

Mass Times & Intentions				
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2nd 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>Christine King</i>	Ross-on-Wye	
Monday	3rd	9.15 am	<i>Michael Worstall (RIP)</i> <i>& family St Francis Xavier</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	4th	7.00pm	<i>Private intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	5th	9.15am	<i>Special intention</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	6th	10.00am	<i>In honour of St John XXIII</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	7th	9.15am	<i>Tregaskis family (deceased)</i> <i>St Ambrose</i>	Monmouth
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				
2nd Sunday of Advent 9th December 2018	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Deceased relatives,</i> <i>Barge family</i>	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	<i>Rynehart family</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 at St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye, stfrances.editor@gmail.com				
If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event Please contact Ann McKnight_upperkern@gmail.com				
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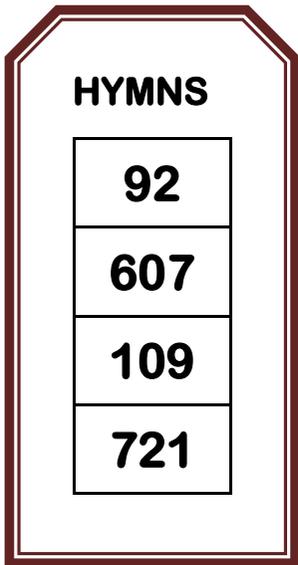
Once we begin to realise that part of Jesus' existence – from his birth to his death – is true to our own experience, we can begin to tackle the rest of what the New Testament tells about him; that he already existed before the whole cosmos was made; that he was raised by God from the dead and ascended – human and divine – to God again; that he now rules as Lord of the universe; that he will be at the centre of events as Judge and Saviour when God ends the present cosmos and brings a new creation into being.

All this matters to us because we are part of it. We shall all die, but we are told that we can share in Jesus' passage through death to the risen life of full communion with God. God intends that we should be children of God as fully as Jesus is Son of God, 'heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ', as Paul puts it, and that the whole creation is somehow caught up in this fellowship of glory.

Time past, time present and future time all coalesce in what God has revealed to us through his Son and in what his Son has done for us. Our end came at the crucifixion of Jesus, when the forces of destruction reached their climax in their assault on his life, and he was nailed bodily to the cross and died; but the blood he shed there was the ultimate life force, and in shedding it he made it available for us to share.

The very heart of the Christian tradition tells us that we are already united with him, both in his death and in his life beyond death; so the life we now live is the life of the risen Jesus, body and blood; we are living in the end itself. And when the end comes in all its finality, it will come to us in the person of Jesus who died, who now shares his risen life with us, and who has promised to bring us to the ultimate consummation for which we and all the cosmos have been made.

Joseph Rhymer



Offertory 25 th November 2018	
Envelopes	£ 118.00
Loose plate	£ 78.46
Other	£ 20.82
Total	£ 217.28

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 Fennesy and Ruth Smith.*

Anniversaries: *Michael Kearne, Winifred Morgan, Sheila Garton, Frances Davis.*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR NICK becoming our Parish Priest. It was the 1st Sunday of Advent, 2013 when Fr Nick said his first Mass here. Thanks for your commitment and support, Father. We hope there will be many more anniversaries.



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 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

This week: **Advent Service of the Word** in Ross-on-Wye
Thursday, 6 December from 12 noon – 1.00 pm



Teas & Coffees

are served every Sunday after Mass in the parish room. Newcomers & visitors are most welcome to come and join us.
Súviesen látunkgyere és csatlakozz hozzánk.
Sunteți bineveniți să fiți alături de noi. Witamy wszyscy.

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
1st Sunday of Advent 2nd December	Marion Contreras	Jon & Lindsay, Erica	Katherine U
2nd Sunday of Advent 9th December	Josie O’Driscoll	Maureen, Lynne, Claire	Pat & Kath

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 2nd 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

VENITE ADOREMUS RETREAT: 8th 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

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to help make the church beautiful for Christmas, please bring it to the parish room on the last Sunday of Advent, 23rd December. Thank you.

AN ADVENT JOURNEY BY CANDLELIGHT in Words and Music will be held here on Friday 14th December at 7p.m. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Room.

HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNING – icy surfaces. Please take care when walking on the slippery surfaces around the church during the coming winter months.



CHILDREN’S LITURGY

is offered during Mass every Sunday in term time. All children welcome. Witamy wszystkie dzieci. Mindenkit szeretettel várunk. Toți sunteți bineveniți.