

# St Frances of Rome

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

| Mass Times & Intentions   |                        |                      |  |                    |
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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>  |                        | Vigil Mass<br>6.00pm | <i>Peggy &amp; John Dunne</i>              | Monmouth           |
|   |                        | 9.15am               | <i>Meryl Linnane</i>                       | Monmouth           |
|   |                        | 11.00am              | <i>People of the Parish</i>                | <b>Ross-on-Wye</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> | 9.15am               | <i>Vijay Shah</i>                          | Monmouth           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> | 7.00pm               | <i>Reeve-Tucker thanksgiving</i>           | <b>Ross-on-Wye</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | 9.15am               | <i>Private intention</i>                   | Monmouth           |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am              | <i>Service of the Word &amp; Eucharist</i> | <b>Ross-on-Wye</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | 9.15am               | <i>Sheila &amp; Robert Garton</i>          | Monmouth           |
| <b>Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison</b>  |                        |                      |  |                    |
| <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br>Monmouth: Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm<br>Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday 6.15pm to 6.45pm  |                        |                      |  |                    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time</b><br><b>21<sup>st</sup> January 2018</b>  |                        | Vigil Mass<br>6.00pm | <i>People of the Parish</i>                | Monmouth           |
|   |                        | 9.15am               | <i>Helen Serridge</i>                      | Monmouth           |
|   |                        | 11.00am              | <i>Mary Menderson</i>                      | <b>Ross-on-Wye</b> |
| <b>Sunday evening Mass is celebrated regularly at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 6.30pm. 101 Belmont Road, Hereford HR2 7JR</b>   |                        |                      |  |                    |
| <b>Editors: Janet &amp; Stephen Baker - <a href="mailto:stfrances.editor@gmail.com">stfrances.editor@gmail.com</a></b><br>Please send items for the Ross newsletter by 12 noon Thursday<br>or items for the Monmouth newsletter: <a href="mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com">stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com</a> by 12 noon Thursday |                        |                      |  |                    |
| <b>If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event</b><br>please contact Ann McKnight <a href="mailto:upperkern@gmail.com">upperkern@gmail.com</a>   |                        |                      |  |                    |

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The Incarnation of the Word in a human family in Nazareth, by its very newness changed the history of the world. We need to enter into the mystery of Jesus' birth, into that "yes" given by Mary to the message of the angel, when the Word was conceived in her womb, as well as the "yes" of Joseph, who gave a name to Jesus and watched over Mary.

We need to contemplate the joy of the shepherds before the manger, the adoration of the Magi and the flight into Egypt, in which Jesus shares his people's experience of exile, persecution and humiliation. We need to contemplate the religious expectation of Zechariah and his joy at the birth of John the Baptist, the fulfilment of the promise made known to Simeon and Anna in the temple and the marvel of the teachers of the Law who listened to the wisdom of the child Jesus.

We then need to peer into those thirty long years when Jesus earned his keep by the work of his hands, reciting the traditional prayers and expressions of his people's faith and coming to know that ancestral faith until he made it bear fruit in the mystery of the Kingdom.

This is the mystery of Christmas and the secret of Nazareth, exuding the beauty of family life! It was this that so fascinated Francis of Assisi, Thérèse of the Child Jesus and Charles de Foucauld, and continues to fill Christian families with hope and joy.

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love in the Family)

*Pope Francis*

| HYMNS |  |
|-------|--|
| 861   |  |
| 469   |  |
| 979   |  |
| 865   |  |

| Collections 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 |                |
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| Envelopes                                | £116.00        |
| Loose plate                              | £128.36        |
| Other                                    | £19.40         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>£263.76</b> |

**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:** *Patricia Bartle; Charles Clarke; Mary Spencer; Justin Bullimore; Colwyn Culleton; Dorothy Castle; Bridget Butler; James Smith; John*

*Brazier; Martha Roberts.*

**14th JANUARY: WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES** - Pope Francis' message is "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees."

*"Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age." (Matthew 25:35-43).*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** starts this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January. Each day there will be the opportunity to meet for prayer.

**On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Bring&Share lunch at 1pm at The Venue, Hill Street (the old Y-Zone) followed by a short joint service.**

On the other days the following churches will be hosting a short (15min) time of prayer at 12 noon

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Quakers' meeting room
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - Ross Baptist Church
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> - Christ Church
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - New Life Church (Red House, Palmerston Road, HR9 5PJ)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Ross Baptist Church
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - St Mary's
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - St Frances of Rome

**SVP 'MINNIE VINNIES'** - thanks to a generous donation from the Social & Fundraising Committee, the 'junior' arm of the SVP based at St. Joseph's school will officially be welcomed to the Parish group via a special assembly on Monday 15th January at 10.45am. Headteacher, Hayley Francis, cordially invites parishioners to attend. Tea will be served beforehand between 10.30am & 10.45am in the staffroom. Please let me know if you would like to attend so that we will know when everyone who intends to take part has arrived. Honor Houghton, honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk - on behalf of the Parish SVP group.

**MUSLIM ENCOUNTER** - Saturday 20 January (3-5 pm) You are invited to join in important small workshops at St Mary's, Monmouth with THE CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM ENCOUNTER GROUP (Llansor Mill). The participants (from Newport and Cardiff) will be sharing some of the structured content they have been studying together. This ongoing encounter honours St Francis's meeting with the Sultan. Fr Nick will then offer a formal welcome to our Muslim friends to the church and explore some of our common symbols. Refreshments will follow. Please sign the list at the back of church.

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

| Rotas  | Readers       | Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers | Tea & Coffee    |
|--|---------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br/>14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2018</b> | Robin & Anne  | Jon, Lindsay & Honor                | Lynne           |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br/>21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2018</b> | Jon & Lindsay | Honor, Aidan & Lynne                | Stephen & Janet |

**Ross Community Larder:** many thanks for everyone's contributions last year. Please keep up the good work by adding further grocery or household items to the food bank box at the back of the church.

**Change of dates:** due to unforeseen circumstances the Irish Evening social event has had to be deferred to later in the year. The new date will be advised as soon as possible. Similarly, the next meeting of the **Social and**

**Fundraising Group** has been moved to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March after the 10 a.m. Mass.