

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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First Sunday of Advent – 2 December 2018

Mass Times & Intentions				
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2 nd December	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	Sheila Garton	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	Christine King	Ross-on-Wye	
Monday	3 rd	9.15 am	Michael Worstall (RIP) & family St Francis Xavier	Monmouth
Tuesday	4 th	7.00 pm	Private intention	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	5 th	9.15 am	Special intention	Monmouth
Thursday	6 th	10.00 am	In honour of St John XXIII	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	7 th	9.15 am	Tregaskis family (deceased) St Ambrose	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				
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9 th December	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Deceased relatives, Barge family	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	Rynehart family	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)				

Once we begin to realise that part of Jesus' existence – from his birth to his death – is true to our own experience, we can begin to tackle the rest of what the New Testament tells about him; that he already existed before the whole cosmos was made; that he was raised by God from the dead and ascended – human and divine – to God again; that he now rules as Lord of the universe; that he will be at the centre of events as Judge and Saviour when God ends the present cosmos and brings a new creation into being.

All this matters to us because we are part of it. We shall all die, but we are told that we can share in Jesus' passage through death to the risen life of full communion with God. God intends that we should be children of God as fully as Jesus is Son of God, 'heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ', as Paul puts it, and that the whole creation is somehow caught up in this fellowship of glory.

Time past, time present and future time all coalesce in what God has revealed to us through his Son and in what his Son has done for us. Our end came at the crucifixion of Jesus, when the forces of destruction reached their climax in their assault on his life, and he was nailed bodily to the cross and died; but the blood he shed there was the ultimate life force, and in shedding it he made it available for us to share.

The very heart of the Christian tradition tells us that we are already united with him, both in his death and in his life beyond death; so the life we now live is the life of the risen Jesus, body and blood; we are living in the end itself. And when the end comes in all its finality, it will come to us in the person of Jesus who died, who now shares his risen life with us, and who has promised to bring us to the ultimate consummation for which we and all the cosmos have been made.

Joseph Rhymer

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Candles
£141.00	£317.91	£53.42

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, Arthur & Angela Barge, Duncan Wills, Nigel Poole, Olivia Sherrington, Rachael Peters and all members of our parish who are sick.

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

GRAND ADVENT DRAW: The draw will take place after Mass today, Sunday December 2nd. A complete list of prizes can be viewed in the Church Porch. Thank you for your support.



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

This week: Advent Service of the Word in Ross-on-Wye
Thursday, 6 December from 12 noon – 1.00 pm

SVP ADVENT TWIG: If you wish to donate a gift, please choose a label and take a suitable size shoe box from the back of the church. Please affix the label securely to the wrapped box and place it under the Twig. Any financial donations to be put in an envelope marked S.V.P. and given to Fr. Nicholas. Please make cheques payable to S.V.P. St. Mary's Monmouth. All parcels should be returned by Sunday December 16th for delivery during the following week. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS WINE TASTING: On **Friday 7 Dec**, Tom Innes from Fingal Rock will host a wine tasting in the parish rooms. The wines will be different to those tasted in previous years but will be suitable for the festive season. The tasting will start at 7.30pm and the cost is £10, to include all wine plus nibbles. If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of the church as we need 20 people to make this viable.

VENITE ADOREMUS RETREAT: 8 December: St David’s Catholic College, Cardiff CF23 5QD from 10.30 am to 3pm. If you would like a lift - or if you can offer a lift - please contact Stephen & Janet Baker 01989 565027.

AN ADVENT JOURNEY BY CANDLELIGHT in Words 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.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: We are looking for new members to join the existing Committee. There is a continuing need to generate income and fresh ideas to achieve this objective are always welcome. If you can spare a little time please contact Fr Nick, or contact me directly on (01989) 770330. Peter Field.

MONMOUTH HOMELESSNESS CHARITY: If you are interested in helping please contact Mike Brain mikebrain1@aol.com for further details.

WORLD GIFT catalogues are available at the back of church. World Gifts are provided by CAFOD. CAFOD works with partners in some of the poorest communities in the world, listening to their needs and helping them to find their own solutions. World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of poor communities and families in developing countries.

LEPROSY MISSION – please bring in your used stamps to support their work.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>1 December</i>	<i>Peter Field</i>	<i>Glyn Jones</i>	<i>Mrs Pat Munday</i>
<i>2 December</i>	<i>Lynne Derricott</i>	<i>Children’s Mass</i>	<i>Wilf & Pat Tamplin</i>
<i>8 December</i>	<i>Anne May</i>	<i>Bernadette Keyton</i>	<i>Mrs Kath Beavis</i>
<i>9 December</i>	<i>Val Field</i>	<i>Margaret Johns</i>	<i>Diane du Bois</i>