

4 th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday 27 th March 2022 Cycle C	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	<i>Angela, Arthur & family</i>	Monmouth
	9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	11.00am	<i>Honor's welfare</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	28 th	*10.00am	<i>Ellen & Daniel Murphy</i> Monmouth
Tuesday	29 th	10.00am	<i>Bushell intention</i> Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	30 th	*10.00am	<i>Deceased members, Thomas family</i> Monmouth
		*6.00pm	
Thursday	31 st	10.00am	<i>Mary McCrory</i> Ross-on-Wye
Friday	1 st April	*10.00am	<i>Special intention</i> Stations of the Cross <i>Priory Church</i> Monmouth
		*6.00 pm	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday after Mass *Monmouth: 6.00pm Wednesday with a visiting confessor, Father Richard Aziati			
5 th Sunday of Lent 3 rd 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 St Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye , stfrances.editor@gmail.com and Therese at St Mary's stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com			
* Stations of the Cross – Monmouth Priory Church 6.00pm * Please note – Weekdays Mass times in Monmouth are now 10.00am			
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 27th MARCH 2022

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

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Sick Parishioners: Please remember in your prayers: *Eithne Holcom, Pat Fennessy and Honor Houghton.*

Anniversaries: *Charles Mc Loughlin, Horace Fussell, Ken Mais, John Fennessy, John Freeman, Sara Dale, Dorothea Abriani and Frances Schomberg.*

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Please note: We are invited to keep Family Fast Day of Friday 8th 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.

Minutes from the last meeting held for the Synod, on 15th February in Ross are available on the website. Should you like to comment you may email

synodstfrances@gmail.com or place in the box at the back of the church at Sunday Mass.

Tea and Coffee will be served after Mass, donations will go to CAFOD

HOLY WEEK - 2022

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

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE - The most immediate way is to support CAFOD at www.cafod.org.uk The Lenten Alms collected throughout the Archdiocese of Cardiff will this year be allocated to the Ukraine Relief Fund.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE -

Hello Everyone!

With the easing of Covid restrictions the time seems right to start up the Social Committee once again.

I realise there have been many changes within the parish since our last meeting so could you please let me know if you are still able to be in the group.

It is planned to hold a meeting on Thursday 7th April after the 10 a.m. Mass.

I look forward to seeing you then. *Jan Wheeler*

ECO GROUP – We are thinking to set up an Eco Group, would anyone interested come along to a meeting at the parish room on Monday April 4th at 7pm.

Earth Hour is this Saturday 26th, to show solidarity could people please turn off the lights at 8:30pm for an hour. For details contact Kimberley Howell at k_howell@hotmail.co.uk