

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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

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Fifth Sunday of the Year

Mass Times & Intentions				
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  4 <sup>th</sup> 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	
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Special intention (Lunt) St Agatha	Monmouth
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Margaret Regan St Paul Miki & companions	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	**Service of the Word with Eucharist**	Monmouth
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	James McCaffrey O.C.D.	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Rev. John McLoughlin	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison (St Scholastica)				
<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				
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  11 <sup>th</sup> February	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Alison Potts	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	Mullaney family	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	People of the Parish	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 <a href="mailto:stfrances.editor@gmail.com">stfrances.editor@gmail.com</a> (St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye)				

Say Often, "Lord, Have Mercy."

You wonder what to do when you feel attacked on all sides by seemingly irresistible forces, waves that cover you and want to sweep you off your feet. Sometimes these waves consist of feeling rejected, feeling forgotten, feeling misunderstood. Sometimes they consist of anger, resentment, or even the desire for revenge, and sometimes of self-pity and self-rejection. These waves make you feel like a powerless child abandoned by your parents. What are you to do? Make the conscious choice to move the attention of your conscious heart away from these waves and direct it to the One who walks on them and says, "It's me. Don't be afraid." (Matthew 14:27; Mark 6:50; John 6:20).

Keep turning your eyes to him and go on trusting that he will bring peace to your heart. Look at him and say, "Lord, have mercy." Say it again and again, not anxiously but with confidence that he is very close to you and will put your soul to rest.

Henri JM Nouwen

## Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Donation to Organ Fund	Candles and cards
£170.00	£254.38	£90.00	£70.54

### 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.

Please pray for the repose of Tony Hammell and Charles Hawkins.

**WANTED: Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** This is your final opportunity to amend or add your details to the lists at the back of church to join the new rotas for the next 12 months. After this weekend, the forms will be removed and the new rotas prepared. Those who have advised their email addresses (preferred method of communication for co-ordinator's use only) will receive rota information by email. Others will be advised by collecting an envelope containing the information from the back of the Church. The information will be available by 17/18 February. Thank you to all volunteers.

**TODAY - 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century religious history. Details from Tricia Coulthard on 02920 595 899 or email [triciacoulthard@outlook.com](mailto:triciacoulthard@outlook.com)

**CAFOD** Lent Fast Day "briefing" at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford on Monday 5 February after the 09.30 a.m. Mass. All welcome.

### WALK WITH ME, A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2018

This pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Lent 2018 is now being distributed. Why not sit quietly with **Walk With Me** for a few minutes each day? Why not give a copy of **Walk With Me** to a friend, relative or work colleague? The booklet costs £1 per copy but the charge to parishes is approximately 50 pence, thus offering an opportunity to raise a little towards parish funds

**Friday 9 February - FAMILY BINGO EVENING** - The venue for this event has been changed to The Parish Room. 'Eyes down' will still be at 7.30 p.m., on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – please bring your own drinks (glasses provided) and a plate of food to share. There will be no entrance charge, just buy as many books as you wish; please join us for a fun evening.

**Friday 2 March** – An early notice that our church is hosting the **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** for this 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Glyn Jones Mary Boase	Elizabeth Allcock Children's Mass	Shelagh Adams Babs Jones
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Liz Alford Lynne Derricott	Chris Cherry Rosamund Vaughan	Mrs Pat Munday Juliet Sweeting