

Mass Times with Intentions

Sat	9 th Dec	6.00 pm VIGIL MASS	People of the Parish	Monmouth
Sunday		9.15 am	Irene Derricott	Monmouth
10 th December		11.00 am	Squires Family intention	Ross-on-Wye
Mon	11 th Dec	9.15 am	Private intention	Monmouth
Tues	12 th Dec	*1.00 pm	Terry Tregaskis (Requiem)	Monmouth
Wed	13 th Dec	*10.00am	Michael Fennessy (welfare) St Lucy	Ross-on-Wye
Thur	14 th Dec	10.00 am	Gerry Hulme (private intention) St John of the Cross	Ross-on-Wye
Fri	15 th Dec	9.15 am	Brady Family (Deceased)	Monmouth

Saturday Morning – Mass at Usk Prison

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

Sat	16 th Dec	6.00 pm VIGIL MASS	Frances Hodges	Monmouth
Sunday		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
17 th December		11.00 am	Barbara & Arthur Clarke	Ross-on-Wye

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
or on request.

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Second Sunday of Advent

10 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



Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Wine tasting evening
£254.00	£300.67	£70.00

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.

This Sat & Sun 9/10 December: Collection for "Sick & retired Clergy Welfare Fund."

ADVENT

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?

THE ADVENT TWIG

Throughout Advent the familiar SVP "Twig" appears at the back of church, hung with labels. Each label carries a request for a Christmas present. Most of these are for some Christmas treats for hard-up families in Monmouth. If you would like to be involved, please take a label from the Twig; buy and wrap whatever is requested; ATTACH THE LABEL TO THE PARCEL (vitally important!); then put it under the Twig, by WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER. The SVP will then ensure the parcels reach their destinations. If you choose to provide Christmas treats, please could you make sure they fit into a shoe-box-sized container. There's a good supply of empty shoe-boxes behind the confessional! Thank you very much indeed.

THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY: We have a request from Churches Together in Monmouth for people in our churches to help with a new experiment to promote the

real Christmas Story. "The Christmas Experience" is a live nativity and it would be great if parishioners from our church could get involved, as well as attend. The event includes a visit to a real carpenter's shop, the outdoor area of a local pub and real Donkey(s). Volunteers are needed for acting and stewarding. An initial meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 December at 7 pm at Monmouth Baptist Church.

MONMOUTH FOOD BANK: Special collection for "Christmas treats" especially mince pies, fancy biscuits, sweets and small "gifts" such as soap, bubble bath and the like, socks, gloves and small toys. Ongoing need for staples of course so all contributions welcome. Money is fine, if preferred, as the Food Bank often has to top up supplies at short notice.

RED BOXES: Thanks to all who have returned their red boxes for emptying. We have sent a total of £272 to Missio to help their work. I also received one box with no name on it. If you haven't received your box back please contact me. Also, if anyone else would like to have a red box to put loose change in, I can be contacted on 01989 763495 or email: flach@iveco.com Thank you, *Martin Flach*.

CHILDREN'S CAROLS AT GIBRALTAR HOUSE – 10 DECEMBER at 3 p.m.

The children of the parish will be singing carols for the residents of Gibraltar House this Sunday, 10th December at 3.00pm. Due to space constraints, it will not be possible for parishioners to attend but all children are warmly invited to take part.

LIVESIMPLY: Thursday 14 December in the parish room in Ross. Group meeting starts at 6.30 pm followed by Praying Simply workshop at 7 pm. Everyone most welcome.

COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 16 December: at St. Thomas Church Hall (Ty Price) 10 am – 12 noon in aid of LLamau. Donations of cakes welcome. Contact Kath Beavis.

WINTER PICK ME UP CONCERT: 13 January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Glover Music School, Monmouth. Concert given by Eleanor Perks (piano) and Francis Newman (violin). To help with the cost of maintaining our parish organ. Tickets £15 or £10 if under 25 to include wine and nibbles.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
9 th Dec 10 th Dec	Liz Alford Richard Tonkin	Martin Milling Roger Ruston	Elizabeth Allcock Mary Boase
16 th Dec 17 th Dec	Chris Cherry Helen Quinn	Max Peters Margaret Johns	Don & Ann Harvey Babs Jones

