

Mass Times & Intentions				
<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Margaret Demidecki</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>Michael &amp; Martina Walsh</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Peggy Rein &amp; Rose Coyle</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<i>Fitzpatrick family</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Moffat &amp; Blagdon families</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<i>School Mass (in church)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Special intention (Paula)</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Frederick Colbert</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>LaVerne Hale</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: Tish at St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye, <a href="mailto:stfrances.editor@gmail.com">stfrances.editor@gmail.com</a> and Therese at St Mary's <a href="mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com">stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com</a>				
If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event Please contact Ann McKnight <a href="mailto:upperkern@gmail.com">upperkern@gmail.com</a>				
Sunday evening Mass is celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 6.30pm. 101 Belmont Road, Hereford HR2 7JR				
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## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Matthean infancy story is not only gospel (the good news of salvation) – it's the essential gospel story in miniature. And so, when we look back at the history of Christianity, perhaps we can understand better now why this infancy narrative has been one of the most popular sections of the whole Jesus story, one of the best known and of worldwide appeal.

This was due not only to the appreciation of a good story that was satisfying to emotion and sentiment; it also reflected a Christian instinct recognizing therein the essence of the good news – that is, that God has made himself present to us (Emmanuel) in the life of one who walked on this earth, indeed, so truly present that this one, Jesus, was his Son. This revelation was an offense and contradiction to some, but salvation to those who had eyes to see. Of the latter, the magi are truly the forerunners, the anticipation of all those who would come to worship the risen Jesus proclaimed by the apostles.

*Raymond E Brown*

### 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 wszystkich.



## HYMNS

170

146

883

153

### Offertory 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Envelopes	£ 111.80
Loose plate	£ 178.34
Other	£ 26.52
Total	£ 316.66

**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:** Edith Hitchings, Arthur Holcroft, Russell Waugh, Hilda Chisholm, Gary Brazier, Mabel Ley, Eleanor Wilson.

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** meets this Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January at 4.45pm in the Parish Room. We pray especially for the parish, the sick and the lonely, the housebound, deceased members of our community and their families, followed by the Rosary in the church. All are welcome to join us.

### THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**CAFOD/LIVESIMPLY** meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January meeting at 7 pm in Monmouth. If anyone needs a lift from Ross, please get in touch with Therese [livesimply.rossmonmouth@gmail.com](mailto:livesimply.rossmonmouth@gmail.com)

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR [CHRISTIAN UNITY](#).

18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** resumes next Sunday.



**MARRIAGE CARE:** "Do you have relationship problems?" If so, [Marriage Care](#) have a team of voluntary counsellors trained to help you. We are a nationwide group with over 65 years of experience. Don't struggle alone.... make an appointment for help on [0800 389 3801](tel:08003893801).

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
<b>Epiphany</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Tina Evans	Maureen, Lynne, Claire	Lynne
<b>Baptism of The Lord</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Jan Wheeler	Mike, Christine, Joan	Marie C

**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, with a challenging curriculum and a varied calendar of events. We also offer wraparound care from 8:00am to 5:45pm Monday - Friday. **We warmly invite you to come and see how our school inspires children to learn within a culture of kindness.**

For more details email: [admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk)

**ROSS READING CIRCLE** Book Group meets monthly in the parish centre.

Would you like to join us? To find out more please speak to Erica Philp after Sunday Mass or email: [erica.philp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:erica.philp@yahoo.co.uk)

### THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ROSS AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY

**LARDER** is a project that seeks to help those who are facing hardship. Anyone wishing to support this worthy cause can donate non-perishable food by placing items in the box at the back of the church. Thank you for your donations.



Epiphany