

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth
with
St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth

(Parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. Registered No: 242380)

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
10th May 2009

The greater our faith in God, the more we will give ourselves to our brothers and sisters with a purer and more persuasive love. This is the dialogue proper to the kingdom of God. Furthermore, every authentic gift is always a form of martyrdom: a dying in order to give life - like the seed that dies and then becomes an ear of grain bursting with life. Every vocation is a renunciation for the sake of hope, like the day which comes to an end in order to bring about a new dawn. To dialogue with the world is to love it in God and to give everything - energies, time, and life itself, if need be - to the brothers and sisters. The most profound dialogue is the dialogue of faith and not of our human words. To dialogue is to contemplate God while carrying all that is human in our hearts.

'Once More from Emmaus'

Carlo Maria Martini

Collections for weekending 26th April

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Dev. Fund	Smarties	Flowers
Monmouth	£161.00	£157.42	£366.19	£18.54	£10.00
Llanarth		£158.21			

Collections for weekending 3rd May

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Dev. Fund
Monmouth	£141.00	£218.82	£155.00
Llanarth		£194.90	

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, next Friday 15th May at 7:30pm. The Choir will sing part of Palestrina's '*Missa Beata Vergine*' and other pieces by Palestrina, Josquin and Arcadelt with some European madrigals. ContraBand, which consists of four musicians, will play some early music with instruments - psaltery, dulcimer, bagpipes and lute.

Social & Fund Raising Committee

Two parish events are to take place shortly so please make a note in your diary:

- **23rd May** (weather permitting). Strawberries, cream and bubbly in the garden after 6.00pm Mass. Before the garden becomes a building site. No charge but donations would be gratefully received.
- **17th July** A Ceilidh with Mr Wheelock & Band with refreshments, at Bridges Community Centre at 7.30pm. This is one of the larger events being held this year, the Christmas Bazaar being the other.

With these and other smaller events, which we will advise you about later, we aim with your support, to raise around £4,000/ £5,000 this year.

Churches together in Monmouth

Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm at Monmouth Baptist Church. '*Climate Change: too late to act or grounds for hope?*' A presentation by Mark Dowd, TV presenter and representative of Operation Noah, a faith-based movement that campaigns for leadership on climate change. The presentation is being supported by Churches Together in Monmouth and by several local organisations concerned with environmental issues. Refreshments. Donations invited.

Red Boxes (Monmouth & Llanarth)

Will holders of APF Red Boxes please leave them at the back of the Church for emptying. Please make sure your name is on the label at the bottom of the box. Thank you for all your kind donations to the Red Boxes throughout the year. Without your generosity many people would not get the help they need.

Parish Development Project

In addition to funds we have received much encouragement with our project from the Archdiocese. The Vicar General, Monsignor Robert Reardon, writes: "The work at Monmouth is exemplary for other parishes". While Archbishop Peter Smith also wrote to say: "I commend you all for the way you are working together and very much look forward to seeing the completed development in due course." Many thanks for your personal support in so many ways including, most recently, as **VOLUNTEERS**.

Skenfrith Coffee Morning

In aid of Ethiopian charities, on 5th June. 10.00am to 12.30pm. Old Shop & Moat House. Plants, cakes etc.

LLANARTH NEWS

Skenfrith sharing group(s) - There is no meeting this week. The next meeting will be at 8.00pm. on Tuesday 19th May for Lectio Divina.

Pentecost lunch - Sunday 31st May after Mass. All welcome. Please sign up as soon as possible if you intend to come and/or you would like to contribute to the menu. Many thanks.

Parish day of recollection - Saturday 20th June - Details are now on the notice board and in the May news sheet. Please sign up if you would like to come. All welcome.

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

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 9 th May Sun. 10 th May	Mrs Anne Dunne Mrs Frances Cloud	Mrs Anne May Mrs M. Williams	Don & Ann Harvey Wilf & Pat Tampling
Sat. 16 th May Sun. 17 th May	Mrs Lynne Derricott Mr Brian Cookson	Mr P. Vaughan Mr Martin Flach	S. Adams & Edith Mr Brian Cookson

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

Mass Times for Week 9th May to 17th May 2009

Sat 9 th May	6.00pm	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
Sun 10 th May	9:15am	Mass - Haemmerli Family Intention	Monmouth
	11:00am	Mass - Eileen Pratt	Llanarth
Mon 11 th May	9.15am	Mass - Patrick Walsh	Monmouth
Tue 12 th May	9:15am	Mass - Teresa & Benjamin Rees	Monmouth
Wed 13 th May	10:30am	Mass - Mary Woodward	Llanarth
Thur 14 th May	9:15am	Mass - Val Phillips Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle	Monmouth
Fri 15 th May	9:15am	Mass - Michael John Waite	Monmouth
Sat 16 th May	10:30am	Mass - Special Intention	Monmouth

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat. 16 th May	6:00pm	Mass - Tommy Thomas	Monmouth
Sun. 17 th May	9:15am	Mass - Rowan Intention	Monmouth
	11:00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 11 - 11.30am