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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD JULY 2022

The saints are signs of hope. Heroic holiness is possible. God's grace is in us to triumph over fear and despair. 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us' (Heb. 12.1). Pagan Rome was deeply fatalistic. Our lives were ruled by the stars. But when the baptised took the name of a saint, they believed that they were touched by Christ's freedom as it had broken through in that saint. Usually we celebrate the day upon which the saint died, often the day of the martyr's courageous perseverance in the face of Imperial power.

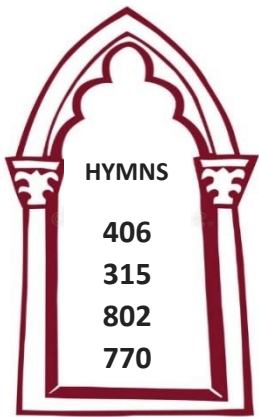
Our society also is tempted by fatalism. We may think that we are the victims of our genes, of our parents and their mistakes, of circumstances beyond our control, of the stars, of the market, of prejudice or whatever. And so holiness may seem impossible, as if we are doomed to moral mediocrity. But the saints witness to how God's liberating grace frees weak people like ourselves. St Paul says that he prayed that he would be freed from weakness, but the Lord 'said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." So I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me' (2 Cor.12.9). Also we ask for the prayers of the saints, that God's strong grace can work in weak people like us too.

Timothy Radcliffe

"St. John Kemble Pilgrimage."

The pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 21st August this year, gathering at the gate of Welsh Newton churchyard at 3.00pm. The address will be given by Sister Susan, SSA.

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time 3rd July 2022 Year C Page 105		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	<i>Rose Teiser</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Barge family intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	4 th	10.00am	<i>Bill & Maureen Murray</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	5 th	10.00am	<i>Joy & Tony Marston</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	6 th	10.00am	<i>Pauline Gallagher (requiem)</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	7 th	10.00am	<i>Special intention</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	8 th	10.00am	<i>Gambin intention</i>	Monmouth
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am Monmouth: Saturday 5.15 - 5.45 pm				
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th July 2022		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		9.15am	<i>Frederic Colbert</i>	Monmouth
		11.00am	<i>Paul Heaney</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to Tish at St Frances of Rome: stfrances.editor@gmail.com And Therese at St Mary's: stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com				
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Last week's offertory: Envelopes £95.00;
Loose plate £64.70; Other £53.54; Total: £213.24.

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick Parishioners: *Caroline Walters, Eithne Holcom, Pat Fennessy, John Cotterell and Honor Houghton.*

Anniversaries: *John McCauley, Margaret Winch, Laura Short and John Moran.*

REST IN PEACE: Catherine Cacciabue Dunne (Sean's sister).

Pauline Gallagher -Requiem 10.00am Wednesday, 6th July, St Mary's Monmouth.

Annie Scott (Ross-on-Wye)

ROSS FOOD LARDER:

The Churches Together in Ross and District Community Larder is a project situated in the basement of St Mary's Hall. It seeks to help individuals and families who are facing hardship. It is supported by members of the local and district churches, Ross Town Council, the Gazette, the Lions Club and local people. Donations gratefully received, please place in the container at the back of the church.

TEA AND COFFEE will be served in the parish room after Mass. You're invited to come and join us! Visitors welcome too.

THE ENVIRONMENT GROUP has postponed the visit to **Hopes Ash Farm, Hope Mansell**. A new date will be advised.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. JOHN LLOYD AND ST. PHILIP EVANS TO CARDIFF:

Monday 11th July 2.30pm Mass at St Philip Evans Church.

Tuesday 12th July 11.00am and 7.00pm Mass at St John Lloyd Church.

Wednesday 13th July 11.00 am and 7.00pm Mass at St David's Cathedral.

Speaker at all Masses will be Dr Jan Graffius, Relics and Historical Expert. For addresses and Processions times see the poster on the notice board.

CAFOD's new campaign is, "Fix the food system". The global food system is broken. It doesn't work for those who work the hardest and it's a major driver of the climate emergency. For more information go to: www.cafod.org.uk/food

MONMOUTH WYEDEAN CATENIANS

A big thank you to all the parishioners that came and contributed to our Race night. Also to Fingal-Rock of Monmouth who sponsored the event. We have collected so far £1301.00 from this event for our President's Charity "Eastern Valleys Food Bank". The list of winners will appear on the noticeboard in Monmouth this weekend.

ROSS READING CIRCLE BOOK GROUP meets monthly on a Monday afternoon in the parish room. New members welcome. To find out more please phone Erica on 01989 563463.

CRAFT GROUP – Meet in the Parish Room on a Tuesday evenings from 6pm-to 8pm. Contact Janet for details: mrsjanetbaker6@gmail.com

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST.

Should you wish to volunteer to become a Reader or Eucharist Minister, please see Father Nick.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY takes place in the Parish Room during Mass. Please come along for some colouring fun and learn about Jesus! No charge.

Come and join us at St Frances of Rome for the

Great Summer

BARBEQUE

&

BERRIES PARTY!

12:00 pm Sunday 10th July

** music **
** BBQ Hanks' finest burgers **
** BBQ veggie options * strawberries & cream **
** tea * coffee * squash **
*home-made cake stall * plant stall & plant swap **
** face-painting **

Tickets £2.00 (includes strawberries & cream and a drink)

*** FREE ENTRY FOR KIDS! ***