

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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

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Thursday is the feast of the Call of St Paul

Mass Times & Intentions				
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21 st January	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm		People of the Parish	Monmouth
	9.15 am		Helen Serridge	Monmouth
	11.00 am		Mary Henderson	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	22 nd	9.15 am	Special Intention (Walsh)	Monmouth
Tuesday	23 rd	10.00 am	Deceased members of the Smith family	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	24 th	9.15 am	Angeka Hubert <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	25 th	10.00 am	Elaine Hazlitt <i>The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	26 th	9.15 am	Peggy Rein & Rose Coyle <i>SS Timothy & Titus</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
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				
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
Contributions to the newsletter to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please				

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

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate
£245.00	£265.20

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.

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.

N.B. There is a particular shortage of Eucharistic Ministers for Saturday evening Masses; if you are able, please add your name to the list.

SVP: We have received a card from our Twin conference in Kerala expressing love and good wishes for the coming year. This is on the notice board in the parish room. We currently make an annual contribution of £150 towards their work in the locality, which is much appreciated.

100 Club 2018 - Annual subscriptions are now due. Once again we 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 warmly invited to join a Family Bingo Evening on **Friday, February 9th** at The Priory Rooms. This is a social event, so please bring your own drinks and a plate of food, to share. No entrance fee, but please buy as many books as you wish, on the night. Lots of prizes!

FRIDAY 3 MARCH – Early notice that our church is hosting the **Women's World Day of Prayer** for our area. We hope that some of you will come forward and want to get involved. We'd love to hear from you, so please do get in touch. Telephone: 07866 702205 or email: livesimply.rossmonmouth@gmail.com

Saturday 17 March - CHARITY RACE-NIGHT & ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CELEBRATION organised by Monmouth Wyedean Catenians at Whitchurch and Ganarew Memorial Hall in Whitchurch village. Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Numbers are limited. 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. 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 the MS Society. Contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728 or Dave Andrews on 01600 712194.

USED STAMPS - Many thanks to those who have been bringing stamps in. They are no longer collected by Cystic Fibrosis BUT they are still much needed by the Leprosy Mission. So please do continue to save them.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
20 th Jan 21 st Jan	Val Field Richard Tonkin	Patrick Vaughan Patricia Milling	Mrs Elizabeth Alcock Martina Davies
27 th Jan 28 th Jan	Barbara Demi Liz Alford	Anne May Cath Coolican Smith	Don & Ann Harvey Mary Boase