

| Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
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| Laetare Sunday 4 th Sunday in Lent 31 st March 2019 | Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm | <i>Private intention</i> | Monmouth |
| | 9.15 am | <i>People of the Parish</i> | Monmouth |
| | 11.00 am | <i>Rob Harris</i> | Ross-on-Wye |
| Monday | APRIL 1 st | 9.15am | <i>Machin family</i> Monmouth |
| Tuesday | 2 nd | 7.00pm | <i>Mary Sellar</i> Ross-on-Wye |
| Wednesday | 3 rd | 9.15am | <i>Private intention</i> Monmouth |
| | | 6.30pm | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Ross-on-Wye |
| Thursday | 4 th | 10.00am | <i>Fitzpatrick & Phelan family</i> Ross-on-Wye |
| Friday | 5 th | 9.15am | <i>Jean Rowan</i> Monmouth |
| Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison | | | |
| 5 th Sunday in Lent 7 th April 2019 | Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm | <i>Neil Cawthorne</i> | Monmouth |
| | 9.15 am | <i>People of the Parish</i> | Monmouth |
| | 11.00 am | <i>John Fennessy</i> | Ross-on-Wye |
| Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: Tish at St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye, stfrances.editor@gmail.com and Therese at St Mary's stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com | | | |
| If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event Please contact Ann McKnight upperkern@gmail.com | | | |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation: Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday from 6.15-6.45 pm 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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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2019 - Cycle C

The joy at the dramatic return of the younger son in no way means that the elder son was less loved, less appreciated, less favored. The father does not compare the two sons. He loves them both with complete love and expresses that love according to their individual journeys. He knows them both intimately. He understands their highly unique gifts and shortcomings. He sees with love, the passion of his younger son, even when it is not regulated by obedience. With the same love, he sees the obedience of the elder son, even when it is not vitalized by passion. With the younger son there are no thoughts of better or worse, more or less, just as there are no measuring sticks with the elder son. The father responds to both according to their uniqueness. The return of the younger son makes him call for a joyful celebration. The return of the elder son makes him extend an invitation to full participation in that joy.

"In the houses of my father there are many places to live," Jesus says. Each child of God has there his or her unique place, all of them places of God. I have to let go of all comparison, all rivalry and competition, and surrender to the Father's love. This requires a leap of faith because I have little experience of non-comparing love and do not know the healing power of such a love. As long as I stay outside in the darkness, I can only remain in the resentful complain that results from comparisons. Outside of the light, my younger brother seems to be more loved by the Father than I; in fact, outside of the light, I cannot even see him as my own brother.

Henri J. M. Nouwen

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 wszystkich.



HYMNS

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Offertory 24th March 2019

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| Envelopes | £ 186.80 |
| Loose plate | £ 84.45 |
| Other | £ 52.54 |
| Lenten Lunches | £ 79.55 |
| Total | £ 403.34 |

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: *Horace Fussell, Ken Mais, John Fennessey, John Freeman, Sara Dale, Dorothea Abriani, Frances Schomberg, Canon Paul Chidgey, Lt Wilfrid Massey-Lynch, Alexander Wright and Andrew Chelley.*

The
Season
of
Lent



LENTEN LUNCHES will be held from 12.00 -1.00pm every Friday through Lent in Ross-on-Wye. This is a simple bread and soup lunch, all donations going to CAFOD. If you can offer help, or more information Bernadette: bernadetteemek@hotmail.co.uk

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: 1st April - North Gwent Deanery at 7pm in Abergavenny

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: **Ross-on-Wye**, Wednesday 3rd April at 6.30pm
Hereford, Belmont Abbey, Wednesday 3rd April 7pm
Monmouth, St Mary's RC, Friday 5th April 6pm

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **Monmouth**, Wednesday 3rd April, 9.45am – noon

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: **Ross-on-Wye**, Friday 5th April 11.00-12.00 noon
Monmouth, Thursday 4th April from 7-8 pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: **Ross-on-Wye**, Sunday 7th 3.00– 4.00pm

SEDER SUPPER: Bridges Centre, Monmouth, Tuesday 16th April 7pm

ARCHDIOCESAN CHRISM MASS: St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, Wednesday 17th April 11.30am

DEC CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL: The cyclone swept through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, killing hundreds of people and affecting an estimated 2.6 million people. Donate at the Post Office or follow the link to [donate online](#)

| DATE | READERS | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | TEA & COFFEE |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 4th Sunday in Lent 31st March 2019 | Josie O'Driscoll | Maureen, Claire, Joan | Agnes & Erika |
| 5th Sunday in Lent 7th April 2019 | Maureen R-T | Mike, Christine, Lynne | Mike & Christine |

A BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners and friends of St Mary's and of St Frances of Rome who supported Monmouth Wyedean Catenians at the St Patrick's Race Night. With your support we have raised £2,482 for charity during 2018/2019: including £1,787 (British Heart Foundation), £160 (DEC Cyclone Idai Appeal) and £535 (Catenian Bursary Fund). To know more, please see Robert Derricott/Dave Andrews (Monmouth) or Pat Burbridge/Mike Bushell (Ross-on-Wye).

LENTEN RETREAT at St David's Catholic College, Cardiff CF23 on Saturday 6th April (10:30 am-15:00 pm). Contact Christian Mahoney on 07764 515864.

LENTEN TALKS IN CARDIFF - will be held at the Cornerstone on each Friday of Lent up to 12th April. All talks start at 1.30pm and are available with a soup and roll lunch.

PARISH CENSUS: A parish census will be carried out in April. Details to follow.

HEREFORDSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY: The next meeting of the HCHS will be on Thursday 11th April at 2.30pm in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey. We will hear the remarkable story of Jane Shelley (1545 -1610) of Marden. Visitors welcome. Further information from bmwarde@aol.com

CHURCH CLEANING: There will be NO church cleaning this week, the next church cleaning will be 18th April 2019. Many hands make light work!

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: meets next Sunday, 7th April at 4.45pm.



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

Happy Mothering Sunday to all Mums