

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth
and
St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye
(Parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. Registered No: 242380)

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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
13th August 2017

Mary taken up into glory by Christ is a symbol of the dignity God willed for all women. Her place at the side of Christ in heaven as on earth calls our attention to the equality of man and woman. Not that we wish to say that Christ and Mary were equal in the role of salvation. As we know, she was his disciple and associate. But her place in heaven at his side recalls the story of Genesis that in the beginning God created man and woman equal. Both were created in his image. And after the fall and the promise of redemption, both man and woman are called to share in the redemption of Christ and to share divine life in this world and come to its fulfilment in the next. The woman was never meant to be deprived, underprivileged, a piece of property or a second class citizen. If this happens, and it does, it is a perversion of the divine plan. The woman is equal to the man. Thus we can understand the reasoning of the Franciscan, St. Bernadine of Siena, (d. 1444) who in a homily on the Assumption, contemplating the likeness between Mary and Jesus in body and soul, felt constrained to say that it was imperative that Mary should be only where Christ is. His argument is accepted in the dogma of the Assumption and expressed in these words: "it is reasonable and fitting that not only the soul and body of a man , but also the soul and body of a woman should have obtained heavenly glory." Kilian Healy, O.Carm *The Assumption of Mary*

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose	Candles and Repository
£247.00	£390.98	£45.52

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

Christening This Sunday

Isla Rose Forster daughter of Stephen and Sally will be christened this Sunday 13th August during the 9:15 a.m. Mass.

St. John Kemble Pilgrimage – Next 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. We also need helpers, to clear the route to Welsh Newton churchyard in advance (see below) and to offer hospitality in our own garden on the day. Can you help?

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

New Joint Parishes' Website

You will wish to note that the address of the new joint Parishes' website is <http://monmouthandrosscatholicchurches.uk> If you are willing to help in maintaining and updating the site, please contact Stephen Baker on stfrancesofrome@outlook.com

Gift Aid Scheme

Please take the envelope relevant to you, with a record of your donations, if you have not yet done so.

Harvington Hall: Parish Outing, Saturday 23rd September 2017

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.*

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

Mass Times with Intentions

Sat.	12 th August	6.00pm	<i>Marian Demidecki</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday</i> 13 th August		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		11.00am	<i>Digby Mullenger</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
Mon	14 th August	9.15am	St Maximillian Kolbe <i>Janet and Michael Worstall</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
Tues.15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10.00am ***	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		7.00pm	<i>Nicholas Sathianathan</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
Wed.	16 th August	9.15am	<i>Peter Kelly</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
Thurs.	17 th August	10.00am	<i>Fitzpatrick & Phelan families</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
Fri.	18 th August	9.15am	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat.	19 th August	6.00pm	<i>Lembit Kaseleht</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday</i> 20 th August		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		11.00am	<i>Paul Terry</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.*

At present, contributions to the newsletter should be emailed to Michael Hoddinott: dmhddntt@aol.com by 12:00 noon on Thursdays at the latest