

Mass Times & Intentions				
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13 th January		Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Frederick Colbert	Monmouth
		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	LaVerne Hale	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	7 th	9.15 am	Special intention (Reeve-Tucker)	Monmouth
Tuesday	8 th	7.00 pm	John & Joan Farrell	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	9 th	9.15 am	Holy Souls	Monmouth
Thursday	10 th	10.00 am	Fitzpatrick family	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	11 th	9.15 am	Moffat & Blagdon families	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monmouth: Saturday from 5.15-5.45 pm and Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday from 6.15-6.45 pm				
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 20 th January		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 to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please stfrances.editor@gmail.com (St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye)				

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The Baptism of the Lord – 13 January 2019

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.

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£215.00	£299.70	£213.50

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, Honor Houghton and Pauline Collier and all members of our parish who are sick.

Please remember also all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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.

18-25 January: Week of prayer for [Christian Unity](#).

Next Sunday (20 January) is [Peace Sunday](#) Pope Francis's message: "Good politics serves peace."

100 CLUB 2019: Annual subscriptions are now due. We once again hope that all current members will renew their subscription(s). If anyone does not wish to do so, would they please let us know by the end of February as this will give us a chance to resell the number(s) by the time of the first draw to be held in March. We do have several spare numbers that we will need to sell by mid-March to be included in the first draw, so if anyone would like to join or take an extra number we would love to hear from you. Full details are on the porch noticeboard. Many thanks in advance. Any questions or queries please contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728.

GALA CONCERT: The Social and FundRaising Committee is delighted to announce the return of the Monmouth Male Voice Choir, which will be giving a Gala Concert here in Church on Friday February 22nd. Tickets, priced at £12 each, will be on sale from this weekend at the back of Church, 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.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: 7 February: for a showing of the Global Healing Film which hopes to inform, challenge and equip people to engage with Pope Francis' vital call to *Care For Our Common Home*. 7 pm in Ross.

THE RETURN OF CAMEO MEETINGS at St Mary's. Come And Meet Each Other (CAMEO) meetings will restart on Wednesday 13th February, initially every two months, on

the second Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7.30 pm in the parish room. Our first speaker will be Mary Boase, who will describe her visit last year to Africa to support the work of the charity Hands across the world. We would ask for a donation of £2 per person to cover refreshments. New parishioners are particularly welcome. We look forward to welcoming as many parishioners as possible.

CHARITY RACE NIGHT: Monmouth Catenians are arranging their 3rd Annual Charity Race Night. It's a fun evening with 50 attending last year. The date is Saturday, 16th March in Whitchurch & Ganarew Community Hall. Food will be provided. More details nearer the time. Proceeds will be shared with the Bursary Fund which offers financial assistance to young Catholics on projects overseas or assisting with Lourdes pilgrimages. Parishioner Callum Davies was a beneficiary in 2018. Please put the date in your diaries and horses will be on sale from the weekend of 19/20th January

Eucharistic Ministry and Readers Rotas for 2019/2020: The present rotas expire at the end of February. If there are any changes to your personal details, such as telephone number, email address, etc., please make a note of these, either by email or on the paper list at the back of Church. **If you wish to volunteer your services** for either of these ministries, then please enter your details on the list, at the back of Church. Thank you for volunteering your services for these important ministries.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
12 January	Peter Field	Jerome Vaughan	Mrs Pat Munday
13 January	Glyn Jones	Diana Turnbull	Fay McGrath
19 January	Anne May	Patrick Vaughan	Mrs Kath Beavis
20 January	Helen Quinn	Glyn Jones	Wilf & Pat Tamplin

