

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

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17th May 2009

As we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, we pay more attention to the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus. We see how his public ministry only began after the Holy Spirit descended on him at his baptism. 'Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit' (*Luke 4:1*). In fact, he was led into the desert for forty days of temptation. We also find that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we come under attack and are tempted in a way we had not known before. We see the connection between Jesus' baptism and his works of power. After Pentecost, the apostles understood this: Peter tells Cornelius and his household 'how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him' (*Acts 10:38*). We also pay more attention to the prayer of Jesus, and its Trinitarian character: how Jesus prayed to the Father, and how 'he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit' as he addressed the Father (*Luke 10:21*).

Extract 'Blazing the Trail'
Peter Hocken

Collections for weekending 10th May

Church	Gift Aid	Loose
Monmouth	£163.50	£228.87
Llanarth		£106.92

Social & Fund Raising Committee

Two dates for your diary:

- 23rd May Strawberries, cream and bubbly after 6.00pm Mass.
- 17th July A Ceilidh with Mr Wheelock & Band with refreshments, at Bridges Community Centre at 7.30pm.

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

There are still just a few Red Boxes outstanding. Please bring them to church as soon as possible. Many thanks for your help.

WEEKDAY MASSES during the work on the Church

While we hope to use the Chapel of the Boys' School for Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning, weekday Mass will be subject to different arrangements. It is hoped to celebrate one weekly house mass in a different part of the parish - probably on Thursday evening. If you could help by offering the use of your home, please sign the list at the back of Church.

Genesis & Us

The second discussion, led by Roger Ruston and based on the Genesis account of creation, read in interaction with developing science, will be held in St. Mary's Priory at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th May.

SVP Meeting

Next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st May in the Flower Room, after morning Mass.

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

Faith sharing group(s) - The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 19th May for Lectio Divina at Church Farm, Llanarth. All welcome.

Pentecost lunch - This will be held on 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.

Parish day of recollection - Saturday 20th June at Lindors Country House Hotel (in the Wye Valley south of Monmouth). Father Nicholas will lead the day and the theme will be the Holy Spirit in our lives. The cost is £18.50 per person which includes tea, coffee and two course lunch. Please sign up if you would like to come. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth'.

"A Journey with St. Paul" - Church Farm, on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm

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. 16 th May Sun. 17 th May	Mrs Lynne Derricott Mr Brian Cookson	Mr P. Vaughan Mr Martin Flach	S.Adams & E.Badham Mr Brian Cookson
Sat. 23 rd May Sun. 24 th May	Mrs Catherine Close Mrs Hilary Gooch	Mrs Lesley Vessey Mr J.Hunter-Johnson	Mrs Pat Munday Mrs Mary Boase

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

Mass Times for Week 16th May to 24th May 2009

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
Mon 18 th May	9.15am	Mass - Terry Fanning	Monmouth
Tue 19 th May	9:15am	Mass - Special Intention	Monmouth
Wed 20 th May	10:30am	Mass - Norie & Frederick Colbert	Llanarth
Thur 21 st May	9:15am	Mass - Michelle Oglivie Forbes	Monmouth
Fri 22 nd May	9:15am	Eucharistic Service	Monmouth
Sat 23 rd May	10:30am	Mass - Val Phillips Dedication of the Cathedral Church	Monmouth

The Ascension of the Lord World Communications Day

Sat. 23 rd May	6:00pm	Mass - Barbara Geddes Mary Hargaden	Monmouth
Sun. 24 th May	9:15am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11:00am	Mass - Geizel Williams	Llanarth

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 11 - 11.30am