

## Mass Times with Intentions

Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00 pm	Bridget Lowry	Monmouth
Sunday 10th September		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	John & Ann Webb	Ross-on-Wye
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15 am	Susan Jablonsky	Monmouth
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00 pm	Service of the Word & Eucharist	Ross-on-Wye
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15 am	Special intention <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Monmouth
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00 am	School intention <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15 am	Jadwiga Umieszcyuk <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Monmouth

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison - *SS Cornelius & Cyprian*

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### **Home Mission Sunday**

Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00 pm	Brian Cookson	Monmouth
Sunday 17th September		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation</b>  <i>Harry le Comte &amp; Margaret Regan</i>	Ross-on-Wye

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monmouth: Saturday evenings at 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm

Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday evenings at 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm  
or on request.

Please email contributions to the newsletter to:  
[stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com) by 12 noon on Thursday

## St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

and

### St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Finally, the earth itself is a circle that has been treated as a pyramid, cut up into pieces, dominated, destroyed, and doomed to struggle for its own existence and the survival of those who depend on it but live under the philosophy of the pyramid. Circles bind the human race together; pyramids separate it into layers of humanity, one level standing on the backs of another.

How can it happen that what warps the human race can become the model of what is expected to empower it? How can it be that an entire population can be seduced, like lemmings on the way to the sea, to organize for its own destruction, to adopt a structure in which some are required to exist for the satisfaction of the others, in which most are exploited and many are destroyed for the sake of the few? What is it that fuels planetary suicide, that separates women and men, and warps spirituality at the same time?

Ironically, the answer to the problem of the survival of the planet lies in spirituality as much as it does in politics, science, or economics. Why? And what does that portend for women, for men, for the integrity of spirituality, and the survival of the planet itself?

Joan D. Chittister

## Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Donation	History of Mon Church	Total
£399.18	£302.00	£15.00	£5.00	£721.18

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

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chepstow.** The Governing Body is seeking to appoint a full-time, permanent Deputy Headteacher.

**Closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> September.** Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and can be arranged by contacting Natasha Hall on (01291) 623006 or email: [natashahall@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:natashahall@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Application forms can be completed online or downloaded via:

<http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/home/education/jobs-and-employment/how-to-apply-for-council-jobs/>

**S.V.P:** September is S.V.P. Awareness Month. See poster in porch.

**S.V.P:** Next meeting is on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Archbishop George Stack will celebrate Mass in St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye and will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on four young people including Holly Duncan of Monmouth. Please pray for them.

**The LiveSimply Group:** Next meeting: **Thursday 14th September** in Monmouth at 7 pm. All welcome.

**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

### Are you coming to Harvington Hall? Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

Contact Janet Baker email: [mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com)

**Study Day - Recusancy in Abergavenny and the Marches.**  
**Saturday 14th October,** St Michael's Centre, Abergavenny.

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

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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)

### WCCM in South East Wales Retreat – 27-29 October 2017

At Llangasty Retreat House, Llangasty, Brecon, Powys LD3 7PX.

For more information or a booking form, contact Barbara Jones: [bardemi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bardemi@hotmail.co.uk) or phone (01600) 772895.

**Bethel Chapel, Newport:** serving the poor and homeless of Newport. If you have any unwanted clothes, they would be pleased to have them. Please leave at the back of church. Thank you.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Val Field Helen Quinn	Patrick Vaughan Cath Coolican Smith	Don & Ann Harvey Fay McGrath
16 <sup>h</sup> Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ali Szwagrzak Frances Cloud	Liz Alford Martina Davies	Shelagh Adams Wilf & Pat Tampling