

Mass Times for Week 18th to 26th April 2009

Sat 18 th April	6.00pm	Mass - Annie & Sean Kelly	Monmouth
Sun 19 th April	9:15 am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11:00am	Mass - Mary Woodward	Llanarth
Mon 20 th April	9:15am	Mass - Machin Family	Monmouth
Tues 21 st April	9:15 am	Mass - Barbara Geddes	Monmouth
Wed 22 nd April	10:30am	Mass - Special Intention	Llanarth
Thur 23 rd April	9.15am	Mass - Holy Souls	Monmouth
Fri 24 th April	9.15am	Mass - Private Intention	Monmouth
Sat 25 th April	9.15am	Mass - Rev. John McLoughlin	Monmouth

Third Sunday of Easter

Sat 25 th April	6.00am	Mass - Stephen Dunn / John Stevens	Monmouth
Sun 26 th April	9:15am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11:00am	Mass - Robert Warner	Llanarth

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 11 - 11.30am

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

with

St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth

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Second Sunday of Easter 19th April 2009

Mary Magdalene and Thomas are balancing figures on each side of the appearance of Jesus to the disciples in the upper room, like the angels on each side of the tomb. Thomas is called the Twin, and his role twins that of Mary Magdalene. They both struggle with the absence of Jesus' body, Mary Magdalene because the tomb is empty and Thomas because he was not there when Jesus appeared to the other disciples. They are querying, searching people. They misunderstand the nature of his apparent absence and weep and argue. John shows us that this is part of their journey of faith. It is precisely because they are questioning people that Mary hangs around the garden and becomes the first witness to the resurrection and Thomas is the first to confess that Jesus is his Lord and God. And so our doubts are not signs that we are 'bad Christians'. They too are part of our awakening. We must not fear to question.

'Why go to Church?'

Timothy Radcliffe OP

Parish	Gift Aid	Dev. Fund	Holy Places
Monmouth	£167.00	£3,005.00	£96.63
Llanarth	-	-	£86.67

New Covenant Envelopes

The present covenant envelopes expire on 31st May. The new envelopes, dated from 7th June, will be available next week. Please pick them up from the back of the church. (They are boxed in alphabetical order but please note that the covenant numbers have changed). If there are any new parishioners to the parish who wish to join the covenant scheme, or who would like further information, please contact Pat. Covenants are a great source of income for the church at no extra cost to the donor.

Smarties boxes:

A huge thank you from the Social and Fundraising Committee to all parishioners who returned their Smarties boxes during Lent. The total raised was £225.65.

Tyntesfield Visit 20 April:

Sadly this event had to be cancelled owing to insufficient numbers.

Divine Mercy Sunday, rosary and chaplet of the divine mercy, Chapel of the Merciful Jesus, Bigsweir, Sunday 19th April, 3pm. Please ring Lynne should you need directions.

Development Project

There will be a presentation on the Development Project to all interested parishioners immediately after Mass next Saturday and Sunday. This is your opportunity to hear directly about our significant progress to date. All are invited.

St. Donat's Chamber Choir and ContraBand

An evening of European Music of the Renaissance period will take place here, at St. Mary's RC Church, on Friday evening 15th May at 7:30pm. ContraBand consists of four musicians who play a wide variety of early music on period instruments.

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. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers all the members of our parish who are sick and those whose anniversary occurs about this time.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat 18 th April Sun 19 th April	Volunteer, please. Mr Peter Field	Mrs Margaret Kelly Miss Clara Davies	Mr & Mrs Keyton Mrs Juliet Sweeting
Sat 25 th April Sun 26 th April	Mrs Catherine Close Mr. Aidan Browne	Mrs B. Keyton Mr Peter Field	Mrs E. Allcock Faye McGrath

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