

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sunday 30th July 17th Sunday		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Neil Cawthorne</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Ruth Harris</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	31st	9.15am	St Ignatius of Loyola <i>Alison Potts</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	1st Aug	*10.00am	St Alphonsus Ligouri <i>Margaret Regan</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	2nd	9.15am	<i>Mollie Hyland</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	Rosary	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	3rd	10.00am	<i>Service of the Word and Eucharist</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	4th	9.15am	St John Vianney <i>Service of the Word and Eucharist</i>	Monmouth
*please note change of time Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday: 5.15pm-5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm (not this week) or on request				
Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Gwen O'Leary</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Jonathan & Dennis Heaney</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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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30th 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."*

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

HYMNS

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874
966

Offertory Totals 23 rd July 2017			
Envelopes	Loose Plate	Other	Total
£111.00	£113.35	£52.81	£277.16

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, Neil Hillyer, Kathy O'Connor, Mary McCrory, Fausta Scarand, Janet and Andrew Baily, Margarete Denton.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Norman Cunningham, John Cody, Peter Sweeney, Mary Hopkins.*

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

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 at Monmouth. See the poster at the back of the church.

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.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group is organising a Day of Reflection based on the theme: *Living our Faith in the Modern World.*

This will take place at **Belmont Abbey - 10.00am to 4.00pm, Saturday 2nd September 2017.** If you are interested, please sign the sheet at the back of church or email: **Neil Wareing** n.f.w@btconnect.com or **Honor Houghton** honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk

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

Parish Outing, Saturday 23rd September 2017: we are going to Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster leaving from the Larrapurz Centre at 10.30 and back in Ross around 5pm. An arrangement has been made with the Larrapurz to

park our cars there for a donation of 50p per car which will be collected on the coach. Booking forms with full information are at the back of the church – please return them via the offertory collection or the parish letter box by the door to the parish room. *There are up to 10 free places available for children aged 16 and under, so come and bring the family.* www.harvingtonhall.com

The LiveSimply Group

Toilet Twinning: We have now reached our target of £120 and the toilets in the Parish Centre have been twinned with latrines in Bangui, Central African Republic and Makawanpur, Nepal. A child dies every minute from diarrhoeal diseases, and investing in sanitation is one of the most cost-effective forms of aid, so Toilet Twinning does have a serious purpose – thank you for supporting it!

Next meeting: Thursday 14th September in Monmouth 7pm. **No meeting in August.** All welcome.

LiveSimply ideas for the next few weeks: 14 July – 6 August – The Big Butterfly Count: <http://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>
24th-30th July National Parks Week: <http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk/>
and British Dragonflies: <http://www.dragonfly-days.co.uk/>

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
17th Sunday 30th July 2017	Mike & Christine	Jon, Lindsay, Honor	Bernadette
Transfiguration 6th August 2017	Pat Burbidge	Maureen, Aidan, Lynne	Pat & Kath

Study Day - Recusancy in Abergavenny and the Marches. Saturday 14th October, St Michael's Centre, Abergavenny. The 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.

New joint parishes' website:

<http://monmouthandrosscatholicchurches.uk/> this is a completely new site, fully integrated between St Mary's Monmouth and St Frances of Rome. It will take time to ensure it's exactly as we would like it to be and to remedy any deficiencies or mistakes. Please let me know if you identify any! Also, can anyone help in maintaining and updating the site? Please contact me on stfrancesofrome@outlook.com. Thank you. Stephen Baker.