

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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Second Sunday of Lent – 17th March 2019

Mass Times & Intentions				
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 17th March		Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Mandy Alexander	Monmouth
		9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	John Brazier	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	18 th	9.15 am	Special intention	Monmouth
Tuesday	19 th	7.00 pm	Bernard Baker's recovery St Joseph	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	20 th	9.15 am	Ellen & Daniel Murphy	Monmouth
Thursday	21 st	10.00 am	Gary Brazier	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	22 nd	*12* noon	Jean (Philomena) Rowan	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 LENT 24th March		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 to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please stfrances.editor@gmail.com (St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye)				

What could be more firmly founded or more certain than God's word, revealed in the ringing tones of both Old and 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 by his grace makes possible the acts God has commanded us.

The preaching of the holy gospel must establish the faith of all. None must be ashamed of the cross of Christ, by which he redeemed the world.

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 own shoulders all the weakness of our humility. If we are steadfast in our acknowledgement and love of him, in him we win the victory he won, and receive the reward he has promised.

Pope St Leo the Great

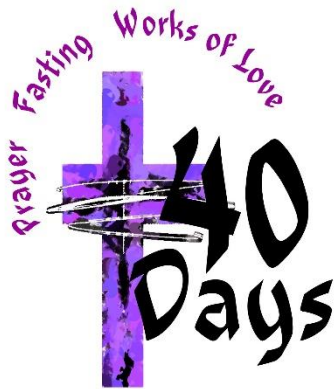
Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Aid to the Church in Need
£188.15	£286.37	£463.71

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.



SUNDAY 17 MARCH

**BRING AND SHARE LUNCH
& SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION**

After Mass in Ross
at (12.30) in the Parish Room
All welcome

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Ross: Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Monmouth: Friday 6 pm at St Thomas’

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Ross: Friday from 11-12 noon

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY – was Friday 15 March.

LENTEN LUNCHESES are held in Ross from 12.00 -1.00 pm every Friday through Lent. Simple bread & soup lunch in aid of CAFOD.

EASTER EXPERIENCE: In Lent Monmouth churches come together to enact the Easter story for local primary school children. Our part at St Mary’s is the scene of Peter’s denial. ***The Dress Rehearsal on Sunday 17 March has been cancelled*** It will now happen at 9.30 am on Monday 18 March starting at the Methodist church. Parishioners interested in seeing this re-telling of the Easter story are welcome to this rehearsal. (For those taking part, the start times with the school children are Monday 18th: 10.45 am & 1.30 pm and Tuesday 19th: 9.30 am, 10.45 am & 1.30 pm) For details contact Sheila on 01600 228 679.

RED BOXES: are due for their half yearly collection. Please leave them at the back of the church where they will be returned the following week together with a receipt. Income tax payers are reminded that they can gift aid the donations & HMRC will add 25p to each pound you donate. For a declaration form or if you would like to become a Red Box holder contact Martin Flach on 01989 763495 or martin.flach@btinternet.com

A LENTEN RETREAT focusing on how we listen to God at St David’s Catholic College, Ty-Gwyn Road, Cardiff CF23 on Saturday 6 April (10:30 am-15:00 pm). “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 10 am with 10.30 am start. Lunch will be provided. To allow us to adequately organise the event & provide a meal for all people attending, call Christian Mahoney on 07764 515864 or email christianmahoney2@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

PASSOVER (SEDER) SUPPER – 16 April at 7pm at Bridges Community Centre. Cost £6.00. Please sign form at the back of Church for catering.

LLAMAU EASTER EGG APPEAL - if you can help Kath please see the poster on the Porch Notice board. Thank you.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
16 March	Barbara Demi	Martin Milling	Mrs Cawthorne
17 March	Helen Quinn	Rosamund Vaughan	Wilf & Pat Tamplin
23 March	Anne Dunne	Anne May	Mr & Mrs Keyton
24 March	Elizabeth Cherry	Martin Flach	Diane du Bois