

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time – 20th January 2019

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

Mass Times & Intentions				
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 20 th January		Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		9.15 am	Helen Serridge	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Bernard Baker (welfare)	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	21 st	9.15 am	Machin family <i>St Agnes</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	22 nd	7.00 pm	Eileen Veale	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	23 rd	9.15 am	Moffat & Blagdon families	Monmouth
Thursday	24 th	10.00 am	Honor Houghton (welfare) <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	25 th	9.15 am	Gwen O'Leary	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				
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 27 th January		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Joan Critchley	Monmouth
		9.15 am	Peg & Ben Shorten	Monmouth
		11.00 am	People of the Parish	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)				

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Candles	Repository
£193.00	£312.47	£20.26	£14.62

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.

This Sunday is [Peace Sunday](#) "Good politics serves peace." *Pope Francis*.

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

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 queries contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728.

The Sultan and The Saint Film - February 1 @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm – the Vue Cinema, Stadium Plaza, Wood Street, Cardiff CF10 – A film of the largely forgotten story of Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt and their meeting on a bloody battlefield during the period of Christian-Muslim conflict known as the Crusades, it speaks with urgency to our present. Two men of faith, one an itinerant Christian preacher, the other the ruler of a Muslim Empire, bucked a century of war, distrust and insidious propaganda in a search for mutual respect and common ground. Join us for an extraordinary evening, in the company of St Francis of Assisi and Sultan Malak-al-Kamil... and celebrate the 800th anniversary year of this ground-

breaking encounter which has so much to show us today... Suggested donation of £4 to cover costs. Book online at [Llansor Mill](#) or call 07866 702205.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: 7 February: a showing of GLOBAL HEALING - 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 plant to our children's children. 7 pm in the parish room at St Frances of Rome.

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 £10 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.

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. Suggested donation of £2 pp to cover refreshments. New parishioners are particularly welcome.

CHARITY RACE NIGHT: Monmouth Catenians are arranging their 3rd Annual Charity Race Night. The date is Saturday, 16th March in Whitchurch & Ganarew Community Hall. Food will be provided. Proceeds will be shared with the Bursary Fund which offers financial assistance to young Catholics on projects overseas or assisting with Lourdes pilgrimages. Please put the date in your diary and horses are on sale this weekend. Further details to follow.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
19 January 20 January	Anne May Helen Quinn	Patrick Vaughan Glyn Jones	Mrs Kath Beavis Wilf & Pat Tamplin
26 January 27 January	Anne Dunne Frances Cloud	Liz Alford Martina Davies	Mrs Cawthorne Diane du Bois