

Mass Times & Intentions			
3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete 16th December	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
Monday	17th	9.15 am	<i>Michael O'Leary</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	18th	7.00pm	<i>Kath O'Toole</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	19th	9.15am	<i>Private intention</i> Monmouth
		6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	20th	10.00am	<i>Phelan & Fitzpatrick families</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	21st	11.00am	<i>Requiem Mass</i> <i>(Mandy Alexander)</i> Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison			
4th Sunday of Advent 23rd December 2018	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>Michael Worstall</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am	<i>Denton intention</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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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE - 16TH DECEMBER 2018

The Church, to which we are all called in Christ Jesus, and in which we acquire sanctity through the grace of God, will attain her full perfection only in the glory of heaven. Then will come the time of the restoration of all things. Then the human race as well as the entire world, which is intimately related to the human person and achieves its purpose through us, will be perfectly re-established in Christ.

Christ, having been lifted up from the earth, is drawing all people to himself. Rising from the dead, he sent his life-giving Spirit upon his disciples and through this Spirit has established his body, the Church, as the universal sacrament of salvation. Sitting at the right hand of the Father, he is continually active in the world, leading people to the Church, and through her joining them more closely to himself and making them partakers of his glorious life by nourishing them with his own body and blood.

Therefore, the promised restoration which we are awaiting has already begun in Christ, is carried forward in the mission of the Holy Spirit, and through him continues in the Church. There we learn through faith the meaning, too, of our temporal life, as we perform, with the hope of good things to come, the task committed to us in this world by the Father, and work out our salvation.

*Reading from the Constitution on the Church
of the Second Vatican Council*

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 wszyscy.



HYMNS

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Offertory 9th December 2018

Envelopes	£ 123.78
S&R Clergy Fund	£ 333.09
Loose plate	£ 158.02
Other	£ 11.52
Total	£ 626.41

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: *Margaret Niven, Frances Hodges and George Clark.*

HOLY HOUR

Monmouth: Tuesday, 18th December from 11.00 – 12 noon



ADVENT SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 th December	Vigil Mass 7.00 pm Carols from 6.30 pm	<i>Brendan O'Driscoll</i>	Ross-on-Wye
	12.00 Midnight Carols from 11.30 pm	<i>Brian Cookson</i>	Monmouth
CHRISTMAS DAY 25 th December	9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am	<i>Bill & Ruth Harris</i>	Ross-on-Wye

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas

Ross-on-Wye: TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER 7.30-8.30pm with Fr Peter McClaren
Monmouth: THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER 7.00-8.00 pm

18TH DECEMBER: INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY - "On this International Migrants Day, I call on the international community to act on the global compact on safe, regular and orderly migration as an important contribution to building a world of peace, prosperity, dignity and opportunity for all." Ban Ki-moon.

CHURCH CLEANING - Extra help is needed on **Thursday 20th December** to give the church a special Christmas clean. If you have an hour to spare please come along at 10.30 a.m.

AN ADVENT JOURNEY BY CANDLELIGHT - Many thanks to all who supported this event. Special thanks to our musicians, singers and readers who made this such a special occasion and to all the helpers who prepared the church and Parish room.

CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION – Thank you to everyone who participated in the distribution of cards yesterday. Marie.

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
3rd Sunday Advent 16th Dec 2018	Maureen R-T	Honor, Aidan, Joan	Kim H & Erica Philp
4th Sunday Advent 23rd December	Jon & Lindsay	Mike & Christine, Claire	Stephen & Janet

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. For more details email: admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk

REST IN PEACE: MANDY ALEXANDER. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY is offered during Mass every Sunday in term-time.
All children welcome. Witamy wszystkie dzie.
Mindenkit szeretettel várunk. Toți sunteți bineveniți.