

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye

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Easter Sunday – 21st April 2019

Mass Times & Intentions				
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 21st April		Vigil Mass 9.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Ross-on-Wye
		9.15 am	<i>Special intention</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>David & Madeleine Grady</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Monday	22 nd	10.00 am	<i>Miranda Villiers</i>	Monmouth
Tuesday	23 rd	7.00 pm	<i>Service of the Word & Eucharist</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Wednesday	24 th *	12.00 noon	<i>Gareth Williams (funeral service)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Thursday	25 th	10.00 am	<i>Service of the Word & Eucharist</i>	Ross-on-Wye
Friday	26 th	9.15 am	<i>Service of the Word & Eucharist</i>	Monmouth
Saturday morning Mass at Usk Prison Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monmouth: Saturday from 5.15-5.45 pm and Ross-on-Wye: Tuesday from 6.15-6.45 pm (N.B. NOT this week)				
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 28th April		Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00 pm	<i>Mandy Alexander</i>	Monmouth
		9.15 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>	Monmouth
		11.00 am	<i>Margaret Walsh (welfare)</i>	Ross-on-Wye
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Even today in the texts that have come down to us, we can see the joy of the first disciples on discovering that God had not abandoned Jesus. He has stepped forward to defend him. He has identified with him, forever dispelling any ambiguity. For Jesus' followers, the resurrection is not only a victory over death; it is God's own response, confirming his beloved Jesus and denying those who condemned him. This is the first thing the early preachers say, over and over, in the vicinity of the temple and the streets of Jerusalem. "You crucified and killed (Jesus) by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up..."; «Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised up from the dead» «The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree» By raising him, God confirmed Jesus' life and message, his plan for God's reign, and everything he has done. What Jesus proclaimed in Galilee about the Father's tenderness and mercy is true: God is exactly as Jesus described him in the parables. Jesus' way of being and acting are true to the Father's will. His solidarity with those who suffer, his defense of the poor, his forgiveness for sinners, are exactly what God wanted. Jesus was right to seek a happier, more dignified life for all. That is the greatest desire God holds in his heart. It is the way of life that pleases the Father. It is the pathway to life.

God has not only vindicated Jesus, he has also done him justice. God was not passively, silently watching what they were doing to Jesus; he has returned in all its fullness the life that was so unjustly taken from him. In the resurrection Jesus' followers can see God's wonderful response to the abuses that were committed against him. Evil has a great deal of power, but only to the point of death; the Jewish authorities and powerful Romans have killed Jesus, but they could not annihilate him. Beyond death, there is no power besides the unfathomable love of God.

José A. Pagola

Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose Plate	Lenten Alms
£249.00	£235.15	£81.46

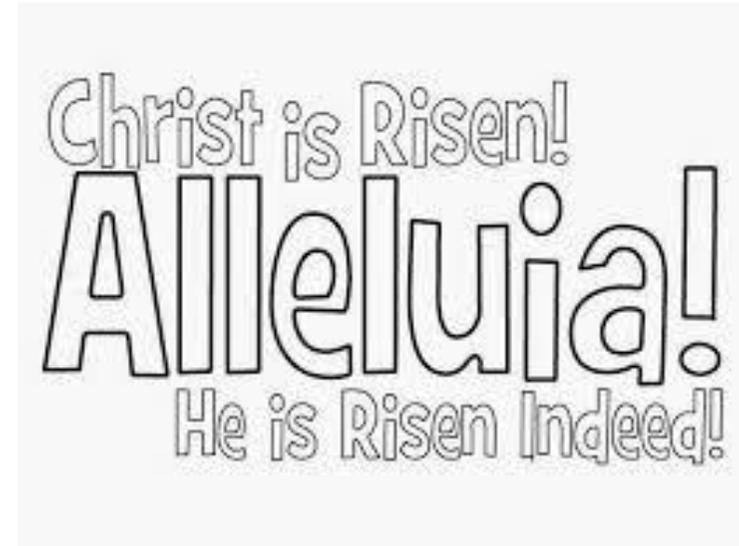
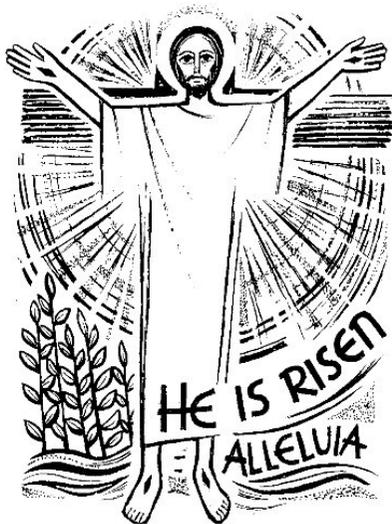
Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Humphreys, James Boyle, Simon McGrath, Billy Mann, Sheila MacEwan, Jill Lloyd, Harry Bradbear, Esther Gallagher, Bernadette Price, Liam O’Keefe, Bill Rowan, Margaret Kelly, Mary Iles, Arthur & Angela Barge, Duncan Wills, Nigel Poole, Olivia Sherrington, Honor Houghton, Pauline Collier and George Schandlinger and all members of our parish who are sick.

Please remember also all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

REST IN PEACE: Gareth Williams. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

SVP Mass and Tea: Wednesday 5th June at The Bridges Centre, Monmouth



“On this, our greatest feast, a truly happy Easter to all.

May the joy and purpose of Christ’s resurrection irradiate our hearts and homes.”
Nicholas James

<i>Date</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomer</i>
EASTER VIGIL	<i>From St Frances of Rome</i>	<i>Bernadette Keyton Simon Durrant</i>	<i>From St Frances of Rome</i>
EASTER SUNDAY	<i>Robert Derricott</i>	<i>Cath Sherrington</i>	<i>Babs Jones</i>
27 April 28 April	Barbara Demi Elizabeth Cherry	Jerome Vaughan Rosamund Vaughan	Mrs Kath Beavis Juliet Sweeting