

## Mass Times & Intentions

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> in Ordinary Time 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>Helen Serridge</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Bernard Baker (welfare)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	<i>Machin family St Agnes</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	<i>Eileen Veale</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	<i>Moffat &amp; Blagdon families</i>	Monmouth
		6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<i>Honor Houghton (welfare) St Francis de Sales</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Gwen O'Leary</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> in Ordinary Time 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Joan Critchley</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>Peg &amp; Ben Shorten</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>People of the Parish</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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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Cycle C

Engagement with the world, as demanded by God's word, makes us look with new eyes at the entire cosmos, which contains traces of that word through whom all things were made. As men and women who believe in and proclaim the Gospel, we have a responsibility towards creation. Revelation makes known God's plan for the cosmos, yet it also leads us to denounce that mistaken attitude which refuses to view all created realities as a reflection of their Creator, but instead as mere raw material, to be exploited without scruple. Man thus lacks that essential humility which would enable him to see creation as a gift from God, to be received and used in accordance with his plan. Instead, the arrogance of human beings who live "as if God did not exist" leads them to exploit and disfigure nature, failing to see it as the handiwork of the creative word. In this theological context, I would like to echo the statements of the Synod Fathers who reminded us that "accepting the word of God, attested to by Scripture and by the Church's living Tradition, gives rise to a new way of seeing things, promotes an authentic ecology which has its roots in the obedience of faith... [and] develops a renewed theological sensitivity to the goodness of all things, which are created in Christ." We need to be re-educated in wonder and in the ability to recognize the beauty made manifest in created realities.

Pope Benedict XVI

### 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

406

643

650/1

771

### Offertory 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Envelopes	£ 225.00
Loose plate	£ 81.58
Other	£ 115.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 422.17</b>

**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:** *Patricia Bartle, Charles Clarke, Mary Spencer, Justin Bullimore, Colwyn Culleton, Dorothy Castle, Brigid Butler, James Smith, John Brazier, Martha Roberts.*

### THIS SUNDAY IS PEACE SUNDAY

Pope Francis' message: "Good politics serves peace."

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

[Pope Francis points out that](#) "ecumenism is not something optional," he said it aims "to develop a common and consistent witness that promotes true justice and support for the weakest through responses that are concrete, appropriate and effective". 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 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

**THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT FILM** – 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm –The Vue Cinema, Stadium Plaza, Wood Street, Cardiff CF10 – A film of the largely forgotten story of St Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt. Highly recommended viewing.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is offered during Mass every Sunday term time. All children welcome. Witamy wszystkie zięci. Mindenkit szeretettel várunk. Toți sunteți bineveniți



**GLOBAL HEALING:** 7th February, 7 pm in the parish room at St Frances of Rome. A new film sponsored by the Bishops Conference – on how our faith helps us to care for our common home. Join us for a free and inspiring evening of film, food and friendship, responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children.

**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>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Erica Philp	Maureen, Aidan, Claire	Agnes & Erika
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Richard Cryer	Jon, Lindsay, Erica	Mike & Christine

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

**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.

**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 £10 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.

**SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING** - There will be a meeting after 10 a.m. Mass on Thursday 24th January to discuss plans for the following year. If you cannot make the meeting but have some ideas on what can be done, please contact Jan Wheeler on [jandjwheeler15@gmail.com](mailto:jandjwheeler15@gmail.com).