in need, a kind of “charity à la carte”, or a series of acts aimed solely at easing our conscience. The Gospel is about the Kingdom of God (cf. *Lk 4:43*); it is about loving God who reigns in our world. To the extent that he reigns within us, the life of society will be a setting for universal fraternity, justice, peace and dignity. Both Christian preaching and life, then, are meant to have an impact on society. We are seeking God’s kingdom: “Seek first God’s kingdom and his righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well” (*Mt 6:33*). Jesus’s mission is to inaugurate the kingdom of his Father; he commands his disciples to proclaim the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (*Mt 10:7*).

*Pope Francis: Evangelii Gaudium.*

## Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose	Candles
£214.00	£259.18	£83.40

### **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.

### **Saturday Evening Mass 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Welcome to Father Bernard Sixtus, who will be saying Saturday evening Mass in Father Nick's absence.

### **Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St. John Kemble**

This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Harvington Hall: Parish Outing, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 – via the offertory collection or the presbytery letter box. Booking Forms and full information are 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.*

### **Sung Vespers – Tintern Abbey**

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

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

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 – 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bardemi@hotmail.co.uk) or Phone: 01600 772895.

## **Monmouth Foodbank**

What a wonderful response to our recent notice in the newsletter. I took the donations round to the Baptist Church after the Sunday morning mass. It was difficult to carry. Thank you!

Our food supplies are in the main donated at a local store and are also purchased with donations that we receive. In trying to expand this base and keep a sustainable supply we have contacted all local churches to keep a box for regular donations of spare foodstuffs. We will be doing this in our church for any future donations. If we find we need specific items we will put something in the newsletter.

Thank you. Brian Jones.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>22<sup>nd</sup> July</i>	<i>Anne May</i>	<i>Mike Hargaden</i>	<i>Don &amp; Ann Harvey</i>
<i>23<sup>rd</sup> July</i>	<i>Ali Szwagrzak</i>	<i>Cath Sherrington</i>	<i>Wilf &amp; Pat Tampling</i>
<i>29th July</i>	<i>Chris Cherry</i>	<i>Elizabeth Cherry</i>	<i>Shelagh Adams</i>
<i>30th July</i>	<i>Mary Boase</i>	<i>Ali Szwagrzak</i>	<i>Diane Du Bois</i>

## *Mass Times with Intentions*

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> July.</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Margaret Regan</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday 23<sup>r</sup> 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>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>24<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Tues.</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>26<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Sheila O'Neill</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>27<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<b><i>Norman and Catherine Attwood</i></b>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	<i>28<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Margaret Regan</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>

*Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison*

### ***17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time***

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>29<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Neil Cawthorne</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</i>		<i>9.15am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Ruth Harris</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](mailto:dmhddntt@aol.com) by 12:00 noon on Thursdays at the latest