

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4 November 2018

Mass Times & Intentions			
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 th November	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	5 th	9.15 am	<i>Holy Souls</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	6 th	10.0 am *	<i>Bernard Baker's recovery</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	7 th	9.15 am	<i>Holy Souls</i> Monmouth
Thursday	8 th	10.00 am	<i>Fitzpatrick family</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	9 th	9.15 am	<i>Roy Munday</i> <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</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			
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11 th November	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 to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please stfrances.editor@gmail.com (St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye)			

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 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

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate

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.

REST IN PEACE: Tessa Kemp and Olive Cosgrove. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

GRAND ADVENT DRAW: Tickets were released last weekend and quite a lot have been taken up already. They will be available again this weekend. The official list of prizes is to be found in the Church porch. Please support this fundraiser, since there are always important requirements on Parish funds – Church redecoration, organ maintenance to name just two. The draw will take place after Mass on Sunday, December 2nd. Monies and counterfoils should be placed inside an envelope and left in the box at the back of Church marked accordingly.

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

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 retreat is free of charge and all are welcome. Lunch provided. Online registration [available](#).

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.

INTERFAITH WEEK: 11-18 November. “Inter Faith Week is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the incredible diversity and richness of faith communities in Britain. It is also a chance for people of all faiths to come together and to highlight the invaluable contribution they collectively make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society.” The Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Prime Minister

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

VENITE ADOREMUS RETREAT: 8 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 on 0776 4515864 or email: christianmahoney2@gmail.com

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

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)

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
3 November	Chris Cherry	Sean Dunne	Mr & Mrs Keyton
4 November	Lynne Derricott	Children’s Mass	Mary Boase
10 November	Barbara Demi	Jerry Fox	Mrs Elizabeth Allcock
11 November	Ali Szwagrzak	Martina Davies	Juliet Sweeting