

<i>Pledges</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Anonymous Donation</i>	<i>Total</i>
£2,969.00	£232.76	£800.00	£4,001.79

This brings the total 2008/9 Development Fund savings to £60,000 as forecast to the Archdiocese. It is a truly magnificent performance by the entire parish for the month and the year. Thanks to you all and to our anonymous benefactor for such splendid support.

Tyntesfield Visit -

This takes place on the 20th 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 11a.m. and returns approx. 6 p.m. Please complete your booking form and return it to Brenda Wills by 10th April at the latest.

CAMEO [Come and meet each other] -

The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th 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.

Children's Mass will take place on Easter Sunday.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 4 th April	Mrs Anne Dunne	Mrs Fay McGrath	S. Adams & Edith
Sun. 5 th April	Mrs Carmel Lamb	Mrs Frances David	Volunteer please
Thur 9 th April	Mr R Derricott	Mr Jerry Fox	
Sat. 11 th April	Mrs Kath Fallon	Francesca Keyton	Mrs Pat Munday
Sun. 12 th April	Mr R Ruston	Children's Mass	Children of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of the parish and also for Barbara Geddes who died recently.

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

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

He is the Passover of our salvation. He was present in many so as to endure many things. In Abel he was slain; in Isaac bound; in Jacob a stranger; in Joseph sold; in Moses exposed; in David persecuted; in the prophets dishonoured. He became incarnate of the Virgin. Not a bone of his was broken on the tree. He was buried in the earth, but he rose from the dead, and was lifted up to the heights of heaven. He is the silent lamb, the slain lamb, who was born of Mary the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock and dragged away to slaughter. Towards evening he was sacrificed, and at night he was buried. But he who had no bone broken upon the cross, was not corrupted in the earth, for he rose from the dead and raised us up from the depths of the grave.

Melito of Sardis on the Pasch

<i>Collection for w/e 21st/22nd March : Thank you for your generosity</i>			
<i>Church</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>CAFOD</i>
<i>Monmouth</i>	<i>£167.00</i>	<i>£185.84</i>	<i>£603.00</i>
<i>Llanarth</i>	<i>£151.70 + £61.25</i>		<i>£124.43</i>

Easter Cards: are available, to purchase, at the back of the church.

Prayer Vigil:

Maundy Thursday 9th 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.

The Good Friday Walk of Witness, 10th 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.

Hill Walk:

Simon Durrant and Frances David are organising a walk on the Brecon Beacons on Easter Monday. If you are interested, please speak to Simon.

Request from the SVP

A household in the parish, who work hard but are paid very little, would be very glad of the following: **A rice-cooker ~ a television ~ a video player**. If you have any of these items, in working order but no longer in use, and can spare them, please contact **Agnes Charnock**. Thank you.

Smarties Box- 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.

Masses for Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sat 4 th Apr	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass - Derricott thanksgiving	Monmouth
Sun 5 th Apr	9:15 am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11:00am	Mass - Special intention	Llanarth
Mon 6 th Apr	9:15 am	Mass - Mary Mercer	Monmouth
Tue 7 th Apr	9:15 am	Mass - Welfare of Kath Whittaker	Monmouth
	7:00-8:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Monmouth
Wed 8 th Apr	10:30am	Mass - Robert Warner	Llanarth
	2:00pm	Funeral Service for Barbara Geddes	Monmouth
	7:00-8:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Monmouth

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9th April

Chrism Mass	11:30am	at St David's Cathedral	Cardiff
THE HOLY TRIDUUM			
Begins at 8:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight. Mass Intention - Eric Coley		Monmouth
Eucharistic Ministers: Commissioning or re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers, for the coming year, will take place during the 8:00p.m. Mass.			

GOOD FRIDAY

10th April

3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Monmouth
5:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Llanarth
Please Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. - Collection taken will be for the Holy Places. 	

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Holy Saturday 11 th April	9:00pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
Easter Sunday 12 th April	9:15am	Mass - Special Intention	Monmouth
	11:00am	Mass - Mary Woodward	Llanarth

A reminder that the offertory taken at the Easter Sunday masses is a special 'thank you' for our Parish Priest.

