

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR 1

1st December 2019

Mass Times & Intentions			
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 1 st December 2019	Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
	9.15 am	Barbara Baker	Monmouth
	11.00 am	Mary Sellar's recovery	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	2 nd	9.15 am	Peggy & John Dunne St Francis Xavier Monmouth
Tuesday	3 rd	7.00pm	Fitzpatrick & Phelan families Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	4 th	9.15 am	Health of Kevin Monmouth
Thursday	5 th	10.00 am	Special intention (*with school*) Ross-on-Wye
Friday	6 th	9.15 am	Stephen Lee 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			
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 8 th December 2019	Saturday 6.00 pm	Mandy Alexander	Monmouth
	9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00 am	Geraldine O'Shea	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)			

With regard to Christ, the law and the prophets and the evangelists have proclaimed that He was born of a virgin, that He suffered upon a beam of wood, and that He appeared from the dead; that He also ascended to the heavens, and was glorified by the Father, and is the Eternal King; that He is the perfect Intelligence, the Word of God, who was begotten before the light; that He was the Founder of man; that He is All in all: Patriarch among the patriarchs; Law in the laws; Chief Priest among priests; Ruler among kings; the Prophet among prophets; the Angel among angels; the Man among men; Son in the Father; God in God; King to all eternity. For it is He who sailed (in the ark) along with Noah, and who guided Abraham; who was bound along with Isaac, and was a Wanderer with Jacob; the Shepherd of those who are saved, and the Bridegroom of the church; the Chief also of the cherubim, the Prince of angelic powers; God of God; Son of the Father; Jesus Christ; King for ever and ever. Amen.

St Irenaeus

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose plate	Mission Appeal
£159.20	£223.33	£439.60

Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Humphreys, James Boyle, Simon McGrath, Billy Mann, Sheila MacEwan, Jill Lloyd, Esther Gallagher, Bernadette Price, Liam O’Keefe, Margaret Kelly, Mary Iles, Arthur & Angela Barge, Duncan Wills, Nigel Poole, Olivia Sherrington, Honor Houghton, Pauline Collier, George Schandlinger, Helena Machin and all members of our parish who are sick and those who care for them.

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



SVP - ADVENT TWIG: Those who wish to buy a gift or make a donation to the SVP are invited to take a label from the Twig and return their contribution to church by Sunday December 15th for distribution the following week. A selection of boxes in which to wrap a gift is at the back of the church. Thank you.

A JOURNEY WITH ST PAUL

Continues this coming **Wednesday 4th December** at **10 am** in Monmouth. Getting to know the story of our Faith.
Please bring a bible. All are welcome.

MONMOUTH & DISTRICT FOOD BANK - new volunteers are needed to help in the Food Bank on Friday mornings, once a month. For further info please contact Mike Brain via email info@monmouthdistrict.foodbank.org.uk or phone: 07960 579062. Or contact Anne May: anne@themays.org.uk

FIRST COMMUNION 2020: Parents/Guardians of children who will be eligible to make their First Holy Communion next year, please contact Fr Nick.

WINE TASTING EVENING on **Friday, December 6th**, at 7.30 p.m. It will be presented by Tom Innes of Fingal-Rock Wines. Entry, on the night, will be £12 per person. To help with the tasting, ‘nibbles’ will be provided! So that we may have an idea of numbers, please sign the form at the back of Church.

CHILDREN’S ADVENT SERVICE: will take place on **Sunday 8th December** at 3.30 pm. All parishioners are invited to come and join us.

HOLY HOUR IN ADVENT
 Monmouth – Wednesday, 11 December from 9.45-10.45 am
 Ross-on-Wye – Tuesday, 17 December from 7.30-8.30 pm.
 Confessions: to be announced

ADVENT JOURNEY IN WORDS AND MUSIC: Please join us at St Frances of Rome on **Friday 13th December** at 7 p.m. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Room.



The **Christmas Hamper Raffle** is a replacement for our more traditional Autumn Fayre. It will be drawn on **Sunday December 15th**, after Mass. Raffle tickets at £1 each are on sale at the back of Church. The need for fund raising is ever present to maintain the Church. Suitable items for a Christmas hamper will be gratefully received. Thank you.

WORLD GIFTS: are CAFOD's alternative charity gifts that transform lives. Choose a unique, virtual gift from £4 that will make a real difference to a family living in poverty. Leaflets at the back of church.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
30 November 1 December	Peter Field Mary Boase *	Jerome Vaughan Children’s Mass	Mrs Elizabeth Allcock Babs Jones
7 December 8 December	Val Field Chris Cherry	Sean Dunne Liz Alford	Don & Anne Harvey Juliet Sweeting