

Mass Times & Intentions			
4 th Sunday of Advent 24 th December 2017	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
	9.15 am	Terry Tregaskis	Monmouth
	11.00 am	Charles Lumb	Ross-on-Wye
CHRISTMAS EVE 24 th December 2017	6.30 pm	Carols	Ross-on-Wye
	7.00 pm	People of the Parish	
	11.30 pm	Carols	Monmouth
	Midnight Mass	Brian Cookson	Monmouth
CHRISTMAS DAY 25 th December 2017	9.15 am	Margaret & Tim Regan	Monmouth
	11.00 am	Nonie & Frederick Colbert	Ross-on-Wye
Tuesday	26 th	10.00 am *	Private intention St Stephen Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	27 th	10.00 am *	Dorothy Evans St John Monmouth
Thursday	28 th	10.00 am *	Digby Mullenger Holy Innocents Ross-on-Wye
Friday	29 th	10.00 am *	Bernard & Maureen Murphy 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 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
Contributions to the newsletter to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please			

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The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

24 December 2017

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.

Christmas Prayer of St Francis

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Sick & Retired Clergy Fund	Candles & Repository
£225.00	£278.50	£304.66	£117.31

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.



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

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.

THANK YOU to all who were able to be involved in any way with the coffee morning at Ty Price in aid of Llamau. The event raised £180.00. A private donation of £280.00 was also received from a parishioner bringing the total to £460 which Llamau will be thrilled with. Thank you.

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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/PRAYING SIMPLY: First meeting of the New Year on Thursday 11 January. Meeting at 7.00 pm followed by 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 (01600) 713000 or stephen.shaw26@btinternet.com WINE and NIBBLES are included in the ticket price.

LIVESIMPLY: Reaching out: Saturday 20 January: there will be a meeting with our Muslim brothers and sisters in the afternoon (3-5 pm). This will include a tour of the church, an opportunity for dialogue and a shared meal. All most welcome.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
23 rd Dec 24 th Dec	Anne Dunne Lynne Derricott	Patricia Milling Cath Sherrington	Shelagh Adams Juliet Sweeting
<i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Christmas Day</i>	Elizabeth Cherry Martin Flach	P-J Shaw Richard Tonkin	Mrs Pat Munday Fay McGrath
30 th Dec 31 st Dec	Peter Field Robert Derricott	Elizabeth Cherry Frances Cloud	Mrs Kath Beavis Wilf & Pat Tampling