

Mass Times & Intentions			
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28 TH OCTOBER	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	<i>Gillian Demidecki</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>Ron Fisher</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	29 th	9.15 am	<i>Machin family</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	30 th	10.30 am *	<i>Requiem Mass (Monica Lovell)</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	31 st	9.15 am	<i>Service of the world & Eucharist</i> Monmouth
NOVEMBER Thursday	1 st	11.00 am* 7.00 pm*	All Saints <i>(Holy day of obligation)</i> Ross-on-Wye Monmouth
Friday	2 nd	9.15 am 11.00 am*	Holy Souls <i>Special intention McCrorry family</i> Monmouth Ross-on-Wye
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			
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 th November	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>Margaret Evans</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am	<i>Fitzpatrick family</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please			

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28 October 2018

St John Paul II asked us to be attentive to the role of the elderly in our families, because there are cultures which, “especially in the wake of disordered industrial and urban development, have both in the past and in the present set the elderly aside in unacceptable ways.” The elderly help us to appreciate “the continuity of the generations,” by their “charism of bridging the gap.” Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and “many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents.” Their words, their affection or simply their presence can help children to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them. Those who would break all ties with the past will surely find it difficult to build stable relationships and to realize that reality is bigger than they are. “Attention to the elderly makes the difference in society. Does a society show concern for the elderly? Such a society will move forward if it respects the wisdom of the elderly.”

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Holy Ghost Fathers (The Spiritans)
£137.00	£330.55	£414.77

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, Nigel Poole, Olivia Sherrington, Rachael Peters and Judy Bennett and all members of our parish who are sick.

Please remember also all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Parish Outing: Wednesday 31 October. Last call for the outing to Bristol Harbourside and SS Great Britain this coming Wednesday. Contact Janet Baker on 01989 565027 or by email: mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com

COUNTERING CONSUMERISM - a retreat at Downside Abbey, BA3 4RJ on Saturday 10 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 retreats are free of charge and all are welcome, whether or not you have been involved in CAFODs campaigns. Lunch provided. Online registration [available](#).

MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS

There will be a short meeting in the parish room after Mass on Sunday 11th November for all those interested in Confirmation, to discuss the preparation schedule. Please attend if you possibly can.

GRAND ADVENT DRAW; The Social and Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce a Grand Advent Draw, which will take place after Mass on Sunday, December 2nd. The prizes will include two tickets to a Rugby International at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, pork from Huntsham Farm, a bumper Christmas hamper and many more. Tickets, priced at £1 each (five in a book) will be on sale on October 27/28th.

MARRIAGE CARE: "Do you have relationship problems? If so, [Marriage Care](#) 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)

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.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
27 October	Anne May	Elizabeth Allcock	Mrs Cawthorne
28 October	Liz Alford	Cath Coolican-Smith	Martina Davies
3 November	Chris Cherry	Sean Dunne	Mr & Mrs Keyton
4 November	Lynne Derricott	Children’s Mass	Mary Boase

Monmouth Homelessness Charity: A new charity has been formed by local churches to tackle the homeless situation in Monmouth. During January and February for three nights per week, one evening a week for each church (currently Wyesham Christian Fellowship, Monmouth Baptist Church and St Thomas Church in Wales), we hope to provide:

For up to six homeless people per night, a place to sleep overnight (within the church buildings), evening meal, washing facilities, beds, breakfast and a packed lunch. with support from medics, support teams etc to move them into accommodation. We are looking for volunteers to assist in any of:

- preparing evening meals and organising the washing of clothes if appropriate,
- overnight sleeping (playing board games is often a useful way of entertaining the clients and
- cooking breakfast and giving out packed lunches.

Interested? Please contact Mike Brain mikebrain1@aol.com for further details.