

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

of St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 11 August 2019

THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Times & Intentions				
19 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 11 th August	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm		Kevin Murphy	Monmouth
	9.15 am		People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00 am		Bill & Ruth Harris	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	12 th	9.15 am	Baby Jacob Sprackling	Monmouth
Tuesday	13 th	7.00 pm	Mona Shaw	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	14 th	9.15 am	Frederick Colbert St. Maximilian Kolbe	Monmouth Ross-on-Wye
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION		***	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	***
Wednesday VIGIL MASS	14 th	7.00 pm *	People of the Parish	Monmouth
Thursday	15 th	9.15 am *	Special intention (Imogen Durrant-Kelly)	Monmouth
		11.00 am *	Mark Foster	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	9 th	9.15 am	Peter Kelly	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				
20 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 18 th August	Saturday 6.00 pm		Jadwiga Umieszczyk	Monmouth
	9.15 am		People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00 am		Mary Sellar's recovery	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)				

If we were to close our eyes to the Assumption we would blind ourselves to one of the most magnificent signs of God's wisdom, power and love. For our contemplation goes beyond our Lady in glory to rest in the Triune God who is the source of her beauty. Veneration of the Assumption leads to the worship of the Almighty. It is Mary herself who invites us to praise the Lord. For in heaven as on earth she sings:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of my God. My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." To venerate Mary in glory means to honour the power of God at work in creation. For this reason the Church in her daily evening prayer joins Mary in singing the Magnificat, giving thanks to God for having done great things to her.

Another reason that inspires us to venerate our Lady of the Assumption is that we see in her the most liberated of all human creatures. She possesses a unique wholeness. For she overcame all evil, sin, suffering, death and the power of the evil One. In her the Holy Spirit always reigns supreme. With the risen Jesus she is part of the new creation, an anticipation of the world to come, the first flowerings of the Church to be perfected. And so the Church sings: "Blessed are you among women."

Kilian Healy

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose plate
£146.50	£269.88

Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Humphreys, James Boyle, Simon McGrath, Billy Mann, Sheila MacEwan, Jill Lloyd, 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, Helena Machin and all members of our parish who are sick.

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

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ST JOHN KEMBLE PILGRIMAGE PREPARATIONS:

- Walking the route of the St John Kemble Pilgrimage to clear it will take place after Mass this **Tuesday 13 August**. Anyone who would like a walk with a little light pruning thrown in should let Simon Durrant know on sncd@outlook.com or let Theresa Kelly know at Mass on Sunday or just turn up anyway. Thank you.
- REFRESHMENTS will be served as usual after the Pilgrimage and Benediction in the parish garden. Can you help? Anyone who is prepared to help on the day and/or make sandwiches, cakes etc please sign the list at the back of church. The refreshments are always appreciated by visiting pilgrims. Thank you.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF SAINT JOHN KEMBLE

Next Sunday 18th August

commencing after Mass at 10.15am.

Pilgrims will be walking from Monmouth to Welsh Newton.

For more information contact the Pilgrimage Secretary:

Mrs M Walsh on 01600 713316.

All welcome



Pope’s Evangelization intention: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of human growth.”

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
<i>10 August</i>	<i>Anne May</i>	<i>Bob Tomkins</i>	<i>Mrs Cawthorne</i>
<i>11 August</i>	<i>Frances Cloud</i>	<i>Margaret Cowen</i>	<i>Babs Jones</i>
<i>Assumption 15 August</i>	<i>Glyn Jones</i>	<i>Anne May</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>17 August</i>	<i>James Mason</i>	<i>Diana Turnbull</i>	<i>Mr & Mrs Keyton</i>
<i>18 August</i>	<i>Elizabeth Cherry</i>	<i>Martina Davies</i>	<i>Juliet Sweeting</i>

