

# St Mary's R.C. Catholic Church

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& St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 Cycle C	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	<i>Angela, Arthur &amp; family</i>	Monmouth
	9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	11.00am	<i>Honor's welfare</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	*10.00am	<i>Ellen &amp; Daniel Murphy</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<i>Bushell intention</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	*10.00am 6.00pm	<i>Deceased members, Thomas family</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation Monmouth
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	<i>Mary McCrory</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	*10.00am 6.00 pm	<i>Special intention</i> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> Priory Church Monmouth
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> *Monmouth: 6.00pm Wednesday with a visiting confessor, Father Richard Aziati Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday after Mass			
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2022	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am	<i>Michael Finnie</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am	<i>Elaine O'Connor</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: Tish at <b>St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye</b> , <a href="mailto:stfrances.editor@gmail.com">stfrances.editor@gmail.com</a> and Therese at St Mary's <a href="mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com">stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com</a>			
*Stations of the Cross – Monmouth Priory Church 6.00pm			
* Please note – Weekdays Mass times in Monmouth are now 10.00am			
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One of the greatest challenges of the spiritual life is to receive God's forgiveness. There is something in us humans that keeps us clinging to our sins and prevents us from letting God erase our past and offer us a completely new beginning. Sometimes it even seems as though I want to prove to God that my darkness is too great to overcome. While God wants to restore me to the full dignity of sonship, I keep insisting that I will settle for being a hired servant. But do I truly want to be restored to the full responsibility of the son? Do I truly want to be so totally forgiven that a completely new way of living becomes possible? Do I trust myself and such a radical reclamation? Do I want to break away from my deep-rooted rebellion against God and surrender myself so absolutely to God's love that a new person can emerge? Receiving forgiveness requires a total willingness to let God be God and do all the healing, restoring, and renewing. As long as I want to do even a part of that myself, I end up with partial solutions, such as becoming a hired servant. As a hired servant, I can still keep my distance, still revolt, reject, strike, run away, or complain about my pay. As the beloved son, I have to claim my full dignity and begin preparing myself to become the father.

*Henri J.M. Nouwen*

**Rest in peace** - Angela Hubert (Andrew's mother) , Michael Duncan Anthony Finnie (Janice's husband) and Fr Chris Fox MHM.

***Eternal rest, give unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

**Pray for those who are sick:**

Kathleen Robinson (Ross-on-Wye), Michael Hargaden (Monmouth), Bernadette Price (Monmouth), Caroline Walters (Ross-on-Wye), Jacob Sprackling (aged 2 1/2 years), great-grandson of Nell Tregaskis (Monmouth), Eithne Holcom (Ross-on-Wye), Honor Houghton (Ross-on-Wye), Elizabeth Allcock (Monmouth)

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Please note:** We are invited to keep Family Fast Day of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**SYNOD RETURNS:**

The gathered information from both parishes has now been sent to Cardiff. Many thanks to all who contributed. Special thanks to those who led the process – in Monmouth, Sean Dunne & Therese Warwick, and in Ross, Jon & Lindsay Wise. Their dedication and hard work have been truly impressive.

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God,  
We ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine,  
For their government, and all who suffer as a result of war.

Be with them as you stood beside your Son,  
Suffering on the Cross at Calvary.

Give them strength and courage  
Through faith, hope and justice.

May we, in our turn,  
Support them through prayer and generosity  
That human lives may be saved,  
That the injured may be healed,  
That the dead may rest in peace,  
That there will be peace after war.

Amen

**HOLY WEEK - 2022**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Seder Meal <i>Booking closed</i>	Bridges Centre, <b>Monmouth</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	11.30am	Chrism Mass	St David's Cathedral, Cardiff
<b>SACRED TRIDUUM</b>			
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Ross on Wye
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 noon	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Ross on Wye
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	<b>Monmouth</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30pm	Easter Vigil and Mass	<b>Monmouth</b>

**DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE**

The most immediate way to support Ukraine is via the CAFOD website.  
[CAFOD Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.](#)

**How you can help CAFOD:** As a UK charity, CAFOD can collect Gift Aid on the donations of parishioners. It is also part of the Disasters Emergency Committee. The UK Government has committed to match fund public donations through the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal up to £20 million. [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

The Lenten Alms collected throughout the Archdiocese of Cardiff will this year be allocated to the Ukraine Relief Fund.