

Mass Times & Intentions

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th November 2018		Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>Margaret Evans</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Bill & Ruth Harris</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	5th	9.15 am	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	6th	10.00am*	<i>Bernard Baker's recovery</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	7th	9.15am	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Monmouth
		6.00pm	<i>Rosary</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	8th	10.00am	<i>Fitzpatrick family</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	9th	9.15am	<i>Roy Munday</i> <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Monmouth
*Please 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				
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th November 2018		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Dennis & Johnathon Heaney</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: Therese at St Mary's stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com and Tish Squires, at St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye, stfrances.editor@gmail.com				
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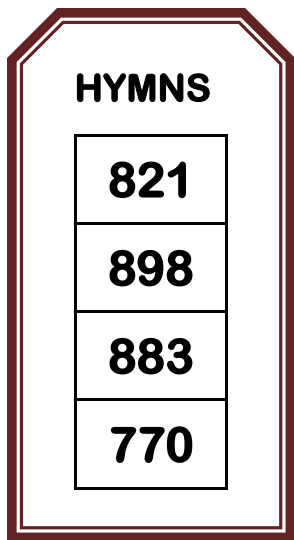
If we serve God, we are recognizing that what matters first is what we receive and not what we do or make. What matters first is that we are loved. And this we have before anything we deserve or achieve. To understand this is to understand that it is not only our deeds and our works that matter, but that we matter ourselves. We matter, not first because of what we have made of ourselves, but because of what God has made of us. And that includes what we make of ourselves. To serve God is to stop congratulating ourselves and to begin to love ourselves: to love ourselves as God loves us: not for being rich or clever or powerful, but just for being ourselves. And when we know God's love for us, and when we can love ourselves, then we can share in God's love for others. Unless we serve God, unless we thank him for our being, unless we love ourselves, whatever we do for others will not be love. It may be admirable enough in its own way. It may simply be a delight in doing what we are good at. Or it may be a more sinister delight in the exercise of power over others. But, whether it is good, or whether it is sinister, it will not be love: not that love which is a sharing in God's love for us.

God, Christ and Us, Herbert McCabe OP



Teas & Coffees

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



Offertory 28 th September 2018	
Envelopes	£ 150.00
Loose plate	£ 163.09
Other	£ 33.81
Total	£ 346.90

Sick Parishioners: Please remember in your prayers: *Rita Katrak, Ivan Merritt, Claire Niven, Paul Bennett, Bridgit Frankland, Eileen & Roger Crosby, Fausta Scarand, Janet and Andrew Baiy, Margarete Denton, Ethnie Holcom, Pat Fenne and Ruth Smith.*

Anniversaries: *Mary Cugley, Jack Prosser, Elizabeth Hepburn, Michael Lewis, Ellen Aldrich, Arthur Whitlock, Marian Warwick, Francis Roberts, John Robinson and Marie Robinson.*

PADRE PIO GROUP meets **this Sunday** at 5.00pm in the Church. All welcome.

WELCOME PHILLIP BENEDICT KUS. Last Sunday, we were pleased to welcome Phillip into our Christian community. Congratulations to Mum, Dad, brother and Godparents.

LIVE SIMPLY MEETING: Thursday 8th November at 7 pm in the parish room in Ross. All very welcome.

COUNTERING CONSUMERISM - a retreat at Downside Abbey, BA3 4RJ on Saturday 10th November (10-4 pm). How can we find holiness given our busy modern lives? Pope Francis offers some ideas in his new letter, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). The retreat is free of charge and all are welcome. Lunch provided. Online registration [available](#).

WANTED - The Social and Fundraising group needs empty **jam jars** for the Advent event. Please leave any you may have in the Parish Room. Thank you.

BOOK SALE ON THE 18TH NOV AFTER SUNDAY MASS - There will be a book sale of all remaining second-hand books to raise money for parish funds – any leftover books will be donated to St Michael hospice shop.

SECOND WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: Sunday 18th November. *“This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him.”*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY is offered during Mass every Sunday in term time. All children welcome.

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
31st Sunday 4 th November	Mike & Christine	Jon & Lindsay, Erica	Marie C
32nd Sunday 11th November	Joan Mason	Maureen, Lynne, Claire	Agnes & Erika

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY is a safe, happy and thriving academic environment for children aged 2 -11 years old. We provide an enriching, inclusive learning experience, with a challenging curriculum and a varied calendar of events. We also offer wraparound care from 8:00am to 5:45pm Monday - Friday.

MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS: There will be a short meeting in the parish room after Mass next Sunday 11 November for all those interested in Confirmation. Please attend if you possibly can.

HEREFORDSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY. The next meeting of the HCCHS on Weds. 21st Nov. at 2.30pm will be a guided tour of the Abbey Church, highlighting the stages of development of the building, with the help of some archive material. Visitors welcome. Further information from bmwarde@aol.com.

VENITE ADOREMUS RETREAT: 8th December - Following the great success of the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress, the Archdiocese of Cardiff invites everyone to a “Venite Adoremus” Retreat during Advent as a preparation for Christmas. St David’s Catholic College, Cardiff CF23 5QD from 10.30 am to 3pm. Free event. Lunch provided. Contact Christian Mahoney email: christianmahoney2@gmail.com

AN ADVENT JOURNEY BY CANDLELIGHT – words and music for the season to be held in church, with refreshments in the Parish Room, on Friday, 14th December at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS DRAW 2018. Yes, it's that time of year again folks! *If you think you could donate or persuade a potential donor, please contact:*
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ROME & ASSISI PILGRIMAGE. 30th April to 7th May 2019. Anyone interested in joining this Pilgrimage, please email: honor.houghton@hotmail.co.uk