

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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Fourth Sunday of Eastertide – 8th May, 2022

The Gospel of John presents us with original and beautiful images of Jesus. He wants his readers to discover that only Jesus can fully meet the most fundamental needs of the human person. <<He is the bread of life>>. Whoever is nourished by him will not hunger. He is <<the light of the world>>. Whoever follows him will not walk in darkness. He is the <<good shepherd>>. Whoever listens to his voice will find life.

Among these images there is one, ordinary and almost forgotten, which nevertheless has a deep significance: <<I am the door>>. That is what Jesus is, an open door. Whoever follows him crosses a threshold that leads to a new world: a new way of understanding and living life.

Only Christ can lead us to a new level of Christian life, more firmly grounded in, motivated and nourished by the gospel. Each one of us can, in the coming years, contribute to a church in which Jesus is experienced and lived in a more zealous and passionate way. We can create a church more like the one Jesus wanted.

Jose' A. Pagola

Mass Times & Intentions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 8 th May		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>Patrick James Walsh</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Private intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	9 th	10.00 am	<i>George Schandlinger</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	10 th	10.00 am	<i>Private intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	11 th	10.00 am	<i>Gerard Lane</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	12 th	10.00 am	<i>Armstrong intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	13 th	10.00 am	<i>Gambin special intention</i>	Monmouth
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 15 th May		Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	<i>Sheila MacEwan</i>	Monmouth
		Sunday 9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Bushell (thanksgiving)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Sacrament of Reconciliation				
From 5.15-5.45 on Saturday (before the Vigil Mass) in Monmouth From 10.30-11.00 am on Tuesday (after Mass) in Ross-on-Wye				
Contributions to the newsletter to: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com by 12 noon Thursday please stfrances.editor@gmail.com (Ross)				

Pope's intention for May: **Faith-Filled Young People.** We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Please pray for all those in our parish who are not well and would like to be remembered, especially: Michael Hargaden, Bernadette Price, Jacob Sprackling (aged 2½ years), great-grandson of Nell Tregaskis, Elizabeth Allcock

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father,

we ask you to send

labourers into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,

vocations to the priesthood, diaconate

and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,

so that those whom you call

have the courage to give themselves

to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

There will be a collection for vocations next Sunday.

RED BOXES

In 2021 we raised £545 via the red box collections for the work of Mission. Many thanks to all. It is now time to empty the boxes for the first time this year. Please bring your box and leave it at the back of church. It will be returned with a receipt the following week. As always, it is important to ensure that your box is emptied even if the amounts of small change are lower than previously. Income tax payers are reminded that they can gift aid the donations and HMRC will add 25p to each pound you donate.

For a declaration form or if you would like to become a Red Box holder please contact Martin Flach on 01989 763495 or martin.flach@btinternet.com.

MONMOUTH WYEDEAN CATENIANS

On **Saturday June 18th** we are holding a **Royal Ascot Race Night** at Whitchurch & Ganarew Memorial Hall. Doors open at 7pm for the first race at 7.30 p.m. Admission £5

Please bring your own picnic and drinks. Prizes for the best dressed Ladies. Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 7th May at both Churches. You can also get involved by buying a horse or a jockey – details to follow. All profits will go to the President's Charity.

This year the nominated Charity is Eastern Valleys Food Bank. Any questions call Dave Andrews on 01600 712194 or drop me an email davepandrews@yahoo.co.uk

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: *Pope Francis has released his [message for the 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#) on the theme "Called to Build the Human Family," and encourages each vocation in the Church to give the very best of themselves "in this great divine plan!"*