

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

*St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye*

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## Third Sunday of Advent- Gaudete – 16 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

Mass Times & Intentions				
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass 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	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	<i>Michael O'Leary</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	<i>Kath O'Toole</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	<i>Private intention</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	<i>Phelan &amp; Fitzpatrick families</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am	<i>Requiem Mass (Mandy Alexander)</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>				
Monmouth: Saturday evenings at 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday evenings at 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm				
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	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	
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*Monmouth Collections*


Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Wine tasting	Clergy Retirement fund
£118.00	£278.04	£ 96.00	£552.15

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



**GAUDETE**  
**REJOICE**  
*always*

**HOLY HOUR**  
Monmouth: Tuesday, 18 December from 11.00 – 12 noon.

**ADVENT SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
Ross: Thursday, 20 December from 12 noon - 1.00 pm

**18 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

**ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN FOR CHRISTMAS** - The annual Big Clean of our Church will take place on Friday 21 December after the 9.15 Mass. Please help us if you can.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE:** the Live Nativity starts at 5 pm on Saturday 22 December. Contact Jonathan: [friends@monmouthbaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:friends@monmouthbaptistchurch.co.uk)

**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 will commence on 4 January 2019.

<b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES &amp; INTENTIONS</b>			
CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>7.00 pm</b> Carols from 6.30 pm	<i>Brendan O’Driscall</i>	Ross-on-Wye
	<b>12.00</b> <b>Midnight</b> Carols from 11.30 pm	<i>Brian Cookson</i>	Monmouth
CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER	<b>9.15 am</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<i>Bill &amp; Ruth Harris</i>	Ross-on-Wye
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas</b>  <b>Ross-on-Wye: TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 7.30-8.30 pm</b>  <b>with Fr Peter McClaren</b>  <b>Monmouth: THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER 7.00-8.00 pm</b></p>			

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
15 December	<i>Glyn Jones</i>	<i>Patricia Milling</i>	<i>Mrs Cawthorne</i>
16 December	<i>Martin Flach</i>	<i>Miles Jupp</i>	<i>Theresa Kelly</i>
22 December	<i>Barbara Demi</i>	<i>Anne May</i>	<i>Mr &amp; Mrs Keyton</i>
23 December	<i>Ali Szwagrzak</i>	<i>Roger Ruston</i>	<i>Martina Davies</i>