

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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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
20th August 2017

St. John Kemble

Popular feeling for this innocent kindly old man was very strong, therefore it seems certain that the full penalty of the law was not carried out. When the executioner seemed loathe to perform his unenviable task, the martyr rallied him saying, 'Honest Antony, my friend Antony; be not afraid; do thy office; I forgive thee with all my heart. Thou wilt do me a greater kindness than discourtesy.' After a brief period of meditation on his knees, he repeated the prayer 'In manus tuas Domine commendo spiritum meum' three times with great fervour. Having signalled that he was ready, he pulled his cap over his eyes. The executioner, who seems to have known Fr. Kemble personally, reluctantly drew the cart away. Unfortunately, the rope had been clumsily knotted and as a result, he remained hanging for at least half an hour before death mercifully put an end to his agony. He was then cut down and beheaded but the body was not quartered. One hand was cut off, possibly as a token quartering. His nephew, Captain Kemble, was allowed to have the body which he put in a coffin and buried it at the foot of the cross in Welsh Newton churchyard. His grave is marked by a flat tombstone, put there by Richard Kemble and bearing the following inscription, still perfectly clear:-

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Dyed the 22th
of August
Anno Do: 1679

Madge Cusack O'Keefe, M.A.

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid

Loose

£213.00

£214.06

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.

St. John Kemble Pilgrimage – This Sunday 20th August 2017

It is a privilege to welcome our visitors to this special occasion, but it would be wonderful to see more "parishioner-pilgrims" too.

The day's programme is as follows:

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.

Thank you

A sincere thank you to Fr. Nick and all parishioners for their visits, gifts and 'get well' messages during my illness. But above all thank you for your prayers. God Bless. Pat Munday

Parish Confirmation Date - Sunday 17th September. 11:00 a.m. Ross.

Monmouth Foodbank

Once again, a huge thanks to all those who have donated and to Father Nicholas for allowing us to do so. The box will remain at the back of the Church together with a notice that suggests what we are particularly short of at any one time. Rather than put something in the newsletter every week we will in future be just using the notice.
Brian Jones

Parish Outing, Saturday 23rd September 2017:

Are you coming to Harvington Hall? Booking forms and full information are at the back of the church. £15.50 per adult and at present there are **8 free places** available for children aged 16 and under. *Why not take the opportunity to bring the children or grandchildren?* Pick up in Monmouth at 10.00am and return 17.30pm.

New Joint Parishes' Website

A reminder that the address of the new joint Parishes' website is <http://monmouthandrosscatholicchurches.uk>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>19th August</i>	<i>Anne Dunne</i>	<i>Jerry Fox</i>	<i>Mrs Cawthorne</i>
<i>20th August</i>	<i>Martin Flach</i>	<i>Liz Alford</i>	<i>Mary Boase</i>
<i>26th August</i>	<i>Anne May</i>	<i>Patricia Milling</i>	<i>Mr & Mrs Keyton</i>
<i>27th August</i>	<i>Robert Derricott</i>	<i>Miles Jupp</i>	<i>Babs Jones</i>

Mass Times with Intentions

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>
Mon	21 st August	9.15am	<i>Machin family</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
Tues	22 nd August	10.00am ***	<i>Tina and Michael Walsh</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
Wed.	23 rd August	9.15am	<i>Hilda and Arthur Williams</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
Thurs.	24 th August	10.00am	<i>Special Intention</i>	<i>Ross-on-Wye</i>
Fri.	25 th August	9.15am	<i>Sr. Rosemary (Special)</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat.	26 th August	6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sunday</i> 27 th August		9.15am	<i>Angela and Arthur Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		11.00am	<i>Matthew Smith</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