

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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

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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 10 July 2022

| Mass Times & Intentions | | | | |
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| 15 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 10 th July | | Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm | People of the Parish | Monmouth |
| | | 9.15 am | Frederick Colbert | Monmouth |
| | | 11.00 am | Paul Heaney | Ross-on-Wye |
| Monday | 11 th | 10.00 am | Private intention | Monmouth |
| Tuesday | 12 th | 10.00 am | Special intention | Ross-on-Wye |
| Wednesday | 13 th | 10.00 am | Gwen O'Leary | Monmouth |
| Thursday | 14 th | 10.00 am | School Leavers' Mass | Ross-on-Wye |
| Friday | 15 th | 10.00 am | Barbara Geddes | Monmouth |
| 16 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 17 th July | | Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm | Holy Souls | Monmouth |
| | | Sunday 9.15 am | People of the Parish | Monmouth |
| | | 11.00 am | Constance Van der Knaap | 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) | | | | |

The mystics say that God dreams a dream in all of us when we're born. God hopes that one day our lives will fulfil that dream. Most of us lose the dream as we get older, or someone steals it from us. That is why we cry – when we see the distance between the dream we were born with and what we have turned out to be.

“Life breaks everybody,” wrote Ernest Hemmingway, “and some people grow at the broken places.” But not all do. It is so sad to see the bitterness, the fretfulness and the emptiness of so many elderly people. The hurts of life, the wounds of failure, the pain of rejection, the bad memories of our past lives – all of these can destroy the soul.

The followers of Jesus say that even though, for whatever reason, God's dream may seem to have died within us, it is never completely lost. It can always be regained. New life can be breathed into it. At any age, the recovery of the dream is possible. At any age our inner divinity can shine through.

Daniel J O'Leary.

Monmouth collections for w/e 26 June and 3 July:

Loose: £489.71 **Gift Aid:** £217.00 **Total:** £716.71

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

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

Mon 11 July: 2.30 pm Mass at St Philip Evans

Tue 12 July: 11 am & 7pm Mass at St John Lloyd

Wed 13 July: 11 am & 7 pm Mass at St David's Cathedral.

Speaker at all Masses will be Dr Jan Graffius. **See poster in the porch.**

Rotary Monmouth Community Draw 2022

As has been announced, we have been invited to participate in the Rotary Draw.

1st prize - £250, 2nd prize - £150, 3rd prize - £75

Tickets cost £1, or £5 for a book of five
all proceeds go to the Parish

On sale, today, at the back of Church

SINGING ON SATURDAY: Last month we sang "Loving Creator", a song from the Philippines, as a prelude to Trinity Sunday Mass. This month (Saturday 9th) we are singing "If we are Living", a song from Mexico with the first verse based on Romans 14:8. It is 906 in our hymn book - do join in as you pick up the tune. New singers/musicians welcome. Contact Sheila 0780 740 9667 sheilamcrotty@gmail.com or see me after Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: in the Parish Room during Mass on Sunday.

Strawberries and Pimms Event

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy Strawberries and cream, with a glass of Pimms, on Saturday, July 23rd.

This will take place in the Presbytery garden after Mass on the Saturday evening. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available.

There will be no charge – it's a social event! Please come and relax for a while.

So we can have an idea of numbers, please add your name to the list at the back of Church

SYNOD 2023: NATIONAL SYNTHESIS: Following the immense work undertaken across the Dioceses of England and Wales as part of the Synod on Communion, Participation & Mission, the National Synthesis team have now completed their work. The National Synthesis reflects on Synod reports received from the dioceses, discerning the main themes that have emerged from the listening conversations, and collating them together to give a picture of the synodal process in England and Wales. To read the full Synod National Synthesis, click [HERE](#).

ST JOHN KEMBLE PILGRIMAGE: will take place on **SUNDAY 21 AUGUST**, gathering at the gate of Welsh Newton churchyard at 3 pm. The address will be given by Sister Susan, SSFA.

MONMOUTH & DISTRICT FOODBANK: collection box is at the back of the church. In-date dried & tinned food welcome. Thank you.

Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Welcomers: Should you wish to volunteer please see Father Nick.

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

FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM: [Take action now](#) and sign CAFOD's petition.