

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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The shepherds watch tonight again
The star above the byre
Where Mary's child is born again
Unto the heart's desire.

The angels sing tonight again
Of God who gives to earth
His gift of love and joy again
To all who seek his mirth.

The wise men walk tonight again
To Bethlehem afar
To worship and to praise again
The babe beneath the star.

And we shall sing tonight again
The songs of other years,
Until our hearts are young again
Behind our hidden tears.

24th December, 1946 Idris Davies

Mass Times & Intentions

THE HOLY FAMILY 31 st Dec 2017		Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Lucy & Wilfred Richards Roy Munday & Roger Adamson	Monmouth
		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Patrick James Walsh & Patrick John Walsh	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	1 st	January	MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD	USK PRISON
Tuesday	2 nd	7.00 pm	John & Joan Farrell	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	3 th	9.15 am	Carol Hall (welfare)	Monmouth
Thursday	4 th	10.00 am	Service of the Word & Eucharist	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	5 th	9.15 am	Michael & Tina Walsh	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
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				
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 7 th January 2018		Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Roy Munday	Monmouth
		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Brendan O'Driscoll	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please				

Please note: Mass on Monday 1st January 2018 will be celebrated in
Usk Prison with Archbishop George Stack

Gift Aid	Loose Plate
£111.00	£222.26

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.



From Fr Nick:
 Many thanks for the cards, gifts and Christmas offerings. They are truly appreciated.
 My warmest wishes to you all for the New Year.

USED STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION: Please save your used stamps to bring in for this charity; it’s an important part of their fundraising efforts.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Would any families with children in Year 4 (or aged 8 by April 2018) wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year please contact Fr Nick. We are hoping to start classes in February 2018 and would like to know numbers and get contact details.

LIVESIMPLY: First meeting of the New Year is on Thursday 11 January. Meeting at 7.00 pm followed by a Praying Simply workshop at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

WINTER PICK ME UP CONCERT: On 13th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Glover Music School, Monmouth, there will be a Concert by Eleanor Perks (piano) & Francis Newman (violin) **TO HELP WITH THE COST OF MAINTAINING OUR PARISH ORGAN.** Tickets: £15 or £10 if you’re 25 or under, are obtainable from P-J Shaw stephen.shaw26@btinternet.com WINE and NIBBLES are included in the ticket price.

MUSLIM ENCOUNTER – LIVESIMPLY/Reaching out: on Saturday 20 January: there will be a meeting with our Muslim brothers and sisters in the afternoon between 3 and 5 pm. This will include a tour of the church, an opportunity for dialogue and a shared meal. Everyone most welcome.

BETHEL CHAPEL in Newport would be most grateful for any warm clothes and blankets you no longer need. Please place at the back of the church. Thank you.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
30 th Dec 31 st Dec	Peter Field Robert Derricott	Elizabeth Cherry Frances Cloud	Mrs Kath Beavis Wilf & Pat Tampling
6 th Jan 7 th Jan	Anne May Martin Flach	Bob Tomkins Children’s Mass	Mrs Cawthorne Diane du Bois