

Mass Times & Intentions			
4th Sunday of Advent 24 th December 2017		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>Terry Tregaskis</i> Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Charles Lumb</i> Ross-on-Wye
Christmas Eve 24 th December 2017		6.30pm	Carols Ross-on-Wye
		7.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
		Midnight Mass	<i>Brian Cookson</i> Monmouth
Christmas Day 25 th December 2017		9.15am	<i>Margaret & Tim Regan</i> Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Nonie & Frederick Colbert</i> Ross-on-Wye
Tuesday	26th	*10.00am	St Stephen <i>Private Intention</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	27th	*10.00am	St John - Apostle <i>Dorothy Evans</i> Monmouth
Thursday	28th	10.00am	Holy Innocents <i>Digby Mullenger</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	29th	*10.00am	<i>Bernard & Maureen Murphy</i> Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison			
Please note changes of time Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday 6.15pm to 6.45pm not this week			
The Holy Family 31 st Dec 2017		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Lucy & Wilfred Richards</i> <i>Roy Munday & Roger Adamson</i> Monmouth
		9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i> Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Patrick James Walsh & Patrick John Walsh</i> Ross-on-Wye
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If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com			

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4th Sunday of Advent, 24th December 2017 & Christmas Masses

*This is the day the Lord has made,
let us be glad and rejoice in it.
To us this holiest and dearest son is given,
for our sake a child is born by the wayside
and laid in a manger
Because there was no room for him in the inn.*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men of good will.
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice,
the sea and all within it resound,
the fields and all within them exult.*

*Sing the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord, all you lands.*

*For great is the Lord,
and mightily to be praised,
awesome is he beyond all other gods.*

*Pay tribute to the Lord,
you families of nations,
tribute of glory and praise to the Lord,
tribute to the Lord of the glory due his name.*

*Offer him your hearts,
take up his holy cross
and live by his most holy commandments to the last.*

St Francis

HYMNS

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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 Fennese, Eithne Holcom.*

We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *John Farrell, Glen MacGregor, Muriel Ramsdin, Agnes Baynham, Barbara Clarke, Teresa Johnson.*

LIVESIMPLY UPDATE: Thanks to your support, our two parishes have been able to twin six toilets (£60 each) which is helping people in desperate poverty to have access to a proper latrine, clean water and the

information they need to be healthy. <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

LIVESIMPLY/PRAYING SIMPLY: First meeting of the New Year on Thursday 11th January 2018. Meeting at 7.00pm followed by workshop at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Best wishes to parishioners and visitors, to family members at home, and to those who are unable to be with us for the keeping of our Christmas feast. May we be united in the knowledge of God's love for us. As we remember once again the familiar story of Christ's birth, may we find new understanding and hope.

A truly blessed Christmas to all.

Fr Nick

Collection Totals

	10th December 2017	17th December 2017
Envelopes	£54.22	£152.00
Loose Plate	£52.02	£115.35
Sick & Retired Clergy Fund		£222.15
Other		£60.53
Totals	£106.24	£550.03

100 CLUB DRAW took place on Sunday 17th December, the winners were £100 no. 34 John Munnelly / £25 no. 22 Brenda Poynton / £25 no. 82 Kathleen Robinson. The next (3rd) Draw will take place on Sunday 21st January 2018 .

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
4th of Advent 24th Dec 2017	Joan Mason	Jon, Lindsay, Maureen	Pat & Kath
Christmas Eve	Stephen Baker Jan Wheeler	Neil, Claire, Lynne	
Christmas Day	Pat Burbridge Marie Clarke	Maureen, Jon & Lindsay	
Holy Family 31st Dec 2017	Maureen	Honor, Aidan, Lynne	Julio & Marion.

Monday 1st January 2018 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God