

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 16th February 2020 Cycle A Page 136	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>Esther Gallagher</i>	Monmouth
	11.00am	<i>Canon Paul Chidgey</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	17th	9.15 am	<i>No Mass</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	18th	7.00pm	<i>Service of the Word and Eucharist</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	19th	9.15am	<i>Service of the Word and Eucharist</i> Monmouth
		6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	20th	*9.30am	<i>Eileen Veale</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	21st	9.15am	<i>Baby Jacob</i> Monmouth
*Note change of Mass Time Saturday Mass at Usk Prison			
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Monmouth: Saturday from 5.15-5.45 pm			
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd February 2020	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>Jean Coley Welfare</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am	<i>Squires thanksgiving</i>	Ross-on-Wye
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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The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us? When we begin to take the lowest place, to wash the feet of others, to love our brothers with that burning love, that passion, which led to the Cross, then we can truly say, "Now I have begun."

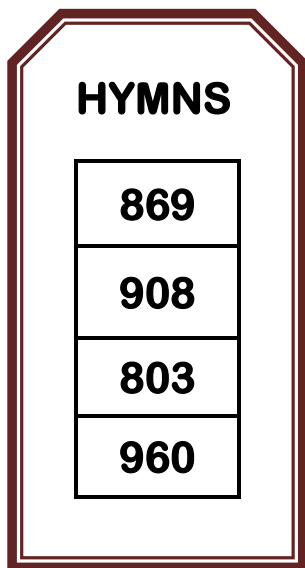
Day after day we accept our failure, but we accept it because of our knowledge of the victory of the Cross. God has given us our vocation, as He gave it to the small boy who contributed his few loaves and fishes to help feed the multitude, and which Jesus multiplied so that He fed five thousand people.

Loaves and fishes! How much we owe to God in praise, honour, thanksgiving! In our neighbourhood the church bells ring at seven, eight and nine o'clock. Every day we go to whichever Mass is most convenient, and a few stay for a while for a thanksgiving. Then at one o'clock or two, after the soup line is finished and the staff have had their more leisurely bowl, Millie rings a little bell. Those who wish, say the Rosary together, the younger kneeling and the older sitting. Ukrainian Michael sways while he prays and is usually ten words ahead of anyone else.

Dorothy Day

Please join us for Tea & Coffee after Mass
in the parish room. Newcomers & visitors are most welcome. Szívesen látunkgyere és csatlakozz hozzánk.
Sunteți bineveniți să fiți alături de noi. Witamy wszyscy.





Last Week's Offertory	
Envelopes	£ 72.22
Loose plate	£ 62.47
Other	£ 38.04
Total	£ 172.73

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, Dennis and Elaine O'Connor.*

Anniversaries: *James Johnston, George Walter, Kathleen Mardon, Margaret Weston, Rachel Lewis, Rachel Smith, William Balcombe, Margaret Webb, Rev George Hodges, Raymond Dawson, David McCulloch, Mario Abriani, Ray Smith, Alex Kiliti and Carol Orr.*

A JOURNEY WITH ST PAUL: continues on **Tuesday 25 February** at 10 am in the parish room at St Mary's, Monmouth.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION preparation will start at St Joseph's primary school at 3.30pm on Wednesday 26th February. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on the 17th May at 11.00am.



Please pray for the following candidates: Mia Abromaviciute, Tomas Anaerson, Eleri Bateman, Nathaniel Bateman, Rhys Bennett, Benedict Finlay, Maddie Hunter, Hector Hurley, Zinnia Hurley, Kristof Tokos and Lukas Vegele. Please email admin@stjosephs.hereford.sch.uk if you would like your child to attend.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - have taken over the pop-up charity shop on Gloucester Road until 22nd February. Please pop-in and support this worthy cause – in aid of new equipment and additional extra-curricular activities for our children so please pop into the shop and try and find some bargains during February! Any help will be gratefully accepted.

'THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT' - on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm. There will be a showing of the film 'The Sultan and the Saint' in the Parish Room. The film lasts just over an hour, with time for discussion over light refreshments afterwards. There is no entry charge entry, there will be a collection to cover costs.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY – We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

HEREFORDSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY - The next meeting of the HCHS will be on **Thursday 5th March** at 2.30pm in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey. Liz Pitman will give a talk entitled "Anne Denton: a Tudor tomb, a death and a commonplace book" telling the history behind the splendid family tomb of a Catholic family in Hereford Cathedral. Visitors welcome. Further information from bmwarde@aol.com

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) will be held at Ross Baptist Church on Friday **6th March** as part of Churches Together in Ross. The Service this year has been prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe. Everyone is very welcome to attend and refreshments will be available afterwards. Please make a note in your diary.

CHARITY RACE-NIGHT & ST PATRICKS NIGHT CELEBRATION – with all proceeds to "Aid to the Church in Need" is being organised by Monmouth Wydean Catenians on **SATURDAY 14th March**, with a 7.30pm start. Please see poster for details. Tickets available after Mass.

DATE	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	TEA & COFFEE
6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 16 th February 2020	Stephen & Janet	Aidan, Lisa, Maureen	Stephen & Janet
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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – Monday 24 February – Sunday 8

March. Calling all chocolate fans and fighters for fairness! For two weeks each year thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid. The Fairtrade Foundation continues its mission to ensure that all farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to earn a living income, starting with cocoa farmers in West Africa. Perhaps one of the simplest ways to support cocoa farmers around the world, is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY is offered during Mass every Sunday in term time. All children welcome. Witamy wszystkie dzieci. Mindenkit szeretettel várunk. Toți sunteți bineveniți.