

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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

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Sixth Sunday of the Year

| Mass Times & Intentions   |                                   |                     |   |                         |
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| SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br><br>11 <sup>th</sup> February  | Vigil Mass<br>Saturday<br>6.00 pm |                     | Alison Potts                                  | Monmouth                |
|   | 9.15 am                           |                     | Mullaney Family                               | Monmouth                |
|   | 11.00 am                          |                     | People of the Parish                          | Ross-on-Wye             |
| Monday  | 12 <sup>th</sup>                  | 9.15 am             | Private intention                             | Monmouth                |
| Tuesday   | 13 <sup>th</sup>                  | 7.00 pm             | Myra & Bill Spencer                           | Ross-on-Wye             |
| <b>LENT</b>   |                                   |                     | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>                          |                         |
| Ash Wednesday   | 14 <sup>th</sup>                  | 10.00 am<br>7.00 pm | Elaine Hazlitt (welfare)<br>Cruikshank Family | Ross-on-Wye<br>Monmouth |
| Thursday  | 15 <sup>th</sup>                  | 10.00 am            | Barbara Jarvis                                | Ross-on-Wye             |
| Friday  | 16 <sup>th</sup>                  | 9.15 am             | Maureen Murray (welfare)                      | Monmouth                |
| Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison   |                                   |                     |   |                         |
| <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br>Monmouth: Saturday evenings at 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm<br>Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday evenings at 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm  |                                   |                     |   |                         |
| FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT<br><br>18 <sup>th</sup> February   | Vigil Mass<br>Saturday<br>6.00 pm |                     | Jadwiga Umiezczyk                             | Monmouth                |
|   | 9.15 am                           |                     | People of the Parish                          | Monmouth                |
|   | 11.00 am                          |                     | Marie Bolam                                   | Ross-on-Wye             |
| Contributions to the newsletter to: <a href="mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com">stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com</a> by 12 noon Thursday please<br><a href="mailto:stfrances.editor@gmail.com">stfrances.editor@gmail.com</a> (St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye) |                                   |                     |   |                         |

“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 of 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 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

## Monmouth Collections

| Gift Aid | Loose Plate |
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| £268.00  | £336.56     |

### 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.

Pope Francis' intention this month: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist the lure of corruption.

**WALK WITH ME**, A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2018 is now available. Why not sit quietly with **Walk With Me** for a few minutes each day? The booklet costs £1 but the charge to parishes is approximately 50 pence, thus offering an opportunity to raise a little towards parish funds.

**FAST DAY SOUP LUNCH** on ASH WEDNESDAY (14 February) from 12-2 pm at the home of Diana Turnbull, 12, St James Mews, Monmouth NP24 3BW. Simple soup/bread and tea/coffee. Donations to [CAFOD Lent appeal](#).

**LENTEN LUNCHES:** every Friday in Lent (except 2 March) from 12-1.30 pm (in Ross).

**WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:** This year's dates are Sunday 22 - Friday 27 July, flying from Cardiff. Please book through Joe Walsh Tours. Tel: 02920 0003865 (Cardiff). You are welcome to join us for our February Mass and social gathering in St Joachim's & St Anne's Church, Dunvant, Swansea at 3 pm on Sunday, **18th February**.

**DEANERY STATION MASS:** 21 February at Our Lady's, [Cwmbran](#) at 7 pm.

**Friday 2 March – WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be hosted in our parish. Service starts at 11.30 am. We'd be delighted to have some help with reading, music, singing or providing a simple lunch? All welcome. Tel: 07866 702205 or email: [livesimply.rossmonmouth@gmail.com](mailto:livesimply.rossmonmouth@gmail.com)

**Saturday 3 March:** Divine Mercy day from 9.30 – 4 pm 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.

**Tuesday 13 March:** RISE Theatre production of 'Romero: Heartbeat of El Salvador' at St Mary's Priory Centre in Abergavenny at 7.30pm. [Tickets £10/£8](#) with free drink (wine!). Further details from Michael Woodward on 07790 943853. [www.risetheatre.co.uk](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk)

**Saturday 17 March - CHARITY RACE-NIGHT & ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CELEBRATION** at Whitchurch Memorial Hall. 7.30 pm start. Tickets: £7 pp to include Supper. Proceeds to St Mary's & MS Society. Tel: Geoff Quinn: 01600 713728 or Dave Andrews: 01600 712194.

**17 March:** [ADOREMUS - PREPARATION DAY](#) 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 on 07764515864 or email [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com)

**SAFEGUARDING:** The updated list of 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, as soon as possible. Many thanks. Jon and Lindsay Wise, Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Tel: 01989 764229 Email: [lindsay\\_wise2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindsay_wise2003@yahoo.co.uk)

**CAN YOU HELP?** The members of the Social and Fundraising Committee invite fellow parishioners to join them in their work. Can you spare a few hours of your time? Contact Fr Nick or Peter Field on (01989) 770330 Email: [field.larksgate@gmail.com](mailto:field.larksgate@gmail.com)

**100 Club 2018** - Annual subscriptions are now due. Please contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728 to purchase extra numbers and any further information.

| Date   | Eucharistic Minister          | Reader                           | Welcomer                          |
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| 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Liz Alford<br>Lynne Derricott | Chris Cherry<br>Rosamund Vaughan | Mrs Pat Munday<br>Juliet Sweeting |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Chris Cherry<br>Frances Cloud | Sean Dunne<br>Martina Davies     | Mrs Kath Beavis<br>Fay McGrath    |