

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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

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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17 July 2022

Mass Times & Intentions				
16 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 17 th July	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm		<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	9.15 am		<i>Catenian intention</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am		<i>Ferdinand & Constance Van der Knaap</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	18 th	9.15 am*	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	19 th	10.00 am	<i>Margaret Bushell</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	20 th	9.15 am*	<i>William & Anna future together</i>	Monmouth
Thursday	21 st	10.00 am	NO MASS	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	22 nd	9.15 am*	<i>Barbara Geddes</i>	Monmouth
17 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 24 th July	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm		<i>Special intention (Sweeting)</i>	Monmouth
	Sunday 9.15 am		<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
	11.00 am		<i>Tony & Janet Baily</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)				

A more down-to-earth example is well illustrated in the close, even friendly, co-operation between the multi-national group of scientists and researchers – many from countries ideologically and politically opposed to each other – who are involved in the Antarctic Survey mission. Living as they do in one of the most inhospitable and isolated places on Earth encourages them to appreciate their common humanity.

As the world's natural resources come under increasing pressure, the experiences forged among this disparate scientific community tell us how pressing and important it is that we all – world leaders and influencers in particular – need to overcome narrow, nationalistic, territorial preconceptions and prejudices. Unfortunately, most such leaders succumb to the temptation to see leadership positions as the mean of exercising power rather than the opportunity to serve.

There is a word, *ubuntu*, taken from the South African Nguni collection of languages, which, translates loosely to mean “I am well if you are well”, thus conveying a sense of interconnectedness, of interdependence and human belonging which is fundamental to human spiritual need.

We must all work together to raise our sights and up our game in considering how we peacefully co-exist and how we cooperate in protecting the planet we share. In doing so, it behoves us not to ignore, but to consider the origin of the life we are all privileged to enjoy here.

Adapting for Survival, Tom Vaughan

MONMOUTH COLLECTION by Standing Order for the month of June amounted to **£1697.00**.

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

ST JOHN KEMBLE PILGRIMAGE

This year's pilgrimage will take place on **Sunday 21 August**. Walking pilgrims will leave St Mary's, Monmouth after 9.15 Mass – all pilgrims gathering at the gate of Welsh Newton church at 3 pm. As usual, prayers at the grave of St John Kemble will be followed by return to Monmouth for Benediction and then tea in the presbytery garden.

**** VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ****

- 1) To prepare the walker's route cross country
- 2) To welcome pilgrims at St Mary's church and to prepare and serve refreshments.

If you can help, please sign the list at the back of church.

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 at the back of church.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Kath Beavis would like to thank the person who recently left a large number of used stamps for the **Leprosy Mission** and encourage us to save our own used stamps for this good cause.

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

SINGING ON SATURDAY: 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.

SYNOD 2023: NATIONAL SYNTHESIS: To read the full Synod National Synthesis, click [HERE](#).

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: Around one third of all food produced globally is lost or wasted. That's 1.3 billion tonnes of food every year being thrown away globally. The land it takes to provide just the food that we throw away is bigger than the size of India, and the water it takes is equivalent to 300 million Olympic swimming pools. One study found that. In the UK, 9% of strawberries and 19% of lettuces grown ended up as waste. [Take action now](#) and sign CAFOD's petition.