

Mass Times for Week 11th to 19th July 2009

Sat. 11 th July	6.00pm	Mass - Peter David Thomas	Monmouth Boys School
Sun. 12 th July	9.15am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth Boys School
	11.00am	Mass - Billy McCarthy	Llanarth
Tue 14 th July	9:30am	Mass - Catherine Hickman	Bridges Centre
Wed 15 th July	10:30am	Mass - Allcock Intention (Lisa)	Llanarth
Thur 16 th July	7.30pm	Mass - Special Intention	Lower Cwm Farm Welsh Newton
Fri 17 th July	12.30pm	Requiem Mass Nadzieja Zofia Leliedowicz	Monmouth Boys School
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sat 18 th July	6.00pm	Mass - Kate Gallagher	Monmouth Boys School
Sun 19 th July	9.15am	Mass - Private Intention (Sherrington)	Monmouth Boys School
	11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth

Please remember in your prayers all the members of our parish who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We pray especially for the happy repose of the souls of Nadzieja Zofia Leliedowicz of Old Dixton Road, Monmouth and Wendy Sweeting, (sister-in-law of David Sweeting) who both died during the week. Also Catherine Hickman (friend of the Dunne Family) who died tragically in the recent fire in London. May they all rest in peace.

House Mass

This week the House Mass will be at the home of Margaret Kelly.

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

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15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sea Sunday

12th July 2009

I remember a story about an American football coach called Guy Lombardi. His team had plummeted from the top of the league. The previous season they had dazzled the country with the magic and sophistication of their passing strategies and scoring techniques. Now they had lost the plot completely. He called them together and settled them down. 'Let us begin at the beginning. This', he explained, 'is a football. And these', he said, 'are your legs and arms. Now the aim is to get that ball, using your legs and arms from one side of the field to the other.'

Where do we find a simple but profound strategy for bringing the Mass to life? How do we reveal new depths to its mystery? A deeper understanding is reached, I feel sure, when we connect what we do around the altar with what we are doing each day of our lives. We celebrate the Eucharist so as to never forget its implications for our ordinary routines and chores. I see the Mass as the 'colouring in' of the pale outlines of the lives we bring to it. I see it as revealing the true worth of all that is going on within us and around us - disclosing and celebrating the hidden presence of God in the midst of the most common things.

Already Within
Daniel J. O'Leary

Collections for week ending 5th July

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Dev. Fund
Monmouth	£102.00	£212.60	£80.00
Llanarth		£241.90	

Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)

Today (12th July) is Sea Sunday and at the end of each Mass there will be a short appeal, and a collection, on behalf of the Apostleship of the Sea. AoS is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. The Apostleship of the Sea reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care. AoS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need. Please give generously, and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

Ceilidh

To be held next Friday, 17th July, with Mr Wheelock & Band, at Bridges Community Centre at 7.30pm. This will be our biggest fund raiser of the year. Adults £10, Youths 12/18 years £5 and children under 12 free. Ideally we need to sell 100 tickets so please ask your family and friends to come along. Our thanks go to all those who have bought tickets but are unable to come, but it would be nice if we could have as many people on the night to fill the hall. There is good food, drink, raffle and you could just sit and enjoy the entertainment. Please try to come, tickets available after Mass today or on the night, also at the Nelson Museum.

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes 22nd-28th July 2009

Our National Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Peter and Bishop Tom, will be leaving from Cardiff Airport on Wednesday 22nd July and there is a number of places available for anyone who would like to join us. Please contact the travel operator Mancunia Travel on 01617906838.

LLANARTH

Faith Sharing Group(s) This week's meeting is 'Lectio Divina' at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Church Farm. All welcome.

Mass to confer ministries - Judith and Tony Mulcahy would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone in the parish for supporting Tony last Saturday. They really appreciated all the help and support that was given.

Churches Together in Monmouth

A Christian ska band will be playing on Sunday 26th July at 10:00 am on the main stage at the Monmouth Festival. Andy Rossiter organised this and CTIM are supporting it. All welcome, whatever age!

News from Namutumba

The donations from St Mary's and Llanarth were taken to Uganda in February and we have been sent photos to show us how it has been used. The walls for the house for a priest are several feet high. The church is in regular use with a service every Sunday and Mass when it's their turn, as St James' is one of fifty four Mass centres served by two priests. When the priest's house is finally finished Namutumba will be a parish with its own priest. Joseph, the catechist, wrote, "We are grateful for all your donations and we always remember you in our Sunday prayers".

Parish Development Project

Our project is progressing well as is evident from:

- Completion of the archaeological work,
- Completion of plastering where needed in the church enabling the painters to undercoat the walls, and
- Commencement of plumbing and electrical work in the presbytery.

This means that the project is very much on track so far

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of Saint John Kemble

This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 23rd August starting with Pilgrims walking from Monmouth to Welsh Newton at 10.15am. At 3.00pm Rosary, Readings and Prayers at St. John Kemble's Grave led by Rev. Dom Richard Simons ODB BA. Benediction follows at 4.15pm in St. Mary's Church. Afterwards tea will be served at the Priory Rooms, and produce sold. Enquiries to David Sweeting.

Children's Liturgy

Please note that there will be no further liturgy for the children until after we return to our own church.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 11 th July	Mrs Anne May	Mr Peter Field	Mr M. Keyton
Sun. 12 th July	Mrs C. Close	Mr John McEwan	Mrs Juliet Sweeting
Sat. 18 th July	Mrs Anne Dunne	Miss France Keyton	Mrs E. Allcock
Sun. 19 th July	Mrs Frances Cloud	Mrs C. Coolican-Smith	Faye McGrath