

*St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth*  
*and*  
*St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye*  
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*The Transfiguration of the Lord*  
*6<sup>th</sup> August 2017*

“The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of various forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.”<sup>i</sup> All this is an expression of our profound Christian belief in the love of the Father who guides and sustains us, a love manifested in the total self-gift of Jesus Christ, who even now lives in our midst and enables us to face together the storms of life at every stage. In all families the Good News needs to resound, in good times and in bad, as a source of light along the way. All of us should be able to say, thanks to the experience of our life in the family; “We come to believe in the love that God has for us” (1 John 4:16). Only on the basis of this experience will the Church’s pastoral care for families enable them to be both domestic churches and a leaven of evangelization in society.

<sup>i</sup> *Relatio Finalis 2015*

*Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia*

## **Monmouth Collections**

Gift Aid	Loose
£187.00	£186.05

### **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, Nancy Tonkin and all members of our parish who are sick. Please remember also those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Father Nicholas** will be away this week from Monday to Friday.

**St. John Kemble Pilgrimage – Sunday 20th August 2017:** We are approaching the feast day of our own martyr saint, John Kemble, whose annual pilgrimage is attended by many people from other parishes. It is a privilege to welcome our visitors, but it would be wonderful to see more "parishioner-pilgrims" too. Do note the following times:

**10.15 am** - walking pilgrims set off after morning mass on the journey to Welsh Newton.

**3.00 pm** - all pilgrims (including those who come by car) meet at Welsh Newton church gate to walk in procession to St John Kemble's grave (with rosary, scripture reading & address).

**4.00 pm** Benediction in our St Mary's Catholic church, Monmouth, followed by tea in the garden.

### **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 .

**Parish Confirmation Date** - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. 11:00 a.m. Ross.

## 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. Thanks are due to David May, for the original site; Anne May for uploading the weekly newsletter; Robert Derricott, for St. Mary's history; and Chris Cherry, for photographs of both churches. It will take time to perfect the website 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](mailto:stfrancesofrome@outlook.com). Thank you. Stephen Baker, St. Frances of Rome.

## Foodbank

The staff at the Foodbank have said that they were particularly grateful following last week's delivery, as they get very little meat. The comment made was "Please thank the congregation at St Mary's for their unfailing generosity".

During the school holidays, foodbank use is increasing, reflecting a national trend, and the box will remain at the back of the church. Thank You. Brian Jones

## 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.

## 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.*

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Anne Dunne	P-J Shaw	Pat Munday
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Frances Cloud	Richard Tonkin	Theresa Kelly
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Peter Field	Bob Tomkins	Kath Beavis
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Richard Tonkin	Rosamund Vaughan	Martina Davies

## *Mass Times with Intentions*

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Gwen O'Leary</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</i>		<i>9.15am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Jonathan &amp; Dennis Heaney</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> August</i>		<i>No Mass</i>	
<i>Tues.</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Service of the Word and Eucharist</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> August</i>		<i>No Mass</i>	
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Service of the Word and Eucharist</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Service of the Word and Eucharist</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>

*Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison*

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

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>12<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Marian Demidecki</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August</i>		<i>9.15am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Digby Mullenger</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