

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time 22nd September Cycle C Page 140	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	<i>Brian Cookson</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	11.00am	<i>Elaine O'Connor's welfare</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	23rd	9.15 am	<i>Benjamin & Teresa Rees</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	24th	11.00am	<i>Violet Sayce Funeral Service</i> Ross-on-Wye
		7.00pm	<i>Regan family</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	25th	7.00 pm	<i>Creation Mass</i> Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	26th	10.00am	<i>Private intention</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	27th	9.15am	<i>Bill Rowan</i> Monmouth
Saturday Mass at Usk Prison			
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time 29th September 2019	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Emilia Jovanovic (welfare)</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>Quinn family</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday from 6.15-6.45 pm; Monmouth: Saturday from 5.15-5.45 pm			
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			
PARISH ROOM HIRE: If you wish to book the Parish Room for an event please contact Ann McKnight: upperkern@gmail.com			
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25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 22nd SEPTEMBER 2019

A Prayer for the Earth

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor
and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey
towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. **Amen.**

Teas & Coffees

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



HYMNS

685

603

883

713

Last Week's Offertory 15th September 2019

Envelopes	£ 69.00
Loose plate	£ 110.17
Other	£ 22.78
Room Hire	£ 78.00
Total	£ 279.95

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

Anniversaries: *Arthur Robinson, Clare Battle, Mary Garrett, Fred Burns, Kalman Szlavik, William Flynn, Daniel Gerry, Anne Kitchener and Robert Weston.*

CREATION TIME

Pope Francis has established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of Creation Time, which runs until 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

Why organise a Creation Celebration?

To Celebrate - Pope Francis reminds us that our earth was here before us and it has been given to us freely, not to exploit, but to care for. We need to reimagine our common home – a precious gift given to us by God. Not just for ourselves, but for the world's poorest people and for those generations still to come. By coming together for a *Creation Celebration*, we can give thanks for the gift of God's creation - a gift we are invited to enjoy together.

To Talk – In order to overcome climate change, we will need everyone to get involved. The *Creation Celebration* is a way to involve your parish and community in a conversation about how to tackle the climate crisis.

To Act – Responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor requires drastic changes. These changes will impact on how we behave as individuals, communities and societies.

There will be a **CREATION CELEBRATION MASS** for both our parishes on **Wednesday 25 September** at **St Frances of Rome in Ross-on-Wye**. Mass at 7 pm followed by a shared supper. *All welcome.*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Christ has no hands but ours to do his work. If you are interested in helping others, contact Brian at brianj@svp.org.uk

CHURCH CLEANING will take place after the 10.00am Mass this Thursday 26th September in Ross. Many hands make light work.

DATE	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	TEA & COFFEE
25 th Sunday 22 nd September	Marie Clarke	Mike & Christine, Aidan	Kim & Claire
26 th September 29 th September	Joan Mason	Maureen, Aidan, Claire	Stephen & Janet

ALPHA COURSE: is being held at St Mary's Church in Ross-on-Wye from Tuesday 24th Sept at 7.00pm. The full course lasts 10 weeks ending Tuesday 26th Nov. Each session begins with a meal and fellowship followed by a video and discussion. There are no charges and everyone is welcome.

LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: There will be a new group beginning at the end of September for those enquiring about The Catholic Church. More details to follow.

BELMONT ABBEY DAY OF REFLECTION. As you may be aware from the recent advanced notice, the Padre Pio Prayer group had provisionally organised its annual Day of Reflection at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 28th September. Unfortunately, the priest who was going to lead the day is unwell and needs to rest for the next few weeks. It is hoped that the day can be reconvened during the month of November. We will keep you updated.



**FRANKFURT
Christmas Market
BIRMINGHAM**

**7 November to
23 December 2019**

Parish Outing to Frankfurt Birmingham Christmas Market, Saturday 23rd November
£12 for adults, £3 children age 5-16. If you would like to reserve seats for this event, pick up a flyer from the back of the church, and return the form on the inside by **Sunday 6th October**.
Contact: Janet Baker on mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com
<https://www.thebfc.com>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is offered during Mass every Sunday in term time. All children welcome.