

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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

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Mass Times & Intentions				
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2018		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Peggy & John Dunne	Monmouth
		9.15 am	Meryl Linnane	Monmouth
		11.00 am	People of the Parish	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	January	Vijay Shah	Monmouth
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Reeve-Tucker thanksgiving	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Private intention	Monmouth
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Service of the Word & Eucharist	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Sheila & Robert Garton	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Monmouth: Saturday evenings at 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday evenings at 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm				
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2018		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		9.15 am	Helen Serridge	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Mary Menderson	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter to: <a href="mailto:smarysrc.editor@gmail.com">smarysrc.editor@gmail.com</a> by 12 noon Thursday please				

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.

## Monmouth Collections

<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Loose Plate</b>
<b>£230.00</b>	<b>£301.31</b>

### 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.

**14 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).

**MUSLIM ENCOUNTER - Saturday 20 January** (3-5 pm) You are invited to join in important small workshops in the church 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 2018** - Annual subscriptions are now due. We once again hope that all current members will renew their subscription(s). If anyone does not wish to do so, would they please let us know by the end of February as this will give us a chance to resell the number(s) by the time of the first draw to be held in March. If anyone would like to join or take an extra number we would love to hear from you. The cost is £12 p.a. for each number. Full details of how to pay are on the porch notice board. Any questions or queries please contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728.

**COME AND PLAY BINGO** - You are all welcome to join a Family Bingo Evening on **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** at The Priory Rooms. This is a social event, so please bring your own drinks, and a plate of food, to share. There will be no entrance fees, just buy as many books as you wish, on the night. Many prizes to be won.

**CHARITY RACE-NIGHT & ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CELEBRATION** – organised by Monmouth Wyedean Catenians on Saturday 17 March at Whitchurch and Ganarew Memorial Hall in Whitchurch village. Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Numbers are limited and tickets are £7 per person, which includes Supper. Please see the poster at the back of church for further details. Tickets are available after Mass this weekend. As well as your attendance, sponsors for races, horses, jockeys are also needed. All proceeds to be shared equally between St Mary's Parish and MS Society. Contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728 or Dave Andrews on 01600 712194.

### **WANTED: Saturday and Sunday Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:**

The current rotas for these important ministries expire at the end of February. Current volunteers will be automatically included in the new lists unless they advise otherwise. New volunteers for the Eucharistic Ministry will be subject to commissioning by Fr. Nicholas. Commissioning is conducted annually on Maundy Thursday or by arrangement. **If you wish to continue to serve in either role, and there are no changes to your telephone number, email address or availability, since last year, you do not need to do anything.** Any changes should be noted on the lists at the back of Church. *New volunteers are invited to add their details to the lists.* \*\*\*There is a particular shortage of Eucharistic Ministers for Saturday evening Masses; if you are able, please add your name and details to the list, in this respect. \*\*\*

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ali Szwagrzak Helen Quinn	Jerome Vaughan Liz Alford	Mr & Mrs Keyton Theresa Kelly
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Val Field Richard Tonkin	Patrick Vaughan Patricia Milling	Mrs Elizabeth Alcock Martina Davies