

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Mass Times & Intentions				
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	<b>Saturday</b> 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>Monmouth</b>	
	9.15 am	<i>Esther Gallagher</i>	<b>Monmouth</b>	
	11.00 am	<i>Canon Paul Chidgey</i>	Ross-on-Wye	
<b>Monday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Monmouth</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	<i>Service of the Word &amp; Eucharist</i>	Ross-on-Wye
<b>Wednesday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Eucharist</b>	<b>Monmouth</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NOTE</b> change of time to 9:30 am	<i>Eileen Veale</i>	Ross-on-Wye
<b>Friday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15 am	<i>Baby Jacob</i>	<b>Monmouth</b>
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020	<b>Saturday</b> 6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>Monmouth</b>	
	9.15 am	<i>Jean Coley (welfare)</i>	<b>Monmouth</b>	
	11.00 am	<i>Squires thanksgiving</i>	Ross-on-Wye	

Contributions to the newsletter by 12 noon Thursday please to: [stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrc.editor@gmail.com)

Confessions on Tuesday evening in Ross 6.15-6.45 pm and Saturday evening in Monmouth 5.15-5.45 pm.

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The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us? When we begin to take the lowest place, to wash the feet of others, to love our brother with that burning love, that passion, which led to the Cross, then we can truly say, "Now I have begun."

Day after day we accept our failure, but we accept it because of our knowledge of the victory of the Cross. God has given us our vocation, as He gave it to the small boy who contributed his few loaves and fishes to help feed the multitude, and which Jesus multiplied so that He fed five thousand people.

Loaves and fishes! How much we owe to God in praise, honour, thanksgiving! In our neighbourhood the church bells ring at seven, eight and nine o'clock. Every day we go to whichever Mass is most convenient, and a few stay for a while for a thanksgiving. Then at one o'clock or two, after the soup line is finished and the staff have had their more leisurely bowl, Millie rings a little bell. Those who wish say the Rosary together, the younger kneeling and the older sitting. Ukrainian Michael sways while he prays and is usually ten words ahead of anyone else.

Dorothy Day

## Monmouth Collections

Gift Aid	Loose plate	Candle wall safe	Repository wall safe
£110.00	£273.83	£122.88	£9.10

### Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Humphreys, James Boyle, Simon McGrath, Billy Mann, Sheila MacEwan, Jill Lloyd, Bernadette Price, Liam O'Keefe, Margaret Kelly, Mary Iles, Arthur & Angela Barge, Duncan Wills, Nigel Poole, Olivia Sherrington, Honor Houghton, Pauline Collier, George Schandlinger, Helena Machin and all members of our parish who are sick and those who care for them.

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

The first to reach fourteen will be the winner – six legs, two eyes, two antennas, two wings, a head and a body. Or, it could be forty-three - it's very simple really. Fortunately, you don't have to be a mathematician. Come along to our **BEETLE DRIVE** next week, have some fun and win some prizes. The evening starts at 7.00 p.m. on **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** in the Parish Rooms. Entry on the night, £5 for adults, £3 for children. Bring your own drinks; glasses, pencils, paper and a dice will be provided.

**A JOURNEY WITH ST PAUL:** continues on **Tuesday 25 February** at 10 am in the parish room at St Mary's.

### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** – Monday 24 February – Sunday 8 March.



Calling all chocolate fans and fighters for fairness! For two weeks each year thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid. The Fairtrade Foundation continues its mission to ensure that all farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to earn a living income, starting with cocoa farmers in West Africa. Perhaps one of the simplest ways to support cocoa farmers around the world, is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa. While this doesn't immediately solve all the issues, keeping up the demand allows farmers to sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms thus increasing their income.

**Eucharistic Ministry and Readers Rotas for 2020/2021** - These rotas have now been issued to all volunteers. If anyone who has been expecting to receive one or both rotas by email has not received it/them, please let me know. Many thanks for volunteering. Peter Field Tel: (01989) 770330 or email: [field.larksgate@gmail.com](mailto:field.larksgate@gmail.com)

**THE TWO MARYS' COMMUNITY LUNCH** is held in St Mary's Priory on the second Thursday of the month. Next month's date is 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**CHARITY RACE-NIGHT & ST PATRICKS NIGHT CELEBRATION:** on **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March** at Whitchurch & Ganarew Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes supper, are available after Mass. For details contact Dave Andrews: 01600 712194 or Glyn Jones: 01600 775607.

**THE EASTER EXPERIENCE:** Public Performance at 5pm on **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>** and (6 performances for local primary school children on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am, 10.45 am and 1.30 pm, starting at the Methodist Church Hall). Everyone welcome. Contact Mary Boase for more details on: 01600 715076.

**EARTH HOUR** is on Saturday 28 March.

**DURING ORDINARY TIME** we are asked to pray for these intentions: The Sick and those who care for them; Victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; The Unemployed.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:** We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
15 February 16 February	Anne Dunne Hillary Gooch	Peter Field Cath Sherrington	Shelagh Adams Diane du Bois
22 February 23 February	Barbara Demi Liz Alford	Jerry Fox Diana Turnbull	Mrs Kath Beavis Theresa Kelly