

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

℣ St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24 July 2022

Mass Times & Intentions				
17 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 24 th July	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Special intention (Sweeting)</i>	Monmouth	
	9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	<i>Tony & Janet Baily</i>	Ross-on-Wye	
Monday *	25 th	9.15 am	<i>Boase intention</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	26 th		NO MASS	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	27 th		NO MASS	Monmouth
Thursday	28 th		NO MASS	Ross-on-Wye
Friday *	29 th	9.15 am	<i>Marian Demidecki</i>	Monmouth
18 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 30 th July	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth	
	Sunday 9.15 am	<i>Alison Potts</i>	Monmouth	
	11.00 am	<i>Bushell intention</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				
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Christian belief in the resurrection of the body has also always entailed disciplining the body and limiting its capacity to make insatiable demands upon us. The body has to be trained for eternity. It has to be firmly taught how to participate in the spirit's freedom and joy, for surrendered to its own devices it is a trap of frustrated and destructive desires and appetites. Catherine of Genoa held an imaginary conversation between the soul, the body and self-love, in which the body and self-love militate against the soul's desires. The soul makes a pact with the body – that they will have alternate weeks in which to satisfy their wishes – but then in exasperation the soul declares:

Of what use is my week to me when you so insist on your needs that there is no room for mine?
When it is your turn you want your week free and clear; but when my turn comes up, you find a thousand things to object to.

Tina Beattie

Pope's intention for July: For the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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

Strawberries and Pimms Event

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy Strawberries and cream, with a glass of Pimms, after Mass **this evening** Saturday, July 23rd in the Presbytery garden.

Non-alcoholic drinks will be available.

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

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: please see Father Nick to volunteer. Thank you.

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

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.

JOINT PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

The Vaughan family are kindly providing The Green on the Courtfield Estate for a joint parish picnic. Proposed start time of 1 pm. Further details to follow.

Save the date!

FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM: Five of every six farms in the world consist of less than two hectares (1 hectare = 2.4 acres) operate only around 12 percent of all agricultural land, and produce roughly 35 per cent of the world's food. So small-scale farmers are efficient at producing food. But the domination of huge companies known as agribusiness means that they often face little choice about what they grow or how they grow it. [Take action with CAFOD](#) to fix the food system.