

Mass Times & Intentions			
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st January 2018		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>Helen Serridge</i> Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Mary Menderson</i> Ross-on-Wye
Monday	22nd	9.15am	<i>Special Intention (Walsh)</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	23rd	*10.00am	<i>Deceased members of Smith family</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	24th	9.15am	St Francis de Sales <i>Angela Hubert</i> Monmouth
Thursday	25th	10.00am	the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul <i>Elaine Hazlitt</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	26th	9.15am	Sts Timothy & Titus <i>Peggy Rein & Rose Coyle</i> Monmouth
*please note time change 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			
4th Sunday of Ordinary time 28th January 2018		Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Deceased members of Rowan family</i> Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i> Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Christine Reynolds</i> Ross-on-Wye
Sunday evening Mass is celebrated regularly at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 6.30pm. 101 Belmont Road, Hereford HR2 7JR			
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If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com			

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Thursday is the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

The Corinthians find it very difficult to accept the message of Christ's cross, but nevertheless it is the essence. For them, as for every person, the cross is meaningless, indeed a scandal. It is contrary to that which every human being can hope for as liberation and salvation.

In fact, how to accept the death of Christ and believe in his resurrection as assurance of ours? How to accept the suffering that spreads itself, the evil that exploits and weakness that more and more oppresses on all sides? Paul's answer was vigorous: only faith founded on Jesus Christ can be of help to human anguish and this faith is lived in daily lives - but above all, he traces for the Corinthians the surest and quickest way to live the Gospel: brotherly love.

With particular care he describes this love and qualifies it with about fifteen verbs rather than with adjectives and these verbs seem to have a very close rapport with the disorders which disturb the Church at Corinth. Paul attacks the evil at its root; for him to love is important. To love is to act.

Mireille Brisebois

Introduction to St. Paul and his Letters

HYMNS	
706	
600	
956	
863	

Collections 14 th January 2018	
Envelopes	£70.00
Loose plate	£141.92
Other	£25.88
Total	£237.80

CAFOD has written to thank the parish for the donation of £283.79, raised as a result of the recent Harvest Fast Day.

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 Fennese, Eithne Holcom.*

We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Laura Duggan, Eileen Veale, Rita Taylor, Barbara Jarvis, James Morgan, William Spencer, John (Jack) Woods, Kathleen Eacock.*

100 CLUB DRAW: The next (3rd) Draw will take place this Sunday 21st January 2018 after Mass in the parish room.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This began last Thursday and continues until this coming Thursday.
Today, Sunday 21st 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:

Monday 22nd - New Life Church (Red House, Palmerston Road, HR9 5PJ)

Tuesday 23rd - Ross Baptist Church

Wednesday 24th - St Mary's

Thursday 25th - Here at St Frances of Rome.



Church cleaning: this will take place this Thursday 25th January after Mass and immediately before the Christian unity service at 12.00 noon. Your help would be very welcome. Thank you.

SVP 'MINNIE VINNIES' - thanks to a generous donation from the Social & Fundraising Committee of St Frances, there now a 'junior' arm of the SVP based at St. Joseph's school. They were officially welcomed to the Parish group via a special assembly at the school last week.

1st Holy Communion preparation: this will be starting in the parish very soon. If you have a child turning 8 years of age in this school year and would like them to make their 1st Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Nick as soon as possible.

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
3rd Sunday 21st Jan 2018	Jon & Lindsay	Honor, Aidan & Lynne	Stephen & Janet
4th Sunday 28th Jan 2018	Jan Wheeler	Mike, Christine, Claire	Marie C

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: New ministers will be commissioned next Sunday 28th January at the 11am Mass at St Frances of Rome.

Ross Community Larder: Although the organisers are grateful for **all** that is donated, these items would be particularly welcome: small, value packs of instant coffee; sugar; custard - tins with pull rings (as not everyone has tin openers - particularly the homeless); rice pudding; tinned fruit. Many thanks.

Change of dates: due to unforeseen circumstances the Irish Evening social event planned for St Patrick's Day 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 1st March after the 10am Mass.

English Lessons: begin again on Monday 29th January from 7.00pm-8.30pm in the parish room. These classes, run under the auspices of the parish S.V.P, are for those who are 18+ and have a basic knowledge of English. We ask students to make a donation for each lesson to **Misso** and during the past year have raised £472.90 for this most worthy charity.