

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth
and
St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye
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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
30th July 2017

The Angel asks for Mary's consent so that the Word may come into the world. The expectation of the past centuries is concentrated on this point; on it depends the salvation of the human race.

Commenting on the Annunciation, St. Bernard expresses this unique moment in stupendous fashion when he turns to Our Lady and says: "Prostrate at your feet, the whole world is expectant. And with good reason, because on your lips depends the consolation of the afflicted, the redemption of the imprisoned, the liberation of the condemned, and finally the salvation of all the children of Adam, his whole posterity. Make hast, O Virgin, and respond."

And Mary's consent is one of faith. It is found in the line of faith. Justly, then, has the Second Vatican Council, in reflecting on Mary as prototype and model of the Church, proposed her as an example of active faith precisely at the moment of her "fiat" (let it be done): "Mary was not merely a passive instrument in God's hands, but she cooperated in the salvation of the human race with willing faith and obedience" (Lumen Gentium 56)

St. John Paul II

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose
£73.00	£277.68

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.

Message from Kate Parry

A very special thanks to Fr. Nicholas and to all helpful friends - including SVP members - who visited me, for their prayers and useful gifts and for thinking of me. I was amazed ! Thank you again -- God Bless you for caring. Kate.

Parish Confirmation Date

Sunday 17th September. 11:00 a.m. Ross.

R.I.P. – Moira Sands

Aid to the Church in Need - Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all participants. We raised £218 plus a £100 donation, making a total of £318 in all.

Help needed, please, for the St. John Kemble Pilgrimage Route

The wonderful walkers' route from Monmouth, for those of us who don't drive to Welsh Newton for the service at St. John Kemble's grave, needs its annual clearance of brambles etc. It's always quite fun – if you can help, please contact Simon Durrant.

Gift Aid Scheme

Record of your donations are now available at the back of the church. Please take the envelope relevant to you. Many thanks to all Gift Aid Donors for contributing to this very valuable source of income to our Parish. Pat Munday. Gift Aid Secretary.

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.

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 – 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.*

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 and run by the World Community for Christian Meditation – see poster in the Porch. For more information or a booking form, contact Barbara Jones bar_demi@hotmail.co.uk

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
30 th July	Chris Cherry	Elizabeth Cherry	Shelagh Adams
23 rd July	Mary Boase	Ali Szwagrzak	Diane Du Bois
5 th August	Anne Dunne	P-J Shaw	Pat Munday
6 th August	Frances Cloud	Richard Tonkin	Theresa Kelly

Mass Times with Intentions

Sat.	29 th July.	6.00pm	Neil Cawthorne	Monmouth
Sunday 30th July		9.15am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00am	Ruth Harris	Ross-on-Wye
Mon	31 st July	9.15am	St. Ignatius of Loyala Alison Potts	Monmouth
Tues.	1 st August	10.00am ***	St. Alphonsus Liguori Margaret Regan	Ross-on-Wye
Wed.	2 nd August	9.15am	Mollie Hyland	Monmouth
Thurs.	3 rd August	10.00am	Service of the Word and Eucharist	Ross-on-Wye
Fri.	4 th August	9.15am	St. John Mary Vianney Service of the Word and Eucharist	Monmouth

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sat.	5 ^t August	6.00pm	Gwen O'Leary	Monmouth
Sunday 6 th August		9.15am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00am	Jonathan & Dennis Heaney	Ross-on-Wye

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