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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th February 2018

Mass Times & Intentions				
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th February 2018	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Alison Potts</i>	Monmouth	
	9.15am	<i>Mullaney Family</i>	Monmouth	
	11.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye	
Monday	12th	9.15am	<i>Private intention</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	13th	7.00pm	<i>Myra & Bill Spencer</i>	Ross-on-Wye
LENT				
Ash Wednesday	14th	10.00am	<i>Elaine Hazlitt (welfare)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
		7.00pm	<i>Cruikshank Family</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	15th	10.00am	<i>Barbara Jarvis</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	16th	9.15am	<i>Maureen Murray (welfare)</i>	Monmouth
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				
1st Sunday in Lent 18th February 2018	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Jadwiga Umiezczyk</i>	Monmouth	
	9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth	
	11.00am	<i>Marie Bolam</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				
Editors: Janet & Stephen Baker - stfrances.editor@gmail.com Please send items for the Ross newsletter by 12 noon Thursday or items for the Monmouth newsletter: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday				
If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com				

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“We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us”. That is our great act of faith, the way to repay our God love for love; it is “the mystery hidden in the Father’s heart, of which St Paul speaks, which, at last, we penetrate and our whole soul thrills!” When it can believe in this “exceeding love” which envelops it, we may say of it as was said of Moses, “He was unshakable in faith as if he had seen the Invisible.” It no longer rests in inclinations or feelings; it matters little to the soul whether it feels God or not, whether He sends it joy or suffering: it believes in His love. The more it is tried, the more its faith increases because it passes over all obstacles, as it were, to go and rest in the heart of infinite Love who can perform only works of love. So also to this soul wholly awakened in faith the Master’s voice can say in intimate secrecy the words He once addressed to Mary Magdalene: “Go in peace, your faith has saved you.”

Elizabeth of the Trinity

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Collections 4 th February 2018	
Envelopes	£125.00
Loose plate	£186.27
Crib Alms	£60.74
Other	£33.13
Total	£405.14

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: *Elizabeth Cowley, Philip Stead, Alexander Donoghue, Herbert Bridge, Kathleen*

Hatcher, Grace Braithwaite, Adam Smith, Helen Ball, Elizabeth Criddle, James Johnstone, George Walter, Kathleen Mardon.

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins this coming Wednesday 14th February, which is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: takes place on Friday, 23rd February.

Walk With Me, A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2018: This pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Lent 2018 is on sale for £1. It can be used as an opportunity to sit quietly for a few minutes each day to reflect on the meaning of Lent and its application in our lives. Would a friend, relative or work colleague appreciate a copy?

Lenten Deanery Mass: takes place on Tuesday 13th March at 7pm at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Hereford.

Lent Lunches: these will start this week, Friday 16th from 12.00 -1.30pm – and every Friday through Lent **except** Friday 2nd March. This is a simple bread and soup lunch, with cake and a raffle. If you can offer help, or for more information contact Bernadette.

Craft Group: meets every Tuesday 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.

SVP Raffle tickets: during February members of our SVP will be selling raffle tickets in the parish, for the support of the work of SVP nationally, with a portion going to the parish S.V.P. £1 each or £5 for a book, with prizes of £3000, £2000, £1000 and additionally 10 at £100 and 10 at £50. Please be generous in supporting those most in need.

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
6 th Sunday 11 th Feb. 2018	Erica Philp	Maureen, Aidan, Joan	Mike & Christine
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Divine Mercy Day: Saturday 3rd March: 9.30–4.00pm at Our Lady & St Michael's Church and St Michael's Centre, Abergavenny led by Fr Rod Jones OSB, Monk of Worth Abbey. Mass, Reconciliation, talks, sharing time. Donations invited.

'Time for a Cuppa': Ross Meeting Centre and Young Dementia Herefordshire Group are hosting a 'Time for a Cuppa' event in aid of Admiral Nurses/ Dementia UK on **Wednesday 7th March** between 11.00am and 1.00pm at Christ Church, Edde Cross Street. Please come for a cup of coffee or tea and cake. There will be a raffle and opportunity to meet the recently appointed Admiral Nurse for Herefordshire (The only one in the County!). Find out more about the invaluable support Admiral Nurses give to dementia sufferers and their carers. Donations welcome to support this work. Further details from rossmeetingcentre@gmail.com

ADOREMUS - PREPARATION DAY: 17th March at St David's Catholic College, Cardiff, CF23 5QD. The Catholic Church will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool this September. To prepare for this historic event, the Archdiocese of Cardiff invites everyone to a Preparation Day from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm. The event is free and open to people of all faiths and no faith. Registration at 10.00 am. Lunch provided. To attend, contact Christian Mahoney email christianmahoney2@gmail.com

Safeguarding: The updated list of those parishioners who have been cleared for working with children, young people and vulnerable adults will be put up at the back of the church this weekend. If you work with any of these groups, please check that your name appears on the list. If it is not there, get in touch with Fr Nick or us on the number below as soon as possible. Many thanks. Jon and Lindsay Wise, Parish Safeguarding Representatives. Email: lindsay_wise2003@yahoo.co.uk

Teas & Coffees: are served in the parish room after Mass. All parishioners and visitors are very welcome.