

2 nd Sunday of Lent 8 th March 2020 Cycle A Page 155	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	<i>People of the parish</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>Jack and Teresa Walsh</i>	Monmouth
	11.00am	<i>Ruth Smith (welfare)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	9 th	9.15 am	<i>Special intention St Frances of Rome</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	10 th	7.00pm	<i>Fitzpatrick family</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	11 th	No Mass	<i>No Mass</i> Monmouth
		6.30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	12 th	10.00am	<i>Service of the word & Eucharist</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	13 th	9.15am	<i>Vic & Mary Williams (welfare)</i> Monmouth
Saturday Mass at Usk Prison			
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday from 6.15-6.45 pm and Monmouth: Saturday from 5.15-5.45 pm			
3 rd Sunday of Lent 15 th March 2020	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Jadwiga Umieczyk</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>People of the parish</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am	<i>Julian Thomas</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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St Frances of Rome

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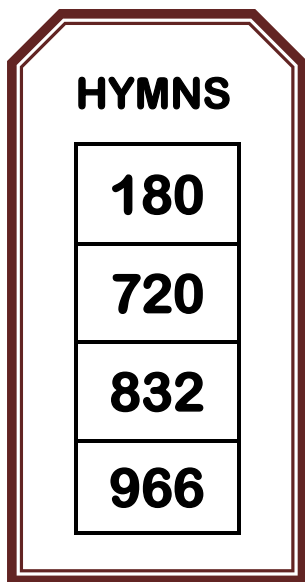
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Christ's example in dying for us sinners teaches us that we must carry the cross, which the flesh and the world inflict on the shoulders of any who seek after peace and justice. Constituted Lord by his resurrection and given all authority in heaven and on earth, Christ is now at work in human hearts by the power of his Spirit; not only does he arouse in them a desire for the world to come but he quickens, purifies, and strengthens the generous aspirations of humanity to make life more humane and conquer the earth for this purpose. The gifts of the Spirit are manifold: some are called to testify openly to humanity's yearning for its heavenly home and to keep the awareness of it vividly before people's minds; others are called to dedicate themselves to the service of people on earth and in this way to prepare the way for the kingdom of heaven. But the Spirit makes all of them free, ready to put aside love of self and assume earthly resources into human life, stretching out towards that future day when humanity itself will become an offering accepted by God.

*Vatican 11
Constitution on the Church in the modern world.*

TEA & COFFEE 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 wszyscy.





Last Week's Offertory	
Envelopes	£ 145.00
Loose plate	£ 108.74
Lent Lunches	£ 91.20
Other	£ 34.00
Total	£ 378.94

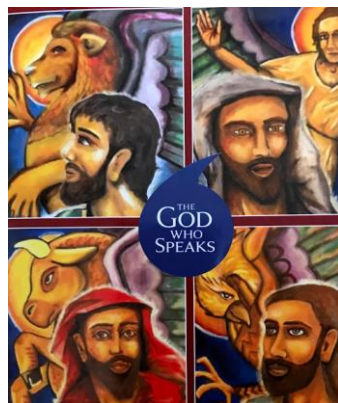
Sick Parishioners: Please remember in your prayers: *Ivan Merritt, Claire Niven, Paul Bennett, Bridgit Frankland, Roger Crosby, Janet & Andrew Baily, Eithne Holcom, Pat Fennessy, Ruth Smith, Honor Houghton, Kathy O'Connor, Dennis & Elaine O'Connor and Nora Hart.*

Anniversaries: *John Carey, Mary Moore, Charles Richards, John Savage and Patrick O'Neill.*

RIP: JULIAN THOMAS - Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace

THANK YOU – St Joseph's RC Primary would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped or donated items for the Pop-up Charity Shop in February. Great news, the charity shop raised £1,550 for the school which will go towards school trips, new equipment as well as funding additional extra-curricular activities for the children.

THE SAINT AND THE SULTAN film evening was a great success. A good crowd enjoyed the film, discussion and refreshments. The next event is on 23rd April - an illustrated talk by Mike Burnham.



DEANARY STATION MASSES:

North Gwent – Wed 11th March 7.00pm Abergavenny
Hereford – Tues 31st March 7.00pm Belmont Abbey

LENTEN LUNCHES will be held from 12-1pm on Fridays on the following dates: **13th March**, 20th March, 27th March and 3rd April. This is a simple bread and soup lunch, with cake and a raffle with all donations going to CAFOD. If you can offer help, or for more information Contact Bernadette. bernadette@meek@hotmail.co.uk

CHARITY RACE-NIGHT & ST PATRICKS NIGHT CELEBRATION – is being organised by Monmouth Wydean Catenians on **SATURDAY 14th March**, with a 7.30pm start. The Venue is Whitchurch & Ganarew Memorial Hall, in Whitchurch Village. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes Supper.

DATE	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	TEA & COFFEE
2 nd Sunday of Lent 8 th March 2020	Josie O'Driscoll	Joan, Mike & Christine	Lynne
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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – Monday 24 February – Sunday 8 March.

Fairtrade Foundation continues its mission to ensure that all farmers paid fairly to earn a living income, starting with cocoa farmers in West Africa. One of the simplest ways to support them is by buying Fairtrade chocolate this Easter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION preparation takes place at St Joseph's Primary School at 3.30pm on Wednesdays. For details: admin@stjosephs.hereford.sch.uk


POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

The Pope invites all people to pray "that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity."

HOLY HOUR
 Monmouth: Wednesday 18th March 9.45-10.45am
 Ross: Thursday 26th March 10.30-11.30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Lenten opportunities for Reconciliation will take place on 1st April at
6.00-7.00pm in Ross and 7.30-8.30pm in Monmouth.

100 CLUB – the 3rd draw winners are: £100 ticket 69 Alison Virgo; £25 ticket 11 Gerry Webb; £25 ticket 88 Agnes Charnock. Our Final (4th) Draw will take place on the 22nd March 2020.



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