

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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Mass Times & Intentions				
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6 th January		Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Margaret Demidecki	Monmouth
		9.15 am	Michael & Martina Walsh	Monmouth
		11.00 am	People of the Parish	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	7 th	9.15 am	Peggy Rein & Rose Coyle	Monmouth
Tuesday	8 th	7.00 pm	Fitzpatrick family	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	9 th	9.15 am	Moffat & Blagdon families	Monmouth
Thursday	10 th	10.00 am	School Mass (in church)	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	11 th	9.15 am	Special intention (Paula)	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				
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13 th January		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
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)				

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – 6 January 2019

The Matthean infancy story is not only gospel (the good news of salvation) – it's the essential gospel story in miniature. And so, when we look back at the history of Christianity, perhaps we can understand better now why this infancy narrative has been one of the most popular sections of the whole Jesus story, one of the best known and of worldwide appeal.

This was due not only to the appreciation of a good story that was satisfying to emotion and sentiment; it also reflected a Christian instinct recognizing therein the essence of the good news – that is, that God has made himself present to us (Emmanuel) in the life of one who walked on this earth, indeed, so truly present that this one, Jesus, was his Son. This revelation was an offense and contradiction to some, but salvation to those who had eyes to see. Of the latter, the magi are truly the forerunners, the anticipation of all those who would come to worship the risen Jesus proclaimed by the apostles.

Raymond E Brown

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Candles
£205.00	£341.90	£29.40

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.



Thursday 10 January: CAFOD/**liveSimply** meeting at 7 pm in Monmouth.

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



Eucharistic Ministry and Readers Rotas for 2019/2020

The present rotas expire at the end of February. This year, it is assumed that, unless you have notified me (Peter Field) to the contrary, your name will be included in the new rotas, commencing in March. Included in the new rotas will be the names of volunteers to cover Holy Days of Obligation.

1. 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.
2. **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. We are particularly short of Eucharistic Ministers for Saturday evening Mass.

Thank you for volunteering your services for these important ministries.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>5 January</i>	<i>Elizabeth Cherry</i>	<i>Bob Tomkins</i>	<i>Shelagh Adams</i>
<i>6 January</i>	<i>Mary Boase</i>	<i>Children’s Mass</i>	<i>Juliet Sweeting</i>
<i>12 January</i>	<i>Peter Field</i>	<i>Jerome Vaughan</i>	<i>Mrs Pat Munday</i>
<i>13 January</i>	<i>Glyn Jones</i>	<i>Diana Turnbull</i>	<i>Fay McGrath</i>