

St Frances of Rome

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9TH DECEMBER 2018



There is a second religious message on which Matthew and Luke agree that goes beyond the identity of Jesus, and this second message may be even more necessary to proclaim today since so few Christians appreciate it. When Matthew and Luke wrote, the Scriptures of the Christian community consisted of what would be later called the Old Testament – there was not yet a New Testament. Those Scriptures were known to Jews as “the Law, the Prophets and the other books.”

Both Matthew and Luke used their first two chapters, the Infancy Narratives, as a transition from these Jewish Scriptures to the story of Jesus’ ministry. The evangelists made a summary of Old Testament stories and motifs because they felt it impossible to appreciate Jesus without such preparation.

This Old Testament context is often very foreign to Christians today, especially to Catholic audiences; and, alas, they hear little preaching about it. Working with the Infancy Narratives, priest and catechists might well use the Advent period to proclaim the Jewish Scriptures as a setting with which the church begins her liturgical year. (Concentration on the Bible is far more effective when people see how it fits with the church’s liturgy in which they worship God.

Raymond E. Brown

Teas & Coffees

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

Szivesen látunkgyere és csatlakozz hozzánk.
Sunteți bineveniți să fiți alături de noi. Witamy wszystkich.



Mass Times & Intentions				
2nd Sunday of Advent 9th December 2018	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Deceased relatives, Barge family</i>	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	<i>Rynehart family</i>	Ross-on-Wye	
Monday	10th	9.15 am	<i>Special intention (Walsh)</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	11th	7.00pm	<i>Special intention (Philp)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	12th	9.15am	<i>Irene Derricott</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	13th	10.00am	<i>School end of term Mass St Lucy</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	14th	9.15am	<i>Gallagher family (deceased) St John of the Cross</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				
3rd Sunday of Advent 16th December 2018	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Frances Hodges</i>	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	<i>Andrew Constable (welfare)</i>	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye	
Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: Tish at St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye, stfrances.editor@gmail.com and Therese at St Mary's stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com				
Sunday evening Mass is celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 6.30pm. 101 Belmont Road, Hereford HR2 7JR				
If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event Please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com				
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HYMNS

115

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982

107

Offertory 2nd December 2018

Envelopes	£ 150.00
Room hire	£ 140.00
Loose plate	£ 145.82
Other	£ 30.64
Total	£ 466.46

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 Fennessy, Ruth Smith and Honor Houghton*

Anniversaries: *Brenda Townley.*

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.



HOLY HOUR

Ross: Tuesday, 11 December from 7.30-8.30 pm
 Monmouth: Tuesday, 18 December from 11.00 – 12 noon.

ADVENT SERVICE OF THE WORD

Monmouth: Wednesday, 12 December at 7 pm
 Ross: Thursday, 20 December from 12 noon - 1.00 pm

10 DECEMBER – UN HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. All Human Beings are born Free and Equal in Dignity and Rights. (Article 1 Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH: Evangelization– In the Service of the Transmission of Faith – that people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

100 Club – Have you got your ticket for the Raffle 16th Dec? Contact Aidan at: aidan.browne123@btinternet.com



AN ADVENT JOURNEY BY CANDLELIGHT AND MUSIC is to be held in St Frances of Rome on **Friday 14 December at 7 p.m.** with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Room. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION

Every year the Churches together group organise the printing and distribution of Christmas cards in the town. Each card shows the times of services in the Ross churches. We are giving these out on Saturday 15th December at various points in the town.

It's a rather jolly and undemanding act of Christian witness -people are always very pleasant and appreciate getting a merry Christmas wish and a card. If you can spare half an hour or so to hand these out to people in the foyer of Morrison's Supermarket between 10am and midday on Saturday 15th December please get in touch with Marie Clarke on 01989 563399 or by email mec_bvgs@hotmail.com

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
2nd Sunday Advent 9th Dec 2018	Josie O'Driscoll	Maureen, Lynne, Claire	Pat & Kath
3rd Sunday Advent 16th Dec 2018	Maureen R-T	Honor, Aidan, Joan	Kim H & Erica Philp

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.

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.



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

All children welcome. Witamy wszystkie dzie.
 Mindenkit szeretettel várunk. Toți sunteți bineveniți.