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The Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday 6th 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.” *

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.

* Relatio Finalis 2015

Pope Francis

Amoris Laetitia

Mass Times & Intentions

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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
Monday	7th	9.15am	No Mass	Monmouth
Tuesday	8th	7.00pm	St Dominic <i>Service of the Word & Eucharist</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	9th	9.15am	Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross No Mass	Monmouth
		6.30pm	Rosary	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	10th	10.00am	St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr <i>Service of The Word & Eucharist</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	11th	9.15am	St Clare, Virgin <i>Service of The Word & Eucharist</i>	Monmouth
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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)				
Sunday 13th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Marian Demidecki</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Digby Mullenger</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				
Editors: Janet & Stephen Baker - stfrances.editor@gmail.com <i>Please send items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening</i>				
If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com				

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Offertory Totals 23rd July 2017

Envelopes	Loose Plate	Other	Total
£148.14	£97.38	£22.99	£268.51

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: *Rose Johnson, Joan Sanders, Joseph Wallace, Joseph Considine*

Padre Pio Prayer Group: meets today at 4.45pm in the parish room. We pray especially for the

parish, the sick and the lonely, the housebound, deceased members of our community and their families, followed by the Rosary in the church. All are welcome to join us.

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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.

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 Mass on the journey to Welsh Newton.

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

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

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

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](mailto:Neil.Wareing@btconnect.com) or [Honor Houghton honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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.

Confirmations will take place at St. Frances on Sunday 17th September 2017 at the 11am Mass.

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 8 free places available for children aged 16 and under, so come and bring the family.* www.harvingtonhall.com

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

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
Transfiguration 6th August 2017	Pat Burbidge	Maureen, Aidan, Lynne	Agnes & Erika
19th Sunday 13th August 2017	Lynne	Mike, Christine, Claire	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 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.