

*St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth
and
St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth*

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The pre-eminent object of evangelization is the person of Jesus. Therefore every definition of the content of evangelization, as well as every new proposal of a way of evangelizing, must be judged by comparison with the reality as found in Christ the Lord. He is the perennial point of comparison. Consequently, all descriptions of the content of evangelization are insufficient if they refer only to a human situation which has been changed or is to be changed, while omitting any substantive reference to the Author of this change, namely, Christ, and to the transcendent character of the change, which is the work which God accomplishes through faith, repentance, conversion, and the gift of the Spirit. A sermon concerned solely with a human situation to be changed may be a philosophical and social sermon, but it is not evangelization, since it makes no substantive reference to him who changes the situation, namely, Jesus Christ, and to the transcendent character of the change, which consists not in a relation between a cause - which we introduce - and an effect - which we expect according to human norms - but in conversion, faith, acceptance of the evangelical rule of humility and peace, and the transforming gift of the Spirit.

*'Once More from Emmaus'
Carlo Maria Martini*

Collections for week ending 17th May

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Concert	Papers	Candles	Repos	Dev.Fund
Monmouth	£167.00	£162.50	£124.77	£104.35	£46.78	£58.40	£5.00
Llanarth		£194.36					

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.

Dates for your Diary

- 28th May (Thursday) at St. Mary's Priory at 7.30pm. The second discussion, led by Roger Ruston and based on the *Genesis* account of creation, read in interaction with developing science.
- 3rd June (Wednesday) at Monmouth Baptist Church. Presentation by Mark Dowd, TV presenter and representative of Operation Noah, a faith-based movement that campaigns for leadership on climate change. Supported by Churches Together in Monmouth and several local organisations concerned with environmental issues. Refreshments. Donations invited.
- 5th June Skenfrith Coffee Morning 10.00am to 12.30pm. Old Shop and Moat House. Plants, cakes etc.
- 17th July. A Ceilidh with Mr Wheelock & Band, with refreshments, at Bridges Community Centre at 7.30pm.
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An evening of Andalusian dance, song and guitar

A flamenco group, Jaleo, will be performing at the Borough Theatre, Abergavenny at 7:30 p.m. on Friday 19th June. Tickets cost £14 (concessions £12). This could be an opportunity for those going on the pilgrimage to Andalucia to spend an enjoyable evening together in preparation for our trip in October. However, anyone else who is interested would also be very welcome. If you would like to come please contact Julie Lunt - tel: 01873 880776 or e-mail: julie@julielunt.co.uk by Friday 5th June.

Parish Development Project

Effective 1 June Anthony Davies of Abergavenny is appointed the main contractor for the presbytery and communal area, Thomas Brown for the electrical work and Don Charles & Peter Smith as the church decorators.

The normal monthly collection for the development fund is due next weekend immediately prior to commencement of the works. All your contributions and support as volunteers for moving, painting and cleaning are necessary for the success of the project and much appreciated. Thank you.

CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other):

The next meeting of Cameo is on Tuesday, 2nd June at 7.30pm. in the Priory Rooms. As this is the last meeting until after the summer, it will be a social occasion to welcome our parishioner friends from the Philippines, who will share with us the unique culture of their homeland. Please come! Everyone is welcome.

LLANARTH NEWS

Faith sharing group(s) - The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 26th May for 'A Journey with St Paul' at Church Farm, Llanarth. All welcome. Please note that we will be meeting in the house this week rather than the 'cowshed' as normal. Lectio Divina will be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd June.

Pentecost lunch - This will be held next Sunday, the 31st May, after Mass. All welcome. Thank you to everybody who has already offered to bring items for our meal together. We still have some gaps on the menu, so if you can help please sign the revised list at the back of the church. On Sunday, please bring items to the main house before Mass so we can set up. If you would like to come and haven't signed up yet, it's not too late!

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'.

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. 23 rd May Sun. 24 th May	Mrs C. Close Mrs Hilary Gooch	Mrs Lesley Vessey Mr J.Hunter-Johnson	Mrs Pat Munday Mrs Mary Boase
Sat. 30 th May Sun. 31 st May	Mrs Frances David Mr Peter Field	Mrs B. Keyton Mrs Margaret Johns	Mr & Mrs Keyton Mrs Frances David

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

A 'relief' typist is urgently required for typing the Newsletter when Pat Munday is not available (holidays etc). Please contact Pat or advise Father.

Mass Times for Week 23rd May to 31st May 2009

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
Mon 25 th May	10.00am	Mass - Special Intention	Monmouth
Tue 26 th May	9:15am	Mass - Private Intention	Monmouth
Wed 27 th May	10:30am	Mass - Thanksgiving (Cheadle)	Llanarth
Thur 28 th May	9:15am	Mass - Holy Souls	Monmouth
Fri 29 th May	9:15am	Mass - Donald Derricott	Monmouth
Sat 30 th May	10:30am	Mass - Private Intention	Monmouth

(Please note change of Mass time on Monday)

Pentecost Sunday

Sat.30 th May	6:00pm	Mass - Clement Mossop	Monmouth
Sun. 31 st May	9:15am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11:00am	Mass - Robert Warner	Llanarth

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 11 - 11.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

during the 'vacation' of the Church

From 1st June until we return to the church in August, weekday Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	9.30am	Bridges Centre
Wednesday	10.30am	Llanarth
Thursday	7.30pm	House Mass (Venue to be advised each week)
Friday	10.30am	Llanarth
Saturday	No morning Mass	