

# *St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth*

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## *St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth*

*(A parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. Registered No: 242380)*

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### *Fifth Sunday of Lent : 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009*

The Eucharist is a drama in three acts, through which we share God's life and begin even now to be touched by God's happiness. Each act prepares for the next. By listening to the word of God, we grow in faith and so become ready to proclaim the Creed and ask for what we need. In the second act, belief leads to hope. From the preparation of the gifts to the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we remember how on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed it and gave it to the disciples saying, 'This is my body, given for you.' Faced with failure, violence and death, we are given hope, repeating Christ's own prayer. In the final act, from the 'Our Father' onwards, our hope culminates in love. We prepare for Communion. We encounter the risen Christ and his victory over death and hatred, and receive the bread of life. Finally we are sent on our way - 'Go and serve the Lord' - as a sign of God's love for the world.

Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

'Why go to Church?'

Collections for w/e 21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> March : Thank you for your generosity					
<i>Church</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Dev.Fund</i>	<i>Candles</i>	<i>SPUC</i>
Monmouth	£198.50	£184.35	£15.00	£32.46	£272.71
Llanarth	-	£181.72	-	-	79.41

**SEDER SUPPER**: is at Bridges, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.00p.m. This is the last chance for you to sign for the Seder Supper. List is in the church porch. (Maximum of only 30 places).

**CAKE STALL** : Palm Sunday weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April. The Social & Fund Raising Committee would like to thank all for your generous support for the appeal for cakes. Please bring your cakes to the church Saturday evening or Sunday morning, depending on which Mass you attend.

**PRAYER VIGIL** : Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30p.m. A Prayer Vigil outside the main gate of BAE Systems Weapons Factory at Monkswood on the A472 between Usk and Pontypool. (If travelling from Usk, it is on the left just as you enter Monkswood - before the Beaufort Arms). The service is intended to witness to and to promote the resolution of conflicts by peaceful, non-violent means. Please bring flowers to place at the perimeter fence in memory of people killed by weapons of war. Arranged by Penarth Christian Network of Campaign Against Arms Trade.

**TYNTESFIELD VISIT** - this takes place on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. It promises to be a great day out so book your place early £21.50 per person or £13.00 if you have a National Trust card. The coach leaves at 11.00a.m. and returns approx. 6.00p.m. Please complete your booking form and return it to Brenda Wills by 10<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.

**SMARTIES BOXES** - don't forget to fill your Smarties box and return it to the basket at the back of church before the end of Lent. Many thanks.

**CAMEO** [Come and meet each other] - The next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Priory rooms. The speaker is Sebastian Brookes, the local sculptor who is talking on his career and his latest work THE MEMO PROJECT. This piece of work is building a memorial to extinct animal species. Sebastian will describe his latest project. Do come and join us for an enjoyable evening.

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**: Our case for implementing the entire development project at a reduced cost of £240,000 was made to the Archdiocese last week. Details are available at the back of the church or on the enhanced parish website. We anticipate the Trustees' decision on funding the project by the end of April enabling us to start work hopefully in May. As usual at the end of every month there is a collection for the Development Fund for those who prefer to contribute this way.. The total number of parish pledges is now 70. **Your great generosity to date has been very supportive. Many thanks.**

## Our Faith: Lent & Easter

In Monmouth the Lenten Study Group will meet on Monday at 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Priory Rooms.

In Llanarth, the Lenten talks given by Bishop Dominic Walker at Llanfair Kilgeddin Village Hall will continue on Monday . 7.30-8.30pm.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MONMOUTH

Stations of the Cross will take place at St. Mary's Priory Rooms this Friday at 7.00pm.

**The Easter Experience** was a great success, with children from 7 local schools hearing and seeing the Easter Story. Thanks to all who contributed to our scene, especially Beatrice Brooke, the maid, and Agnes Charnock, in charge of the cockerel.

**The Good Friday Walk of Witness, 10<sup>th</sup> April:** starting in St. Mary's Priory Church at 1.30pm proceeding down Monnow Street to a short service on Monnow Bridge. All CTIM churches are involved - RC, Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, Wyesham Christian Fellowship.

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**Eucharistic Ministers** - Commissioning or re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers, for the coming year, will take place at the 8.00pm Mass on Maundy Thursday.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, remembering especially Barbara Geddes and her family and Robert Warner (Llanarth) who died recently and his Requiem Mass is on Friday.

**SPUC** : A letter of thanks has been received for the support and generosity of Monmouth and Llanarth.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mrs P. Hill	Mr. M. Hoddinott	Don & Ann Harvey
Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mrs H. Quinn	Mrs F, Cloud	Mr & Mrs Thompson
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Mrs A. Dunne	Mrs F. McGrath	S. Adams & Edith
Sun. 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Mrs C. Lamb	Children's Mass	Children of the Parish

**Newsletter Items:** Please contact Pat by mid-day Thursday for any items to be included.

## **Masses for week 28<sup>th</sup> March - 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 6.00pm	Maurice Allcock	Vigil Mass in Monmouth
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9.15am	Patrick Gallagher	Mass in Monmouth
	11.00am	People of the Parish	Mass in Llanarth
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9.15am	Teresa & Benjamin Rees	Mass in Monmouth
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 9.15am	Nellie Downey	Mass in Monmouth
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 10.30am	Mary Woodward	Mass in Llanarth
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 9.15am	All in Remembrance Book	Mass in Monmouth
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 12 noon	Robert Warner	Requiem Mass Lanarth
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	No morning Mass	

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation on request**

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### **Palm Sunday : 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> Apr 6.00pm	Derricott thanksgiving	Vigil Mass in Monmouth
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr 9.15am	People of the Parish	Mass in Monmouth
	11.00am	Special Intention	Mass in Llanarth

## **HOLY WEEK**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Monmouth
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Monmouth

### **Maundy Thursday**

9<sup>th</sup> Apr 11.30am Chrism Mass in St. David's Cathedral Cardiff

### **The Sacred Triduum**

Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Apr 8.00pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight,

Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Apr 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Monmouth)  
5.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Llanarth)

### **Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**

Holy Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter	
Easter Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Monmouth	
	11.00am	Llanarth	