

Mass Times with Intentions

Sat	25 th Nov	6.00 pm VIGIL MASS	People of the Parish	Monmouth
Sunday 26 th November		9.15 am	Carmel Gallagher	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Deceased relatives & friends (Jones)	Ross-on-Wye
Mon	27 th Nov	9.15 am	Machin intention	Monmouth
Tues	28 th Nov	7.00 pm	Holy Souls	Ross-on-Wye
Wed	29 th Nov	9.15 am	Dorothy Evans	Monmouth
Thurs	30 th Nov	10.00 am	Bridget Smith <small>St Andrew</small>	Ross-on-Wye
Fri	1 st Dec	9.15 am	Eddie McCaffrey	Monmouth

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison

Sunday – First Sunday of Advent

Sat	2 nd Dec	6.00 pm VIGIL MASS	Special intention (De Waal)	Monmouth
Sunday 3 rd December		9.15 am	Les Duffield	Monmouth
		11.00 am	People of the Parish	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.*

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34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26 November 2017

The Church's mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6). He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love. God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:23-24), through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father. "The glory of God is the living man" (Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses* IV, 20, 7). The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims (cf. Is 55:10-11): Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation (cf. Jn 1:14).

Pope Francis

Contributions to the newsletter to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate
£220.00	£232.02

Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Humphreys, James Boyle, Simon McGrath, Billy Mann, Sheila MacEwan, Jill Lloyd, Harry Bradbear, Esther Gallagher, Bernadette Price, Liam O'Keefe, Bill Rowan, Margaret Kelly, Mary Iles, Tessa Kemp, Arthur & Angela Barge, Duncan Wills and all members of our parish who are sick. Please remember also all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MISSION APPEAL This Sunday on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers). <http://www.comboni.org.uk/>

AUTUMN FAYRE: A very big THANK YOU to all those who contributed, who manned the stalls, who made refreshments, etc., The provisional net figure for the day is in excess of £1400, which represents a real success. This figure is likely to increase as a result of selling off some items that were left. Thank you very much indeed for all your support. Social and Fundraising Committee

WATER or WINE

This stall proved to be very popular. Bottles that were left over from the Tombola have been repackaged into bottle bags, ready for a new Water or Wine stall this weekend. This will be in the Church porch. £1 a ticket to guess which bag contains which. If the bag that you chose contains wine, then it's yours to keep.

100 Club: The final draw of the year took place on 22nd November. The winners are listed on the noticeboard in the church porch. Thank you to all that took part this year helping to raise £600 for the Church and congratulations to the winners. Subscriptions for the new year will be due 1st January

"From Seed to Centrepiece" - Wednesday 29 November at 7pm in The Priory in Monmouth. [Far Hill Flowers](#) Christmas arrangement demonstration with flowers grown in the Monmouthshire hills. **In aid of toilet twinning.** Entrance £5 (to include a glass of wine) available on the door. Everyone welcome

WINE TASTING: Friday December 1st – Tickets available after Mass.

PRAYING SIMPLY: Thursday 14 December at 7 pm. Kieran O'Brien will be leading this session exploring contemplative prayer in our busy lives.

COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 16 December - at St. Thomas Church Hall (Ty Pryce), Overmonnow from 10 am – 12 noon in aid of LLamau. Contact Kath Beavis or Mary Boase for more information.

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY 2018 – Concert in the Glover Music School given by Eleanor Perks (piano) and Francis Newman (violin).

The Catenian Association has granted a bursary of £650 to help the granddaughter of a Monmouth member who has volunteered to travel to Bolivia in the new year to assist a charity working with local churches empowering communities to overcome poverty. The Catenian Association offers bursaries totalling over £100,000 to young Catholics between the ages of 16 and 24, who work as helpers on Diocesan and HCPT pilgrimages to Lourdes or volunteer to work on projects around the world. If you are a young person thinking about volunteering, please contact Mike Parry on 01874 730197 (mike@mayotte.zx3.net) for further information.

ADVANCED NOTICE – ASSISI & ROME PILGRIMAGE 2018

Following the successful combined group visit to Rome in 2015 expressions of interest are invited from both Parishes to determine whether it would be feasible to organise another group venture. We are considering have a two-venue tour to Rome & Assisi. *We are at the very beginning of the deliberations* and the final programme will be determined by the group, the feasibility & the costs involved. No date has been set but it is likely to be September 2018. The initial quote currently is £865 (£190 single supplement), Return flights from Bristol – Rome, Return train ticket Rome – Assisi. 3 nights bed & breakfast 4* hotel central Rome & 4 nights half board Assisi, excursions with coach and local guide whilst in Rome & Assisi. If you are interested in finding out more (no commitment at this stage)let Father Nick know or send an email to Honor Houghton – honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>25th Nov 26th Nov</i>	<i>Barbara Demi Helen Quinn</i>	<i>Bernadette Keyton Max Peters</i>	<i>Mrs Cawthorne Theresa Kelly</i>
<i>2nd Dec 3rd Dec</i>	<i>Glyn Jones Ali Szwagrzak</i>	<i>Anne May Children's Mass</i>	<i>Mr & Mrs Keyton Martina Davies</i>