

Mass Times & Intentions			
<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Frederick Colbert Monmouth
		9.15 am	People of the Parish Monmouth
		11.00 am	LaVerne Hale Ross-on-Wye
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Special Intention (Reeve-Tucker) Monmouth
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	John and Joan Farrell Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Souls Monmouth
		6.30pm	Rosary Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Fitzpatrick family Ross-on-Wye
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Moffat & Blagdon families Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> in Ordinary Time 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	People of the Parish Monmouth
		9.15 am	Helen Servidge Monmouth
		11.00 am	Bernard Baker (welfare) 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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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Cycle C

The Gospel of Luke is stamped by a positive picture of human nature. Luke is not a moralist nor is he a pessimist. He expects something of men and women. He thinks it important that they should be able to live in their world in a way that accords with their dignity, that they should come into contact with their original beauty and goodness, that they should be able to realize the image of humanity that was so dear to the Greeks. Luke sees Jesus as the one who develops our true image. He refrains from constantly describing men and women as sinners. Human beings have a divine nucleus. But they are alienated from this divine nucleus. So, Jesus comes down from heaven to recall them to their divine dignity. Luke's positive picture of human nature would be good for our Christian preaching today. For too long we have thought that we first had to do men and women down so that they accept the grace of God. Luke doesn't adopt such an approach, which ultimately devalues us. He sees human beings as they are, in their dignity, but also with their hurts and wounds. So, he depicts Jesus as the true physician who heals our wounds and teaches us the art of healthy living. Jesus is the physician who raises us up to our true dignity when we are turned in on our ourselves and cannot see beyond our narrow horizon.

Anselm Grün

### 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

171

604

161

713

### Offertory 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Envelopes	£	102.00
Loose plate	£	122.87
Other	£	32.34
Total	£	257.21

**Sick Parishioners:** Please remember in your prayers: Rita Katrak, Ivan Merritt, Claire Niven, Paul Bennett, Bridgit Frankland, Roger Crosby, Fausta Scarand, Janet and Andrew Baily, Margarete Denton, Eithne Holcom, Pat Fennessy, Ruth Smith and Honor Houghton.

**Anniversaries:** John Abbott, Albert Hancox, Jan Zawadzki, Patrick Connor, James Farrell, Freda Maguire, Aileen Ray, Martin Keefe, Brendan O'Driscoll, Anthony Haskew.

**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.

**ALL EU CITIZENS** living in the UK will be required to make an application if they wish to remain in the UK after Brexit. There are links from our Parish website to assist parishioners. Should you need assistance in this regard you can contact Tish at [stfrances.editor@gmail.com](mailto:stfrances.editor@gmail.com) or speak to me after Mass.

**NEXT SUNDAY (20 JANUARY) IS PEACE SUNDAY** Pope Francis' message: "Good politics serves peace."

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES.** Lessons will begin on Thursday 17th January 2019 in St Joseph's school starting at 3-30 pm with Mrs Burbidge. The lessons are for the children only.

**GALA CONCERT.** The Monmouth Social and Fund-Raising Committee is delighted to announce the return of the Monmouth Male Voice Choir, Monmouth Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Tickets, priced at £12 each, will be on sale from this weekend at the back of St Frances of Rome, Ross and at the Shire Hall in Monmouth. Get your tickets early, since there is likely to be a high demand.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is offered during Mass every Sunday in term time.

All children welcome. Witamy wszystkie dzie.

Mindenkit szeretettel várunk. Toți sunteți bineveniți.

**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)

Rotas	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tea & Coffee
<b>Baptism of The Lord 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Jan Wheeler	Mike & Christine, Joan	Marie C
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Erica Philp	Maureen, Aidan, Claire	Agnes & Erika

**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.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18<sup>TH</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Each day there will be the opportunity to meet for prayer.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Bring & Share lunch at 1pm at The Venue, Hill Street (the old Y-Zone) followed by a short joint service.

On the other days the following churches will be hosting a short (15min) time of prayer at noon:

Day 1: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - St Mary's

Day 2: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - Quakers meeting room

Day 4 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Christ Church

Day 5 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ross Baptist Church

**Day 6: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - St Frances of Rome**

Day 7: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> - New Life Church (Red House, Palmerston Road, HR9 5PJ)

Day 8: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - St Mary's

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: A REFLECTION ON FASTING:** 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm.

**CHARITY RACE NIGHT:** Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Monmouth Catenians 3rd Annual Charity Race Night in Whitchurch & Ganarew Community Hall. More details nearer the time. Please put the date in your diaries and horses will be on sale from the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January.