

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 10th Sept. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Bridget Lowry</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>John & Ann Webb</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	11th	9.15am	<i>Susan Jablonsky</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	12th	7.00pm	<i>Service of the Word & Eucharist</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	13th	9.15am	St John Chrysostom <i>Special intention</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	Rosary	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	14th	10.00am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast <i>School Intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	15th	9.15am	Our Lady of Sorrows <i>Jadwiga Umieszcyuk</i>	Monmouth
Sts Cornelius and Cyprian 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 Tuesday)				
Sunday 17th Sept. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Sunday		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Brian Cookson</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation <i>Harry le Comte & Margaret Regan</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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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? What does that portend for women, for men, for the integrity of spirituality and the survival of the planet itself?

Joan D. Chittister

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Offertory Totals 27 th Aug. 2017			
Envelopes	Loose Plate	Other	Total
£91.00	£156.57	£30.97	£278.54
Offertory Totals 3 rd Sept. 2017			
£118.00	£118.87	£25.84	£262.71

Next Sunday, 17th September is Home Mission Sunday.

PARISH CONFIRMATION – next Sunday 17th September at the 11am Mass. 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: *Alice Johnson, Daisy Waugh, Joseph Thompson, John Connolly, Mary Webb, Dorothea Royen, John Sweeney.*

The next meeting of the LiveSimply Group takes place this coming Thursday 14th September in Monmouth 7pm. All are 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 4th. *“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*

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNINGS take place in the Parish Room on Thursday 21st September after the 10am Mass and on Sunday 24th 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 for further information or to offers help. See insert for fuller details.

Are you coming to Harvington Hall? Saturday 23rd September 2017. Booking forms and full information available at the back of the church, Free child places. For more information contact Janet Baker mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com. www.harvingtonhall.com

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
23rd Sunday 10th Sept 2017	Josie O’Driscoll	Jon, Lindsay, Maureen	Marie C
24th Sunday 17th Sept 2017	Confirmation Candidates	Honor, Aidan, Lynne	Marion & Julio

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

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.