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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th August 2017

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sunday 13 th August 19 th 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	
Monday	14th	9.15am	St Maximillian Kolbe <i>Janet and Michael Worstall</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	10.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth	
	7.00pm	<i>Nicholas Sathiananthan</i>	Ross-on-Wye	
Wednesday	16th	9.15am	<i>Peter Kelly</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	Rosary	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	17th	10.00am	<i>Fitzpatrick & Phelan Families</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	18th	9.15am	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday: 5.15pm-5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm				
Sunday 20 th August 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Lembit Kaseleht</i>	Monmouth	
	9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth	
	11.00am	<i>Paul Terry</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				

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

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The Assumption of Mary

HYMNS

315

720

972

772

Offertory Totals 30th July 2017

Envelopes	Loose Plate	Other	Total
£88.00	£155.18	£14.70	£257.88

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: *Josefa Rendero, Zeeta Adams, Kenelm Johnson, Bridget Green, Sean Preston.*

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 – 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. Please 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 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.

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

Are you coming to Harvington Hall? Saturday 23rd September 2017. Park your car at the Larrapurz Centre (for a small fee of 50p), board the coach at 10.30am and be back in Ross around 5pm. 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 entirely free places available for children aged 16 and under, so why not take the opportunity to bring the children or grandchildren.* 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
19th Sunday 13th August 2017	Lynne	Mike, Christine, Claire	Pat & Kath
20th Sunday 20th August 2017	John & Brenda	John, Lindsay, Maureen	Katherine U

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.

Milk Bottle Tops: Thank you so much to all who have donated their bottle tops over the last year. The collection has raised funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind and has been a valuable recycling opportunity. The collection point in Ross ceases from the 15th August. Erica Philp.