

| Mass Times & Intentions | | | | |
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| 4 th Sunday of Advent 23 rd December 2018 | Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm | <i>People of the Parish</i> | Monmouth | |
| | 9.15 am | <i>Parish Michael Worstall</i> | Monmouth | |
| | 11.00 am | <i>Denton intention</i> | | |
| NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 24 th | 7.00pm | <i>Brendan O'Driscoll</i> Carols from 6.30 pm | Mass in Usk prison Ross-on-Wye | |
| | 12.00 MIDNIGHT | <i>Brian Cookson</i> Carols from 11.30 pm | Monmouth | |
| CHRISTMAS DAY 25 th | 9.15am | <i>People of the Parish</i> | Monmouth | |
| | 11.00am | <i>Bill & Ruth Harris</i> | Ross-on-Wye | |
| Wednesday 26 th | 10.00am* St Stephen | <i>Patrick John & Patrick James Walsh</i> | Monmouth | |
| | 6.30pm | <i>Rosary</i> | Ross-on-Wye | |
| Thursday | 27 th | 10.00am | <i>Constance van der Knapp</i> <i>St John, Evangelist</i> | Ross-on-Wye |
| Friday | 28 th | 9.15am | <i>Nonie & Frederick Colbert</i> <i>Holy Innocents</i> | Monmouth |
| Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison *PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME ON WEDNESDAY | | | | |
| HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS 30 th December 2018 | Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm | <i>Wilfred & Lucy Richards</i> <i>Roy Munday & Roger Adamson</i> | Monmouth | |
| | 9.15 am | <i>People of the Parish</i> | Monmouth | |
| | 11.00 am | <i>Cec Roberts</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 | | | | |
| If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event Please contact Ann McKnight_upperkern@gmail.com | | | | |
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23TH DECEMBER 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



How can you describe what is a mystery? It is obvious that when you contemplate God becoming man, then you may depict Him clothed in human form. When the invisible One becomes visible to flesh, you may then draw His likeness. When He who is bodiless and without form, immeasurable in the boundlessness of His own nature, existing in the form of God, empties Himself and takes the form of a servant in substance and in stature and is found in a body of flesh, then you may draw His image and show it to anyone willing to gaze upon it. Depict His wonderful condescension, His birth from

the Virgin, His baptism in the Jordan, His transfiguration on Tabor, His sufferings which have freed us from passion, His death, His miracles which are signs of His divine nature, since through divine power He worked them in the flesh. Show His saving cross, the tomb, the resurrection, the ascension into the heavens. Use every kind of drawing, word or colour. Fear not; have no anxiety.

St John of Damascus

Teas & Coffees

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



HYMNS

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Offertory 16th December 2018

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| Envelopes | £ 99.00 |
| Loose plate | £ 119.42 |
| Advent Journey | £ 162.05 |
| Other | £ 32.09 |
| S&R Clergy | £ 73.00 |
| Total | £ 485.56 |

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: *John Farrel; Glen MacGregor; Muriel Ramsdin; Agnews Baynham and Barbara Clarke.*

A happy and blessed Christmas to all parishioners and visitors. May the Christ child's love illuminate our hearts and homes.



CHRISTMAS CARDS: If you have left cards at the back of the church for others to collect, please would you add their surname to the front of the envelope as there are several parishioners with the same name. Also, please add your name to the back in case the card is not picked up. Several uncollected cards are thrown away each year. Thank you.

ADOREMUS: Following the national Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, Archbishop George Stack instigated an excellent follow-up on 8th December in Cardiff. Parishioners from Ross and Monmouth attended, joining about sixty others. In the welcoming college chapel, three excellent presentations and a period of Adoration enabled us to focus on the meaning of the Eucharist and the power of the Word of God. With abundant refreshments and a spacious venue it resulted in a very blessed day.

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| 4th Sunday Advent 23rd December | Jon & Lindsay | Mike & Christine, Claire | Stephen & Janet |
| The Holy Family 30th December | Robin & Anne | Jon & Lindsay, Erica | Bernadette |

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

THANK YOU - A huge thank to you, my wonderful fellow parishioners, for the many messages of support and genuine concern shown to me over the past few weeks during this challenging time of my life. Words cannot adequately express the gratitude that I have for the prayers and novenas that have been offered on my behalf. My sense of peace, acceptance and the ability to remain so positive I have no doubt is due directly to the power of these prayers. I am only sorry that my current chemotherapy treatment prevents me from currently being able to take a full part in life of the community. Something that I miss enormously. Rest assured that you all remain in my prayers - after all I have a lot of time on my hands at the moment! I sincerely hope that you and your families all have a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. God Bless Honor.

THANK YOU. Ruth Smith would like to thank parishioners for the cards , greetings and all the help and support she has received from parishioners.