

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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

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Sixth Sunday of Eastertide – 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022

Mass Times & Intentions				
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE  22nd May		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		9.15 am	Nonie Colbert	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Gordon Amand	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	*****	<b>NO MASS</b>	*****
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Patrick John Walsh	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Donald Derricott	Monmouth
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY				
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00 am	Barbara Wareing	Ross-on-Wye
		7.00 pm	Private intention	Monmouth
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Rodney Chard	Monmouth
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE  29 <sup>th</sup> May		Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Special intention	Monmouth
		Sunday 9.15 am	Bertorelli family	Monmouth
		11.00 am	People of the Parish	Ross-on-Wye
Sacrament of Reconciliation				
From 515-5.45 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: <a href="mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com">stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com</a> by 12 noon Thursday please <a href="mailto:stfrances.editor@gmail.com">stfrances.editor@gmail.com</a> (Ross)				

Without doubt, holiness is our greatest ecological contribution. Without it, we shall never balance the needs and rights of our diversified world.

Holiness is restoration of order in its most searching and creative form, an unfailing source of respect for others.

The reason why Francis is such an appropriate patron for ecological movements is not so much because he preached to the birds and rescued worms from the dangers of the road, but because he approached all that is made with a respect bordering on reverence.

Beyond that, he preached reconciliation to us all: Let us love our neighbours as ourselves, he says and adds realistically: and if there is anyone who does not wish to love them as himself, at least let him do no harm to them, but rather good.

Put like that, it sounds minimal; put into practice, it would solve many of the problems we anguish over.

Living The Incarnation, Sister Frances Teresa OSC

**God seeks your faith, not your death. He thirsts for your prayer, not your blood. He is appeased by your love, not your death.**

*St Peter Chrysologus*

**REST IN PEACE: VIC MCGRATH** (Monmouth) & **BERNARD GREGORY** (Ross), Father of Claire Stenson. Eternal rest grant unto to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

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 and Elizabeth Allcock



*Congratulations to  
the children and  
their families who  
made their First  
Holy Communion  
yesterday.*



**READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF THE EUCHARIST**

Should you wish to volunteer to become a Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please speak to Father Nick.

**SOCIAL GROUP (ROSS):** The next social event will be a barbecue on 10 July after Mass. More information to follow.

**THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE (CAFOD)**

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

**WYEDEAN CATENIANS** are holding a **Royal Ascot Race Night** at Whitchurch & Ganarew Memorial Hall on **Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

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 on sale at both Churches. All profits will go to the President's nominated charity: Eastern Valleys Food Bank. Any questions call Dave Andrews on 01600 712194 or drop me an email [davepandrews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davepandrews@yahoo.co.uk)

**CRAFT GROUP (ROSS):** Meet in the parish room on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Parishioners and friends are warmly invited. £1 donation per visit, tea & biscuits provided. Janet Baker: [mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com)

**READING CIRCLE BOOK GROUP (ROSS):** meets monthly on a Monday afternoon in the parish room. New members welcome. Contact Erica on 01989 563463 for details.

**RED BOXES:** Last call to empty the boxes for the first time this year. Please bring your box and leave it at the back of church. 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](mailto:martin.flach@btinternet.com).