

# St Frances of Rome

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2nd Sunday of Advent

10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

*Thursday is the Memorial Day of St John of the Cross*

*Concerning the Divine Word:*

*With the divinest Word,*

*the Virgin made pregnant,*

*down the road comes walking,*

*if you'll grant her a room in your abode.*

*St John of the Cross*



Mass Times & Intentions				
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>Irene Derricott</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Squires Family intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Private intention</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	*1.00pm	<i>Terry Tregaskis (Requiem)</i>	*Monmouth
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	*10.00am	<b>St Lucy</b> <i>Michael Fennessy (welfare)</i>	*Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>St John of the Cross</b> <i>Gerry Hulme (private intention)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Brady Family (Deceased)</i>	Monmouth
*Please note changes of time, day & venues 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 (not this week)				
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Frances Hodges</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Barbara &amp; Arthur Clarke</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 <a href="mailto:upperkern@gmail.com">upperkern@gmail.com</a>				

HYMNS	
115	
84	
982	
107	

Offertory Totals 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2017				
Envelopes	Loose plate	Other	Clergy Fund	Total
£126.00	£124.17	£54.35	£20.00	£324.52

**TODAY Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a collection for the sick and retired clergy.**

**SICK PARISHIONERS:** Please remember in your prayers: *Rita Katrak, Ivan Merritt, 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, Mike Fennesey.*

**We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** *Brenda Townley.*

**Carol Service at the Poor Clares, Much Birch:**

**TODAY Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017.** Evening prayer at 3.00pm and Carol Service at 3.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**Cleaning the Church for Christmas:** this takes place this coming **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am**, after the school Mass. This is a busy time for everyone, but if you can spare an hour to help out in the church it would spread the load and be very much appreciated.



**FAITH SHARING GROUP:** *There will be no meeting this Thursday.*

### ADVENT 2017

**WALK WITH ME:** Our watchwords for Advent are: Watching, Waiting, Hearing, Hoping, Seeing and Believing. They are repeated time and again in our prayers and hymns for this season, as well as in the beautiful prophecies of the Old Testament. These words reach their climax in the response of Mary who pondered and treasured these things, storing them up in her heart.

The Christian life teaches that no time is wasted when we serve God; our service of God is the sanctification of time.

The **Walk with Me** meditations offer us the time and space to do these things. Why not sit quietly with *Walk with Me* for a few minutes each day? Why not give a copy to a friend, relative or work colleague?

**The booklets are available at the back of the church £1**

### St Joseph's School Events this week.

- **Infants' Nativity:** at the school – tomorrow, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm;
- **Juniors' Carol Concert:** in the church – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm
- **End of term Mass:** in the church on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.  
*Parishioners are warmly invited to share in these events.*

**LIVESIMPLY:** this coming **Thursday 14th December** in the parish room here at St Frances. Group meeting starts at 6.30pm followed by Praying Simply workshop 7pm. Everyone most welcome.

**Gaudete Sunday:** next week, 17th December, coffee and mince pies will be served in the parish room after Mass. Everyone is invited, and the second **100 Club draw** will take place.



**Poinsettias for Christmas:** as in previous years we are invited to donate a poinsettia, perhaps in memory of a loved one, to help make the church beautiful at Christmas. Please place your donation in the parish room anytime from next weekend.

**Ross Food Bank:** donations of seasonal items are very welcome at this time. Please place tinned and dry goods in the box at the back of the church.

**Milk Bottle tops:** Happy Christmas and thank you to everyone for their kindness in supporting 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' over the last year. The collection box for recycling all varieties of plastic milk bottle tops can be found in the parish centre hallway.

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017</b>	Pat Burbidge	Honor, Aidan, Lynne	Josie E
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017</b>	John & Brenda	Mike, Christine, Claire	Katherine U

**ASSISI & ROME PILGRIMAGE** likely to be September 2018, at a cost of about £865 (£190 single supplement) - If you are interested in finding out more (no commitment at this stage) please let Fr Nick know or send an email to Honor Houghton – honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk