

Mass Times & Intentions

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm		<i>Joan Dunn</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Bill & Ruth Harris</i>	Ross-on-Wye
7th October 2018				
Monday	8th	9.15 am	<i>Machin family</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	9th	7.00pm	<i>Ellen van der Knaap</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	10th	9.15am	<i>Kath O'Toole</i>	Monmouth
		6.00pm	<i>Rosary</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	11th	10.00am	<i>In honour of St John XXIII</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	12th	* 11.30am	<i>Lesley Toms (Requiem)</i>	Monmouth

* **Note change of Mass Time** 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm		<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>Sherington family intention</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Hurley family</i>	Ross-on-Wye
14th October 2018				

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It is said that Abraham hoped against hope. I hope not only in the help of God who will not abandon to destruction the chief work of creation, but also in men and women's intelligence and good sense. Selfishness will no longer have place among us when all can perceive and understand that humanity has the potential to destroy itself or to ensure for all an adequate level of well-being.

The human instinct of preservation will continue to function. May we Christians be examples of egoism overcome in our day, models of largeness of heart, of brotherly understanding which transcends differences of faith, of race and of religion! May we Christians be worthy of the responsibility and honour of bearing the name of Christ!

Helder Camara

If everyone would take only according to his needs and would leave the surplus to the needy, no-one would be rich, no-one would be poor, and no-one in misery.

Saint Basil the Great



Teas & Coffees

are served every Sunday after Mass in the parish room.
Newcomers & visitors are most welcome to come and join us.

HYMNS

725

602

416

971

Offertory 30th September 2018

Envelopes	£ 70.00
Loose plate	£137.40
Other	£ 94.45
Total	£379.65

Sick Parishioners: Please remember in your prayers: *Rita Katrak, Ivan Merritt, Claire Niven, Paul Bennett, Bridgit Frankland, Eileen & Roger Crosby, Neil Hillyer, Kathy O'Connor, Mary McCrory, Fausta Scarand, Janet and Andrew Baily, Margarete Denton, Eithne Holcom, Pat Fennesy and Ruth Smith.*

Anniversaries: *Henry Law, Helen Archer, Dennis Heaney, Clara Humphreys, Eileen Kiss, Maurice Hirons, Kathleen Young, Florence Croft, Gwendolen MacMillan, Anna Warman and Mary Lewis.*

FIND OUT MORE... Are you – not a Catholic but interested in learning more? If you would like to join a small group of enquirers, **please contact Fr Nick.**

CONTEMPLATIVE DAY: Saturday 12th October at Ross Baptist Church from 10am-3 pm. Limited places. Cost: £7.50. Info/tickets: admin@rossbaptist.org or 01989 566966. See poster in the church porch.

DEC Indonesia Tsunami Appeal: Leading UK aid agencies (including CAFOD) announced a joint fundraising appeal to help the survivors of the 7.4 magnitude earthquake and tsunami that struck Central Sulawesi Province, Indonesia, last Friday. Up to 1.5 million people may have been affected. There is an urgent need for clean drinking water, food, medical care and shelter. To make a donation visit www.dec.org.uk or call the 24-hour hotline on 0370 60 60 900. The UK government has pledged matched funding up to £2 million.

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENTS - THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who supported this very worthy cause last week via attendance, provision of cakes and above all donating! The following amounts were collected: Thursday £100, Sunday £75 and the retiring collection £87 + £38 in donations. Making the **GRAND TOTAL of £300**. The Macmillan Charity will undoubtedly be very grateful for your generosity.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

We hope to begin preparation for the sacraments soon but need to know who is ready to receive them. **Please contact Fr Nick**

PADRE PRAYER GROUP will meet **THIS** Sunday 7th October at 4.45pm in the Parish Room. We pray especially for the parish, the sick and the lonely, the housebound, deceased members of our community and their families followed by the Rosary in the church. All are welcome to join us.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – was on Friday 5th October. There are envelopes available to donate what you have saved if you fasted. Please consider GIFT AID as CAFOD can reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you give. You can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/harvest Your actions, prayers and donations help save lives. Thank you for your prayers and support.

MARRIAGE CARE: "Do you have relationship problems?" If so, [Marriage Care](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) have a team of voluntary counsellors trained to help you. We are a nationwide group with over 65 years of experience. Don't struggle alone.... make an appointment for help on [0800 389 3801](tel:08003893801)

OSCAR ROMERO: A talk by Clare Dixon (Secretary of the Romero Trust) on the life of Blessed Oscar Romero on Saturday 6th October at 7 pm at The Cornerstone, Cardiff CF10 2GA. Clare will be present at Oscar Romero's canonisation next Sunday (14 October). Free event. Coffee/tea from 6.30 pm. All welcome.

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
27th Sunday 7th October '18	Richard Cryer	Jon & Lindsay, Erica	Kim H
28th Sunday 14th October '18	Marie Clarke	Maureen, Lynne, Claire	Bernadette

BELMONT ABBEY DOWRY TOUR: 11-13th October. See leaflets at the back of church. Further information available from: www.dowrytour.org.uk

PRAYER INTENTIONS during Ordinary Time (Autumn): Students and teachers; the spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work; the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People: Prisoners and their Families.

LIVESIMPLY SHARED LUNCH and afternoon of discernment after 11am Sunday Mass in Ross on Sunday 14th October. All welcome. livesimply.rossmonmouth@gmail.com

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) : TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

The St Vincent de Paul Society (or as it is often known - the SVP) is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need – irrespective of ideology, faith, ethnicity, age or gender. The Society is a lay organisation initially formed in Paris in 1833 by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and his companions, and active in England & Wales since 1844. Placed under the Patronage of St Vincent de Paul, it is inspired by his thinking and works. It seeks, in the spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are lonely or may appreciate support to get to church, with their shopping or to get to hospital appointments.

There are many St Frances of Rome parishioners who already do a tremendous amount of good work but do not belong to the SVP. Parishioners already support the Churches Together initiatives such as the Food Bank organised by the Baptist Church and St Mary's, the Dementia group sessions organised weekly at Christ Church Methodist Church and the weekly meals for the homeless provided by the Baptist Church. However, other parishioners gain support from each other in the work they do and find security and spiritual purpose by belonging to the wider SVP organisation. If you would like to find out more about the work of the SVP in the Parish or if you know of anyone who would appreciate support email Honor on honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk

“Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another” St Vincent de Paul.

PARISH OUTING: to Bristol Harbourside & SS Great Britain: **Wed 31st October** (half term) with coach pick-up in Ross & Monmouth.

The Harbourside has plenty to see and do all day including Bristol Aquarium, We The Curious, restaurants and shops. [SS Great Britain](#)

is one of the most important historic ships in the world. Cost:

Harbourside only: adults £10, children FREE. SS Great Britain – adults £22.50, children £6.50. Full information & booking forms are available at the back of the church.



ROME & ASSISI PILGRIMAGE. 30th April to 7th May 2019. Anyone interested in joining this Pilgrimage, please email: honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk