

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Mass Times & Intentions			
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  27 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Joan Critchley	Monmouth
	9.15 am	Peg & Ben Shorten	Monmouth
	11.00 am	People of the Parish	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Gwen O'Leary St Thomas Aquinas Monmouth
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Canon Paul Chidgey Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Private intention Monmouth
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Honor Houghton (welfare) St John Bosco Ross-on-Wye
Friday	FEB 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15 am	Margaret Regan Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monmouth: Saturday from 5.15-5.45 pm and Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday from 6.15-6.45 pm			
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
	9.15 am	Tony Serridge	Monmouth
	11.00 am	John Baker (welfare)	Ross-on-Wye
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## Monday is the Memorial Day of St Thomas Aquinas

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore  
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,  
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart  
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.  
Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;  
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;  
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;  
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.  
On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men;  
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:  
Both are my confession, both are my belief,  
And I pray the pray'r made by the dying thief.  
I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,  
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;  
This faith each day deeper be my holding of,  
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.  
O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,  
Living bread the life of us for whom he died,  
Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,  
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.  
Bring the tender tale true of the pelican;  
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what thy bosom ran  
Blood that but one drop of has the world to win  
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.  
Jesus whom I look at shrouded here below,  
I beseech thee send me what I thirst for so,  
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light  
And be blest forever with thy glory's sight. Amen. St Thomas

*Monmouth Collections*

<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Loose Plate</b>
<b>£156.00</b>	<b>£279.60</b>

**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, 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.

**During Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for these intentions:** Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

26-28 January – The [Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

**100 CLUB 2019:** Annual subscriptions are now due. We 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. Details are on the porch noticeboard or contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728.

**The Sultan & The Saint Film - February 1 @ 7:00-9:30 pm** – the Vue Cinema, Stadium Plaza, Wood Street, Cardiff CF10 1LA. Suggested donation of £4 to cover costs. Book online at [Llansor Mill](#) or email: [post@wmcf.wales](mailto:post@wmcf.wales) to reserve a ticket.

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL:** will be available next weekend after Saturday evening Mass on **2 February** and after the Children’s Mass on **Sunday 3 February**.

**THURSDAY 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 planet to our children’s children. 7 pm in the parish room at St Frances of Rome. Everyone welcome.

On **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10** there will be a C.A.F.O.D. Special Coffee morning with a raffle after Mass in the community room to try to raise funds, for example, £167.00 for a protected fish breeding pond for a family in Bangladesh to earn a living. If you are not able to attend there will be a box at the back of the Church next week for any donations.

**CAMEO at St Mary's: Come And Meet Each Other (CAMEO)** meetings will restart on **Wednesday 13 February**. 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.

**THE PRIORY COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB:** The lunch club needs Guests and helpers, so if you know anyone who would like to come, or if you would like to come, or would help with the lunches, please let The Priory Office know, or Mary Boase (01600 715076). Lifts are available for those who need one. Please see the poster in our church porch. Dates of forthcoming lunches are **Thursday February 14**, Thursday March 14 and Thursday April 11.

**GALA CONCERT: FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY** – 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. 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.

**CHARITY RACE NIGHT:** Monmouth Catenians are arranging their 3rd Annual Charity Race Night. The date is **Saturday, 16 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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>26 January</i> <i>27 January</i>	<i>Anne Dunne</i> <i>Frances Cloud</i>	<i>Liz Alford</i> <i>Martina Davies</i>	<i>Mrs Cawthorne</i> <i>Diane du Bois</i>
<i>2 February</i> <i>3 February</i>	<i>Hillary Gooch</i> <i>Val Field</i>	<i>Elizabeth Allcock</i> <i>Children’s Mass</i>	<i>Mr &amp; Mrs Keyton</i> <i>Theresa Kelly</i>