

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9th February 2020

Mass Times & Intentions				
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9 th February 2020		Saturday 6.00 pm	Roy Munday & Roger Adamson	Monmouth
		9.15 am	Ann Evans	Monmouth
		11.00 am	People of the Parish	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	10 th	9.15 am	David Turnbull	Monmouth
Tuesday	11 th	7.00 pm	Private intention	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	12 th	9.15 am	Alison Potts	Monmouth
Thursday	13 th	10.00 am	Fr George Hodges	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	14 th	9.15 am	Dawn Mary Richards	Monmouth
SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 16 th February 2020		Saturday 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		9.15 am	Esther Gallagher	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Canon Paul Chidgey	Ross-on-Wye

Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com

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We are all work in progress. There was a notice on the door of the Dominican Filipino novice master: 'Be patient with me. The Lord has not finished with me yet'. I have many faces. I hope that I am not two-faced but I am not quite the same person with my brethren, my family, with different groups of friends. I do not have quite the same face in England as in France, when I am lecturing as when I am unobserved, with a benefactor as with a beggar, in the sobriety of the afternoon as after a couple of glasses of wine, awake as when I sleep. In India, it is said that when we sleep our face 'is the friend of the world'. None of these, I hope, are masks, but none of them are yet quite my true face. That I hope will emerge with clearer delineation before I die. Often when people die, their faces lose knots and wrinkles and their hidden goodness and beauty shines out. It had been buried by the struggle to keep going, to keep up appearances, to turn a brave face to the world, to hide fear and uncertainty. There is a Nigerian proverb: 'If your face is swollen from the severe beatings of life, smile and pretend to be a fat man'.

Timothy Radcliffe

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Gift Aid	Loose plate
£273.00	£328.79

Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Humphreys, James Boyle, Simon McGrath, Billy Mann, Sheila MacEwan, Jill Lloyd, 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.

THIS WEEKEND (8/9 February): The Catholic church will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to racial justice matters within the church and wider society. **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities.

SVP: The next meeting is this week, after Mass on **Wednesday 12 February**. All welcome.

THE TWO MARYS' COMMUNITY LUNCH is held in St Mary's Priory on the second Thursday of the month. The next one is this week on Thursday 13th February. Next month's date is 12th March. All welcome!

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

100 CLUB 2020 - Annual subscriptions are now due. £12 per number. Please put payment in an envelope with your name, mark it 100 Club and hand to Fr. Nick or Geoff Quinn. To join please contact Geoff Quinn on 01600 713728.

Eucharistic Ministry and Readers Rotas for 2020/2021: The present rotas expire at the end of February. New rotas will be published next weekend on February 15th to start on March 7th. New volunteers most welcome, please contact Peter Field Tel: (01989) 770330 or email: field.larksgate@gmail.com

CHARITY RACE-NIGHT & ST PATRICKS NIGHT CELEBRATION: organised by Monmouth Wyedean Catenians on **SATURDAY 14th March**, with a 7.30pm start at Whitchurch & Ganarew Memorial Hall. Numbers are limited. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes supper. Tickets available after Mass. For details contact Dave Andrews: 01600 712194 or Glyn Jones: 01600 775607.

THE EASTER EXPERIENCE: Public Performance at 5pm on **Sunday March 15th** - all welcome. There will be 6 performances for the primary school children of local schools: on Monday March 16th and Tuesday 17th at 9.30 am, 10.45 am and 1.30 pm, starting at the Methodist Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to all performances. Contact Mary Boase on 01600 715076 for details.

EARTH HOUR is on Saturday 28 March.

DURING ORDINARY TIME (UP TO LENT): we are asked to pray for these intentions: The Sick and those who care for them; Victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; The Unemployed.

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.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
8 February 9 February	Val Field Helen Quinn	Sean Dunne Diana Turnbull	Don & Ann Harvey Wilf & Pat Tamplin
15 February 16 February	Anne Dunne Hillary Gooch	Peter Field Cath Sherrington	Shelagh Adams Diane du Bois