

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

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

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Pentecost Sunday

31st May 2009

The approach of the Holy Spirit is gentle, his presence fragrant, his yoke very light; rays of light and knowledge shine forth before him as he comes. He comes with the heart of a true protector; he comes to save, to heal, to teach, to admonish, to strengthen, to console, to enlighten the mind, first of the man who receives him, then through him the minds of others also.

As a man previously in darkness, suddenly seeing the sun, receives his sight and sees clearly what he did not see before, so the man deemed worthy of the Holy Spirit is enlightened in soul and sees beyond the power of human sight what he did not know before.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Dates for your Diary

- **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.
- **17th July**. A Ceilidh with Mr Wheelock & Band, with refreshments, at Bridges Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Genesis & Us

The next meeting/discussion will be held in St. Mary's Priory at 7.30pm on Thursday next (4th June). This will follow immediately after Mass which will start at 7.00pm.

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 Andalusia 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 by Friday 5th June.

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

Fund Raising & Social Committee

Saturday night in the garden, which looked beautiful thanks to Frances David and team, was the last for a while. The sun shone and we all had a jolly good evening with our strawberries and bubbly. It was a very memorable night, with Father Nicholas' blessing ceremony of the rose bush planted by the Committee in recognition of Heather Hoddinott's many years of work for the Parish and particularly for the Fund Raising and Social Committee. Many thanks for the donations received, amounting to £300. We do appreciate your generosity very much.

Skenfrith Coffee Morning

Friday 5th June. 10.00am to 12.30pm at Moat House and Old Shop. Both houses are beside the castle. Plants, cakes and open gardens. The proceeds will be divided between a medical charity and the very needy parish of Fr Haydom in the diocese of Adigat, visited by Fr Nicholas in 2007.

Parish Development Project

Now the work is starting the Jeanne Bisgood Trust has donated £5,000, as promised. As usual at the end of the month there will be a second collection for the development fund this weekend. We wish to thank you and the trust for your tremendous support.

Message from the SVP

This year the **Parish Community Mass and Tea** will be held at Bridges Community Centre on Tuesday 7th July at 2.30 p.m. This event is organised primarily for people who find it too difficult to get to church, but **all** parishioners and their friends are welcome. There will be **more details soon** but, in the meantime, if you know of someone who doesn't know about this Mass and tea, and would like to come, please tell us. Contact P-J Shaw.

LLANARTH NEWS

Please see 'Llanarth Monthly Newsletter - June'

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. 30 th May Sun. 31 st May	Mrs Frances David Mr Peter Field	Mrs B. Keyton Mrs M, Johns	Mr & Mrs Keyton Mr & Mrs Thompson
Sat. 6 th June Sun. 7 th June	Mrs Kath Fallon Mrs Carmel Lamb	Mrs E. Allcock Children's Mass	Mrs Elizabeth Allcock Children of the Parish

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

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 30th May to 7th June 2009

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
Mon 1 st June	No Mass Feast of St. Justin		
Tue 2 nd June	9:30am	Mass - Mark Swirles Welfare	Bridges Centre (Wye Room)
Wed 3 rd June	10:30am	Mass - Special Intention Ss Charles Lwanga & Companians	Llanarth
Thur 4 th June	7.00pm	Mass - Special Intention	St. Mary's Priory
Fri 5 th June	10.30am	Mass - Eileen & Pat O'Brien St. Boniface	Llanarth
Sat 6 th June	No Morning Mass		

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sat. 6 th June	6:00pm	Mass - Stuart Brock	Monmouth Boys School
Sun. 7 th June	9:15am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth Boys School
	11:00am	Mass - Robert Warner	Llanarth

Please note daily venues and change of times during the 'vacation' of the church

Directions for Llanarth Church:

Leave Monmouth on A40 dual carriageway travelling through tunnel, "Services' on left and shortly afterwards take left slip lane onto A40 dual carriageway for Raglan/Abergavenny. Raglan Castle on right hand side, then, at first roundabout, take 4th turning, (marked Clytha) that is the turning after the continuation of A40 dual carriageway.

Continue on unnumbered road passing Raglan Garden Centre (left hand side), carry on to Clytha Arms (on right), down hill (about half a mile) take right turn for Llanarth. After about a mile you will see in front of you an imposing archway into Llanarth Court grounds continue on this private road (beware the 'sleeping policemen') eventually taking a right fork to the car park in front of the imposing former Estate House/Catholic School and to the steps leading down to the church.