

# St Frances of Rome

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## Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Jesus' closest disciples had difficulty grasping this double view of the kingdom. After his death and resurrection, when they understood at last that the Messiah had come not as a conquering king but as one clothed in humility and weakness, even then one thought obsessed them: "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" No doubt they were thinking of a visible kingdom to replace the rule of Rome. Jesus brushed aside the question and commanded them to carry word of him to the ends of the earth. That is when, to their amazement, he ascended out of sight and when, a few moments later, the angels explained, "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." The kind of kingdom they yearned for would indeed come, but not yet. I must confess that for many years I avoided thinking about the Second Coming of Jesus – partly, I am sure, as a reaction to the prophecy mania of my childhood church. The doctrine seemed an embarrassment, the kind of talk that attracted people who believed in flying saucers. I still have little certainty about details of the Second Coming, but I now see it as the necessary culmination of the kingdom of God. To the degree that the church loses faith in Christ's return and contents itself to be a comfortable part of this world and not the advance guard of a kingdom from another world, to that degree we risk losing faith in a sovereign God. God put his reputation on the line. The New Testament points to a time when "every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Obviously, that has not yet happened. Several decades after Easter, the apostle Paul spoke of the whole creation groaning in labour pains for a redemption not yet realized. Jesus' first coming did not solve the problems of planet earth, rather it presented a vision of God's kingdom to help break the earthly spell of delusion. Only at Christ's second coming will the kingdom of God appear in all its fullness.

Philip Yancey

Mass Times & Intentions				
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2018		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Allcock &amp; Houser families</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>Mary Wyliss</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	<i>James family</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<i>Bill Harris</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<i>Charles Lumb</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Brady family (deceased) St Andrew</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
<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				
1 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2018		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>Sheila Garton</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Private Intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: Therese at St Mary's <a href="mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com">stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com</a> and Tish at St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye, <a href="mailto:stfrances.editor@gmail.com">stfrances.editor@gmail.com</a>				
If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event Please contact Ann <a href="mailto:McKnight_upperkern@gmail.com">McKnight_upperkern@gmail.com</a>				
47/2018 Parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff – Registered Charity 242380				

## HYMNS

683

802

321

772

### Offertory 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Envelopes	£ 122.00
Loose plate	£ 94.75
Other	£ 50.88
Books	£ 41.53
Total	£ 309.16

**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 Baily, Margarete Denton, Eithne Holcom, Pat Fenne and Ruth Smith.*

**Anniversaries:** *Francis Griffin, Arthur & Dennis Drinkwater, Arthur Cumberland, William Taylor, Laura Holder, James Lovely and John Dubordieu.*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Is offered during Mass every Sunday in term time.

All children welcome. Witamy wszystkie dzieci.

Mindenkit szeretettel várunk. Toți sunteți bineveniți



**PADRE PIO GROUP meet** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 4.45pm in the Parish Room, followed by the Rosary in the church. All welcome.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Neil Wareing has kindly donated a crucifix from Lourdes for ministers to use as a centrepiece in the Eucharistic Service for the housebound. Father Nick has blessed the crucifix which will be kept with the pyx. Thanks to Joan for her suggestion and to Neil.

**REST IN PEACE:** Beryl Moore - Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. **Amen.**

**100 Club** – Please register for your number in the draws. To participate, write your Name and Telephone number and the payment amount on an envelope and return it with the offertory Collection any Sunday until 9<sup>th</sup> December. Any enquiries contact Aidan at: [aidan.browne123@btinternet.com](mailto:aidan.browne123@btinternet.com)

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with and supported the second-hand book sale last Sunday. The sale raised £41.53 for parish funds.

**THANK YOU TO** all who regularly support the collection of plastic milk bottle tops for re-cycling to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The collection box for donations can be found in the parish centre, outside the parish office.

**ADVENT** “Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.” General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

**During Advent there will be two `Holy Hours`**

**Ross:** Tuesday, 11 December from 7.30-8.30 pm

**Monmouth:** Wednesday, 19 December from 9.45-11.00 am

Also, each week there will be an **Advent Service of the Word:**

**Ross:** Thursday, 6 December from 12 noon – 1.00 pm

**Monmouth:** Wednesday, 12 December at 7 pm

**Ross:** Thursday, 20 December from 12 noon - 1.00 pm

**LIGHT UP A LIFE** - Thousands of people come together during each Advent season to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones. This year's Ross on Wye service will be held at **Christ Church, Edde Cross St at 6.30pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** -all welcome and there will be light refreshments after the service. For details of other events around the county go to: [st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](http://st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
<b>Christ the King 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Pat Burbidge	Mike & Christine, Claire	Josie E
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Marion Contreras	Jon & Lindsay, Erica	Katherine U

**VENITE ADOREMUS RETREAT: 8<sup>th</sup> December** - St David’s Catholic College, Cardiff CF23 5QD from 10.30 am to 3pm. If you would like a lift - or if you can offer a lift - please contact Stephen and Janet Baker. [stephen.baker@protonmail.com](mailto:stephen.baker@protonmail.com).

### Teas & Coffees

are served every Sunday after Mass in the parish room.

Newcomers & visitors are most welcome to come and join us.

Szívesen látunkgyere és csatlakozz hozzánk.

Sunteți bineveniți să fiți alături de noi. Witamy wszystkie.

