

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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Second Sunday of Advent – 9 December 2018

Mass Times & Intentions				
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9 th December	Vigil Mass 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	10 th	9.15 am	<i>Special intention (Walsh)</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	11 th	7.00 pm	<i>Special intention (Philp)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	12 th	9.15 am	<i>Irene Derricott</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	13 th	10.00 am	<i>School end of term Mass St Lucy</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	14 th	9.15 am	<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				
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) 16 th 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	
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)				

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

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Grand Draw
£279.00	£291.44	£829.00

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 Honor Houghton and all members of our parish who are sick.

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

REST IN PEACE: MARGARET JOHNS. Eternal rest give unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



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 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.”

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

GRAND ADVENT DRAW - The draw took place after Mass last Sunday, and the list of winners is displayed in the Church porch. A sum of £829 was raised, which is a great result. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE: the Live Nativity starts at 5 pm on Saturday 22 December. Help is needed. Initial meeting at Monmouth Baptist Church for actors/interested parties on **Monday 10 December at 7 pm.** Contact Jonathan on friends@monmouthbaptistchurch.co.uk

THE TWO ST MARY’S CHURCHES LUNCH CLUB – please support this joint venture. Lunches will be monthly as from February. Please sign up if you would like to be a helper for future lunches. If you would like to be a guest at the **Christmas lunch on December 20**, please sign up by **Monday 10 December** (help is already in place for this lunch). Please contact Mary Boase on 01600 715076 for further details.

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.

ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN FOR CHRISTMAS - The annual Big Clean of our Church will take place on Friday 21st December after the 9.15 Mass. The small cleaning team would really like some help in preparing the Church for the Christmas season. Please note this date and come if you can.

WELCOMING ROTAS FOR 2019 are now available on the table at the back of church.

FLOWER ROTA FOR 2019 - If you can help with the flowers for the Church during the coming year, please speak to Fr. Nicholas. The new rota of volunteers will be prepared to commence on Friday, 4th January 2019.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</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>
<i>15 December</i>	<i>Glyn Jones</i>	<i>Anne May</i>	<i>Mrs Cawthorne</i>
<i>16 December</i>	<i>Martin Flach</i>	<i>Miles Jupp</i>	<i>Theresa Kelly</i>

