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## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th January 2018

Mass Times & Intentions			
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Deceased members of Rowan family	Monmouth
	9.15am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00am	Christine Reynolds	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Machin family Monmouth
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Canon Paul Chidgey Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	St John Bosco Special intention Monmouth
Thursday	Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Norman Attwood Ross-on-Wye
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	The Presentation of the Lord Deceased members of the Gallagher family Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison ( <i>St Blaise</i> )			
Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth: Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday 6.15pm to 6.45pm			
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
	9.15am	Tony Serridge	Monmouth
	11.00am	Eileen Veale	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 <a href="mailto:upperkern@gmail.com">upperkern@gmail.com</a>			

*One of the best exercises of gentleness is to be patient with ourselves and our imperfections. Though it is reasonable to be displaced and sorry when we fall into faults, it should be without bitterness, anger or sulkiness. It is a great failing to be angry with oneself for giving way to anger, impatient with one's impatience and so on, since this only increases the original fault and, far from repairing it, it disposes the heart to fall again at the first opportunity. In any case, this sort of annoyance and bitterness with ourselves springs from self-love and leads to pride, for we are merely upset and disturbed at finding ourselves imperfect. Displeasure over our faults must be peaceful, unemotional and sincere. A judge whose sentence is based on calm reason will impose a more just penalty than if he judges with anger and impetuosity, for in the latter case, his judgement depends rather on his own feelings than on the crime itself. In the same way, we correct ourselves much better when we repent peacefully and calmly than if we do with bitterness, over eagerness and passion, such repentance being based on our inclinations and not on our faults as they are.*

**St Francis de Sales**

## HYMNS

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Today is **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** when we are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity - in particular of those who feel they do not belong in our society or our communities. As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. All money raised will go towards supporting the Church's work on racial justice. This year's theme is "**Belonging**", emphasising that we are called to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers and those from different backgrounds and that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes.

**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 Fennessey, Eithne Holcom.*

**We remember those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** *Patrick O'Rouke, Mary Lister-Kaye, Ivan Champion, Aileen Densham, Stanley Reeve-Tucker, Ted Drake-Lee, Ernest Emmet.*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** New ministers will be commissioned at this Mass today, Sunday 28th January.

**English Lessons:** begin again tomorrow, 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 each lesson to **Misso** and during the past year have raised £472.90 for this most worthy charity.

Collections 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	
Envelopes	£135.00
Loose plate	£80.97
Other	£35.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>£251.52</b>

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** meets **next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February** at 4.45pm in the parish room. 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.

**Sunday 4th February - Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society** talk at St. David's RC 6th Form College, Tygwyn Road, Cardiff CF23 5QD at 3 pm. *Roman Catholicism in South Wales at a time of persecution 1559-1679* by Dr. Robert Matthews lecturer in Early Modern History at the Open University who specialises in 16<sup>th</sup>&17<sup>th</sup> century religious history. Details from Tricia Coulthard - email [triciacoulthard@outlook.com](mailto:triciacoulthard@outlook.com)

**Craft Group:** starts again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the parish room. If you do any handcraft and would enjoy sharing with others while you work, please join us on a Tuesday evening.

**100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS:** 96 numbers have been sold and were included in last Sunday's draw. All three winning numbers were drawn by parishioners during coffee after Mass.

£100 No. 41- Alan Finlay; £25 No. 45 - Ann Mc Knight; £25 No. 31 - John Childerley

Cheques for individual winners are available today. The next (4th) and final draw will take place in March 2018

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2018</b>	Jan Wheeler	Mike, Christine, Claire	Marie C
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 4th Feb. 2018</b>	Maureen R-T	Jon, Lindsay, Erica	Agnes & Erika

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

**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.

**Update – Assisi and Rome Pilgrimage:** Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in this pilgrimage. It has been decided to postpone this until May 2019. Hopefully it will provide an opportunity for more parishioners to consider joining the group as well as more time to save! Contact Honor, [honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

**Apologies:** to anyone who arrived for Mass last Tuesday evening and found the church in darkness. The wrong information in last week's newsletter was entirely our mistake – Editors.