

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 23 December 2018

Mass Times & Intentions				
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	Michael Worstall	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	Denton intention	Ross-on-Wye	
NATIVITY OF OUR	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Brendan O'Driscoll Carols from 6.30 pm	Mass in Usk prison Ross-on-Wye
LORD JESUS CHRIST		12.00 MIDNIGHT	Brian Cookson Carols from 11.30 pm	Monmouth
CHRISTMAS	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
DAY		11.00 am	Bill & Ruth Harris	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am * St Stephen	Patrick John & Patrick James Walsh	Monmouth
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Constance van der Knapp St John, Evangelist	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Nonie & Frederick Colbert Holy Innocents	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Wilfred & Lucy Richards Roy Munday & Roger Adamson	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	Cec Roberts	Ross-on-Wye	
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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

*Monmouth Collections*

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Donation	100 Club	Candles	Repository	History book
£174.00	£322.91	£1,000	£100	£57.01	£20.10	£10.00

**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.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE: EILEEN CROSBY** who died recently. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES		
CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER	Vigil Mass - 7.00 pm Carols from 6.30 pm	Ross-on-Wye
	12.00 Midnight Carols from 11.30 pm	Monmouth
CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER	9.15 am	Monmouth
	11.00 am	Ross-on-Wye

**S.V.P. THANK YOU:** Sincere thanks from us all in St. Mary’s S.V.P. to those who gave their generous support for our Advent Twig Appeal. The parcels will be distributed this week, in good time to be enjoyed at Christmas. We wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

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



Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
22 December	Barbara Demi	Anne May	Mr & Mrs Keyton
23 December	Ali Szwagrzak	Roger Ruston	Martina Davies
<b>MIDNIGHT MASS CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	Chris Cherry Helen Quinn	P-J Shaw Catherine Sherrington	Mrs Elizabeth Allcock Mary Boase
29 December	Barbara Demi	Anne May	Mr & Mrs Keyton
30 December	Ali Szwagrzak	Roger Ruston	Martina Davies