

Mass Times & Intentions

The Holy Family 31st December 2017		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Lucy & Wilfred Richards Roy Munday & Roger Adamson</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Patrick James Walsh & Patrick John Walsh</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	1st January 2018	9.15am	Mary, Holy Mother of God Solemnity	USK PRISION
Tuesday	2nd	7.00pm	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen John & Joan Farrell	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	3rd	9.15am	<i>Carol Hall (welfare)</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	4th	10.00am	<i>Service of the Word & Eucharist</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	5th	9.15am	<i>Michael & Tina Walsh</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday 6.15pm to 6.45pm				
The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus 7th January 2018		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Roy Munday</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Brendan O'Driscoll</i>	Ross-on-Wye
<p>Editors: Janet & Stephen Baker - stfrances.editor@gmail.com Please send items for the Ross newsletter by 12 noon Thursday or items for the Monmouth newsletter: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday</p>				
<p>If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com</p>				

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Please note: Mass on Monday 1st January 2018 will be celebrated in

Usk Prison by Archbishop George Stack

St Frances of Rome

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& St. Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 31st December 2017

*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

HYMNS	
161	
145	
160	
130	

Collections 24 th December 2017	
Envelopes	£127.00
Loose plate	£186.91
Other	£22.28
Total	£336.19

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, Eithne Holcom.*

We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Peter Wight, Edith Hitchings,*

Arthur Holcroft, Russell Waugh, Hilda Chisholm, Gary Brazier, Mabel Ley, Eleanor Wilson.

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. The meeting will be at 7.00pm followed by workshop at 7.30pm. All welcome.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: meets at 4.45pm next Sunday, 7th January 2018. We pray especially for the parish, the sick and the lonely, the housebound, deceased members of our community and their families, followed by the Rosary in the church. All are welcome to join us.

100 CLUB DRAW: The next (3rd) Draw will take place on Sunday 21st January 2018.

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

*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.*

Thank you: to all those who donated poinsettias to help decorate the church this Christmas.



Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
Holy Family 31st Dec 2017	Tina	Claire, Aidan, Lynne	Julio & Marion.
The Epiphany 7th Jan 2018	Josie O'D	Mike, Christine, Claire	Bernadette
Monday 1st January 2018 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God			

Ross Community Larder: January can be a very lean month for many. Please consider adding a grocery or household item to the food bank box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Christmas Cards: each year many of the cards left at the back of the church don't get picked up and it's difficult to know who they are for when only a Christian name is on the front and no sender's name on the back. Please would check if your cards are still there? If so, please consider adding the recipient's full name on the front and the sender's full name on the back so they can be returned if necessary. Thank you.