

## Mass Times & Intentions

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Home Mission Sunday</b>	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Brian Cookson</i>	Monmouth
	9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	11.00am	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation</b> <i>Harry le Comte &amp; Margaret Regan</i>	Ross-on-Wye
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18th</b>	9.15am	<i>Fr Terence Murnane (welfare)</i> Monmouth
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>19th</b>	7.00pm	<i>Special Intention</i> Ross-on-Wye
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20th</b>	9.15am	<b>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companions</b> <i>Michael Worstall</i> Monmouth
		6.30pm	<b>Rosary</b> Ross-on-Wye
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21st</b>	10.00am	<b>St Matthew (Feast)</b> <i>Fitzpatrick &amp; Phelan families</i> Ross-on-Wye
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	9.15am	<i>Benjamin &amp; Teresa Rees</i> Monmouth
<b>St Pius of Pietrelcina</b> Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison			
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Monmouth: Saturday: 5.15pm-5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm			
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	Monmouth
	9.15am	<i>Krystyna Szwagrzak</i>	Monmouth
	11.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye
<b>Sunday evening Mass is celebrated regularly at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 6.30pm.</b> 101 Belmont Road, Hereford HR2 7JR			
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<b>If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event</b> please contact Ann McKnight <a href="mailto:upperkern@gmail.com">upperkern@gmail.com</a>			

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Home Mission Sunday 17th September 2017**

### *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

Come, true light; come, eternal life; come, hidden mystery; come, treasure without name; come, unutterable thing; come, unknowable person; come, O powerful one, who fulfilllest, transformest and changest all things by thy will alone; come, invisible one, wholly intangible and impalpable. Come, thou who restest always immovable and who, at all times, movest thyself and comest toward us who lie in hell. Thou standest higher than the heavens. Thy name so greatly and constantly proclaimed, none is able to say what it is. None can know who thou art, of what kind or species, for that is impossible. Come, garland never withered; come thou whom my wretched soul has loved and whom it loves! Come alone to me alone. Come, thou who hast separated me from all and hast made me lonely in this world and who thyself are become desire in me, who hast willed that I should desire thee, thou, absolutely inaccessible. Come, breath and my own life, consolation of my lowly heart.

*Symeon the New Theologian*

## HYMNS

865

609

765

787

### Offertory Totals 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

Envelopes	Loose Plate	Other	Total
£92.61	£147.19	£72.42	£312.22

Today is **Home Mission Sunday** - The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. For more details: [www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk)

**PARISH CONFIRMATION** – we welcome the Confirmation candidates and their families at Mass this morning. Archbishop George Stack will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on four young candidates from our two parishes.

**Sick parishioners:** Please remember in your prayers: *Rita Katrak, Ivan Merritt, Charles Lumb, Claire Niven, Paul Bennett, Bridgit Frankland, Eileen & Roger Crosby, Joyce Wight, Margaret Collinson, Neil Hillyer, Kathy O'Connor, Mary McCrory, Fausta Scarand, Janet and Andrew Baily, Margarete Denton, John McKnight.*

**We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** *Veronica Doyle, Desmond D'Arcy Ellwyn Johnson, Maurice McGinn, Sara Williams, Bernard McCormick, Thomas Bailey, Vernon Hepburn, Arthur Robinson, Clare Battle, Mary Garret.*

**CAFOD AND FAST DAY** - If you would like to know more how your donations transform lives, join us on Thursday 21st September at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Belmont Road, Hereford at 7 pm. Come and learn about CAFOD's work in El Salvador which is the country of focus for this year's Harvest appeal. Call 02920 344882 or email: [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk) All welcome.

**MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNINGS** take place in the Parish Room this coming Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September after the 10am Mass and on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September after the 11am Mass. Help is needed in baking or donating cakes, setting up the event and clearing away afterwards. Please contact Honor Houghton on [honor.houghton@hotmail.com](mailto:honor.houghton@hotmail.com) for further information or to offer help.

**LiveSimply Meeting** : NEW DATE: now the 28th September at 7 pm.

**Harvington Hall:** this trip takes place next Saturday and there are some spaces remaining on the coach. £15.50 per adult, free for children. Reminder - please bring a packed lunch and drink. Contact Janet Baker [mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com).

**Faith sharing group:** begins again at 12.00 noon on Thursday, 28th September in the parish room, Ross.

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017</b>	Confirmation Candidates	Honor, Aidan, Lynne	Marion & Julio
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017</b>	Robin & Anne	Mike, Christine, Claire	Mike & Christine

**Missio:** Thank you to all Red Box holders for your very generous contributions. The summer half-yearly total was £1097-82.

**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.

### **Proclaim '17 – Archdiocese of Cardiff Evangelisation Conference**

Saturday 21st October, St David's College, Cardiff. Come and be equipped to share the Gospel! This conference will give you practical steps forward in pursuing the Church's mission – to make disciples of all nations. Keynote address from Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham.

*For more information and to book, please go to:*

[www.tinyurl.com/cardiffproclaim](http://www.tinyurl.com/cardiffproclaim)

**Plastic Milk Bottle tops** - the area collection has thankfully been taken on by a new volunteer, so the bottle top collection for Guide Dogs for the Blind has been restarted in the parish. Please leave your bottle tops in the box in the parish centre. Reminder - the new volunteer has asked that to aid with sorting, ***please ensure only milk bottle tops are included in the collection.*** Thank you for all your support.

**The Season of Creation:** began with the World day of prayer for the Care of Creation on Friday 1 September and runs until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup>. *“Christians or not, as people of faith and goodwill, we should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion.” Pope Francis*