

Mass Times & Intentions			
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
Monday	21st	9.15am	St Pius X <i>Machin family</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	22nd	*10.00am	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Tina and Michael Walsh</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	23rd	9.15am	<i>Hilda and Arthur Williams</i> Monmouth
		6.30pm	Rosary Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	24th	10.00am	St Bartholomew (Feast) <i>Special Intention</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	25th	9.15am	<i>Sr Rosemary</i> <i>Special Intention</i> Monmouth
*Please note change of time 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 27 th August 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>Angela and Arthur</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i> Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Matthew Smith</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			

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 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.'

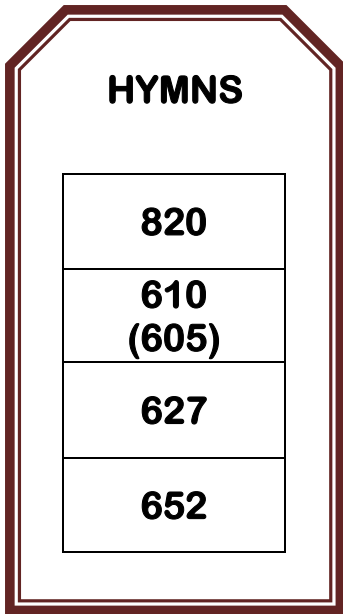
After a brief period of meditation on his knees, he repeated the prayer '*In manus tuas Domine commendo spiritum meum*' three times with great fervour. Having signalled that he was ready, he pulled his cap over his eyes. The executioner, who seems to have known Fr. Kemble personally, reluctantly drew 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:-

I K
Dyed the 22th
of August
Anno Do: 1679

Madge Cusack O'Keefe M.A.



Offertory Totals 13 th Aug 2017			
Envelopes	Loose Plate	Other	Total
£93.00	£148.22	£25.27	£266.49
June S.O.	£1130.00	July S.O.	£1130.00

CAFOD have written to express thanks for the recent collections and earlier events, (Lenten Lunches and raffle), which amounted to £968.86.

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: *Joan Fleming, Luigi Janetta, Mary Drinkwater, Thomas Flay, Ann Champion, Lynda Morgan, Maurice Murray, Joan Sykes, Gwyneth Wise, Winifred Burns, Dorothy Reardon.*

St. John Kemble Pilgrimage – TODAY, Sunday 20th August 2017: walking pilgrims have already set off on the journey to Welsh Newton. However, at **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 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.

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation 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

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
20th Sunday 20th August 2017	John & Brenda	Jon, Lindsay, Maureen	Katherine U
21st Sunday 27th August 2017	Marion Contreras	Honor, Aidan, Lynne	Julio & Marion

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. However, the collection point in Ross has now ceased.

CTS books are now available as ebooks – www.ctsbooks.org/books.

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 far side of the church after Mass.