

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

& St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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Mass Times & Intentions				
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28 th January	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Deceased members of the Rowan family	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	People of the parish	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	Christine Reynolds	Ross-on-Wye	
Monday	29 th	9.15 am	Machin family	Monmouth
Tuesday	30 th	7.00 pm	Canon Paul Chidgey	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	31 st	9.15 am	Special intention <i>St John Bosco</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	1 st FEB	10.00 am	Norman Attwood	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	2 nd	9.15 am	Deceased members of the Gallagher family <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison (<i>St Blaise</i>)				
<p>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</p>				
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 th February	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	Tony Serridge	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	Eileen Veale	Ross-on-Wye	
Contributions to the newsletter to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please				

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

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate
£137.00	£293.98

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.

Today is [RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY](#) : On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination. As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. All the money raised will go towards supporting the Church's work on racial justice issues. The theme this year is "Belonging", emphasizing that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way at the Christian-Muslim encounter last Saturday. It was a wonderful afternoon.

The ' Organ Fund ' Concert - held on 13th January was a great success - both a feast of music from Eleanor Perks and Francis Newman and a happy social occasion. The proceeds, £910 on the night and a later donation of £90, amounted to a handsome **£1000** for the Organ Fund. Heartfelt thanks to all who supported the event, and heartfelt regrets to those who had hoped for tickets but found them sold out!

THANK YOU FOR THE TWIG PRESENTS: A lovely "Thank You" card from all the families and staff of Flying Start for their wonderful Twig presents is displayed above the table at the back of church.

Saturday 3 February - CALLUM DAVIES: will be having a coffee morning to raise funds towards the project he will be working on in India this summer. 10am to 2pm, at The Cowshed, Tre-Essey Farm, Three Ashes, HR2 8NA. All welcome.

Sunday 4 February - Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society talk will be at St. David's RC Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Road, Cardiff CF23 5QD at 3 pm. "Roman

Catholicism in South Wales at a time of persecution 1559 – 1679" given by Dr. Robert Matthews who lectures in Early Modern History at the Open University and specialises in 16th and 17th century religious history. His MA and PhD degrees were both on Roman Catholicism in Monmouthshire in the 17th century. Details from Tricia Coulthard on 029 2059 5899 or email triciacoulthard@outlook.com

Friday 9 February - COME AND PLAY BINGO! You are warmly invited to join a Family Bingo Evening on at The Priory Rooms. This is a social event, so please bring your own drinks and a plate of food to share. Free entrance and lots of prizes.

Friday 2 March – An early notice that our church is hosting the **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** for our area. Service starts at 11.30 am. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in any way: reading, singing, providing refreshments (a simple lunch). Tel: 07866 702205 or email: livesimply.rossmonmouth@gmail.com

Saturday 17 March - CHARITY RACE-NIGHT & ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CELEBRATION organised by Monmouth Wydean Catenians at Whitchurch and Ganarew Memorial Hall. 7.30 pm start. Tickets are £7 per person, which includes Supper. Please see the poster at the back of church for further details. All proceeds to be shared equally between St Mary's Parish and the MS Society. Contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728 or Dave Andrews on 01600 712194.

CAN YOU HELP? The members of the Social and Fundraising Committee wish to invite fellow parishioners to join them in their work. The Committee meets every couple of months or so, endeavouring to combine the arranging of Social Events with the need to raise funds for the parish. If you can spare a few hours of your time, please contact Fr. Nick or Peter Field on (01989) 770330 Email: field.larksgate@gmail.com

100 Club 2018 - Annual subscriptions are now due. If you do not wish to renew your subscription (we hope you do!) please let us know by the end of February. If anyone would like to join/take an extra number please get in touch. Each number costs £12. See porch notice board for payment details. Contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
27 th Jan 28 th Jan	Barbara Demi Liz Alford	Anne May Cath Coolican Smith	Don & Ann Harvey Mary Boase
3 rd Feb 4 th Feb	Glyn Jones Mary Boase	Elizabeth Allcock Children's Mass	Shelagh Adams Babs Jones