

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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Mass Times & Intentions				
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 14th April	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm		Brian Cookson	Monmouth
	9.15 am		Nonie Colbert	Monmouth
	11.00 am		People of the Parish	Ross-on-Wye
HOLY WEEK				
Monday	15 th	9.15 am	Leo & Hilda Griewosz	Monmouth
Tuesday *	16 th	10.00 am	Fitzpatrick & Phelan family	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday *	17 th	11.30 am	Archdiocesan Mass of Chrism	St David's Cathedral
SACRED TRIDUUM				
MAUNDY THURSDAY	18 th	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Susan Williams (welfare) <i>Watching before Blessed Sacrament – 11 pm</i>	Monmouth
GOOD FRIDAY	19 th	12 noon 3 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Monmouth Ross-on-Wye
HOLY SATURDAY	20 th	Vigil Mass 9.00 pm	People of the Parish	Ross-on-Wye
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 21st April	9.15 am		Essie Strong (welfare)	Monmouth
	11.00 am		David & Madeleine Grady	Ross-on-Wye
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 14th April 2019

Two models of Greek thought help Luke to explain redemption through Jesus. One is the idea of drama. Luke depicts the way of Jesus as a drama. This drama comes to a climax in the death of Jesus on the cross: "All those who had gathered for this drama and saw what happened went home beating their breasts." Drama was something that moved Greeks to the depths of their hearts. One doesn't watch a great play as an uninvolved spectator; one is drawn into it. The drama seeks to purge human emotions and passions. By depicting the heights and depths, the light and dark sides of human nature, and all the abysses of the soul, it leads to catharsis, to purification and purging. Drama changes people. When we look at the drama which Luke presents to us in his Gospel and above all in the passion narrative, we will be changed. Like those who saw it at the time, we will beat our breasts and be converted. We are to be moved in our hearts to go a new way, the way that really leads to life.

The second model that Luke uses to explain the healing and redemptive effect of the death of Jesus is the image of the just man. Jesus is the truly just man. The centurion doesn't confess that Jesus was the Son of God (as in Matthew and Mark) but that 'he was truly a just man.' Luke wants to depict Jesus as the fulfilment of the Greek longing for the just man. In Greek philosophy the good, the beautiful, the seemly and the just are the characteristics of the true person.

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Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Lenten Alms
£227.00	£283.64	£39.00

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, Pauline Collier and George Schandlinger and all members of our parish who are sick.

Please remember also all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.



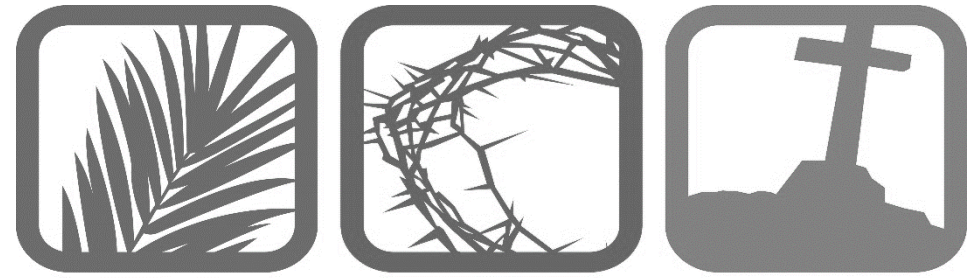
DEANERY SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION
(North Gwent) on
Monday 15 April
at St David’s, Pontnewydd

SEDER MEAL: Tuesday 16 April at The Bridges Centre, Monmouth at 7 pm

ARCHDIOCESAN CHRISM MASS: Wednesday 17 April at St David’s Cathedral, Cardiff at 11.30 am.

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.30 – 11.15 am (Ross-on-Wye)
Wednesday 7.30 – 8.30 pm (Monmouth)



HOLY WEEK

SVP Mass and Tea: Wednesday 5th June at The Bridges Centre

The Archdiocese of Cardiff in partnership with Rhondda Cynon Taff Council and the Governing Body of St Margaret’s Catholic Primary School (Aberdare, CF44 7PP) are looking to appoint a dedicated, inspirational Headteacher to assist the Governing Body in their goal of moving the school forward. **All applications must be completed using the latest version of the Catholic Education Service application form which is available online at www.catholiceducation.org.uk and should be emailed on completion to: paul.j.hughes@rctcbc.gov.uk or alternatively send via the post to Paul Hughes, Human Resources Unit, Ty Elai, Williamstown, Tonypany. CF40 1NY. Tel: (01443) 444554.** For school visits please contact the school to arrange a day prior to the closing date (12 noon on Thursday 18 April 2019). School website: <http://www.stmargarets.cymru/>

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
13 April 14 April	Glyn Jones Mary Boase	Bob Tomkins Roger Ruston	Shelagh Adams Mary Boase
Maundy Thursday	Elizabeth Cherry	Cath Coolican Smith	TBC
Good Friday	Frances Cloud	PJ Shaw Bob Tomkins	TBC
Holy Saturday	From St Frances of Rome	Bernadette Keyton Simon Durrant	From St Frances of Rome
Easter Sunday	Robert Derricott	Cath Sherrington	Babs Jones