

Mass Times & Intentions			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Mandy Alexander	Monmouth
	9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00 am	John Brazier	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Special Intention Monmouth
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Bernard Baker's recovery St Joseph Solemnity Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Ellen & Daniel Murphy Monmouth
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Gary Brazier Ross-on-Wye
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	12.00 NOON*	Jean (Philomena) Rowen Monmouth
<b>*NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME</b> Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	Elizabeth Hawick	Monmouth
	9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00 am	Katrak family	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: Tish at St Frances of Rome, <b>Ross-on-Wye</b> , <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>			
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday from 6.15-6.45 pm</b> Monmouth: Saturday from 5.15-5.45 pm			
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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# St Frances of Rome

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Cycle C

What could be more firmly founded or more certain than God's word, revealed in the ringing tones of both Old & New Testaments in harmony? Here the teaching of the evangelists and the documentary evidence of ancient witnesses harmonize.

The one covenant thus reinforces the other. The signs which went before had promised Jesus under the veil of mystery. But now the blaze of the present glory has shed a dazzling light upon him. This is because, as Saint John says, 'The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.' In Jesus have been fulfilled the promise of the prophetic images and the purposes of the regulations of the law. By his presence he demonstrates the truth of prophecies, and his grace makes possible the acts God has commanded us.

The preaching of the holy gospel must establish the faith of all. None must fear to suffer for righteousness' sake. None must doubt that God will fulfil his promises. For through toil comes rest; through death comes life. Jesus has taken upon his shoulders all the weakness of our humility. If we are steadfast in our acknowledgment and love of him, in him we win the victory he won, and receive the reward that he has promised.

Pope St Leo The Great

### Teas & Coffees

are served every Sunday after Mass in the parish room. Newcomers & visitors are most welcome to join us.  
Szívesen látunkgyere és csatlakozz hozzánk.  
Sunteți bineveniți să fiți alături de noi. Witamy wszyscy.



## HYMNS

179

206

720

803

212

### Offertory 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Envelopes	£	139.00
Loose plate	£	91.55
ACN	£	301.96
Other	£	49.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>582.32</b>

**Sick Parishioners:** Please remember in your prayers: *Ivan Merritt, Claire Niven, Paul Bennett, Bridgit Frankland, Roger Crosby, Janet and Andrew Baily, Margarete Denton, Eithne Holcom, Pat Fennessy, Ruth Smith, Honor Houghton, Kathy O'Connor and Geraldine O'Shea.*

**Anniversaries:** *Margaret Hirons, John McAleer, Reginald Schomberg, Elizabeth Hawick, Pat Homfrey.*

**LENTEN LUNCHES** will be held from 12.00 -1.00pm every Friday through Lent. This is a simple bread and soup lunch, with cake and a raffle with all donations going to CAFOD. If you can offer help, or for more information contact Bernadette [bernadetteemek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bernadetteemek@hotmail.co.uk)

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** beforehand 11.00-12.00 Ross on Wye.

**THIS SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** There will be a bring and share lunch and discussion after Mass in Ross 12.30pm. All welcome. Inspired by the Pope's encyclical? Want to put your faith into action? Come along to find out more.

**100 CLUB** - There will be a draw on Sundays 17<sup>th</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> March. There are still a few Parishioners who have not renewed their Numbers yet for this year; please contact Aidan to pay subs prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> March draw.

**THE ARTS SOCIETY ROSS-ON-WYE:** A day of Special Interest on Russian Painting, with three lectures by Jane Angelini. This is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Bishopswood Village Hall. Tickets @£35.00 (including lunch) can be bought from John Arnold, please phone him on 01989 566601.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Ross – Wednesday – 6.30pm  
Monmouth – Monday – 6.00pm

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



**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. Please call 01989 564655 or email [admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk)

DATE	READERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	TEA & COFFEE
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	Marion Contreras	Maureen, Aidan, Claire	Lynne
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	Pat Burbidge	Jon, Lindsay, Erica	Marie C

**THE POPE'S EVANGELIZATION INTENTION:** That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**A LENTEN RETREAT FOCUSING ON HOW WE LISTEN TO GOD:** at St. David's Catholic College, Ty-Gwyn Road, Cardiff CF23 on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (10:30am -15:00pm). "The Word of God is something alive and active" (Hebrews 4:12) The retreat is free of charge and open to people of all faiths and no faith. Registration is at 10am with 10.30am start. Lunch will be provided. To allow us to adequately organise the event and provide a meal for all people attending, please contact Christian Mahoney on 07764 515864 or email [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

**LENTEN TALKS IN CARDIFF** - will be held at the Cornerstone on each Friday of Lent up to 12<sup>th</sup> April. All talks start at 1.30pm and are available with a soup and roll lunch [Donation welcome]. Abbot Paul Stonham of Belmont Abbey, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff as well as clergy and religious from the diocese will be on hand to lead our spiritual journey in Lent.



### THE CRAFT GROUP

meet every Tuesday evening in the parish room from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. This is a friendly, informal group with each member working on their own craft projects whilst sharing ideas and expertise with others. If you have an interest in sewing, knitting, crochet, lace making, quilting or any other craft you are most welcome to come along.

