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*St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth*

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16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

19<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Christian identity is defined by a twofold memory. In every Eucharist, we remember and re-enact what Jesus did on the night before he died: 'Do this in memory of me.' This memory gathers us into community and shows us who we are. We remember the saints who have gone before us, the teaching of our churches; we remember each other. But we are also impelled outwards, trying to catch up with God's capacious memory, which forgets no one, otherwise they would cease to exist. Perhaps this twofold memory is symbolized by our recollection of people whose names we do not know, just as there is a monument to the Unknown Soldier. There is the anonymous woman who poured pure nard over Jesus' head in the house of Simon the leper, two days before his last Passover: 'Truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her' (Mark 14.9). Or there is the Good Thief, crucified beside Jesus, who asks only to be remembered: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom' (Luke 23.43). We remember them even though we do not know their names. So Christian identity is always both given and to be discovered.

*'Why go to Church?'*  
*Timothy Radcliffe*

## Collections for week ending 12<sup>th</sup> July

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Apostleship of the Sea	Restoration
Monmouth	£233.50	£205.12	£450.42	-
Llanarth	-	£195.60	£90.00	£48.50

### Second Collection

The second collection next week will be for the Parish Development Fund.

### Apostleship of the Sea

Last week's collection in support of the *Apostleship of the Sea* came to an astounding total of **£560:42** ~ £470.42 from Monmouth and £90 from Llanarth. Thank you, everyone, very much indeed, and God bless you.

### Congratulations

Our congratulations to Frances Keyton, who has won a place in the prestigious National Youth Theatre Wales. After completing a number of gruelling auditions, Frances will now take part in a five-week summer course with the NYTW to work on the production *Canrif/Century*, and will tour Wales with this play in September. Well done, Frances, we wish you every success.

### Parish Development Project

Although the premises looks like a building site, progress is still evident:

- After plastering and undercoating the church, the sanctuary is now nearly complete;
- Despite the excessive rainfall, the external works to the presbytery continue while the internal plumbing and electrical work proceeds to plan.

In short, to date the project is proceeding on cost and on time.

The normal monthly collection for the Development Fund will take place next weekend. Your strong support for the project is much appreciated and key to its success.

### SVP

There will be an SVP meeting at the home of Michael Hoddinott on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July immediately following the house mass.

## Churches Together in Monmouth

A Christian ska band will be playing on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of Saint John Kemble

This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. and Benediction follows at 4.15pm in St. Mary's Church. Afterwards tea will be served at the Priory Rooms, and produce sold. Please could we ask your help once again to help make it a success by making some cakes for the stall and if you have any plants, or cut flowers bring along for the Plant Stall. 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.

## Llanarth

**Faith-Sharing Group(s)** - There will be two more meetings before we take a summer break. This week's meeting is 'A Journey with St Paul' at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Our final session of 'Lectio Divina' will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 8 p.m. All welcome.

**Lost property** - There are a number of items at the back of the church which have been left after Mass or after one of our lunches. These range from glasses and umbrellas to serving spoons - and even Bob the Builder (perhaps we should keep hold of him!). Please would you reclaim anything which belongs to you. Many thanks.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Anne Dunne	Miss Frances Keyton	Mrs E. Allcock
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Frances Cloud	Mrs C.Coolican-Smith	Faye McGrath
Sat.25 <sup>th</sup> July	Volunteer Please	Mrs Martina Davies	Mr & Mrs Derricott
Sun.26 <sup>th</sup> July	Mr Brian Cookson	Mrs Roger Ruston	Mr & Mrs Tampling

## Mass Times for Week 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm	Mass - Kate Gallagher	Monmouth Boys School
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Mass - Private Intention (Sherrington)	Monmouth Boys School
	11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9:30am	Mass - Betty Burns (also Nadzieja Leliedowicz)	Bridges Centre
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	10:30am	Mass - Cheadle Intention (also Nadzieja Leliedowicz) St. Mary Magdalene	Llanarth
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	11.00am	Mass - SVP Intention (also Nadzieja Leliedowicz) Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden	Pear Tree House Walford
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Mass - Nomie Colbert and Tina Walsh (also Nadzieja Leliedowicz) Ss. Philip Evans & John Lloyd	Llanarth
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm	Mass - Ghassan Hanna (also Nadzieja Leliedowicz)	Monmouth Boys School
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Mass - Stefania family (also Nadzieja Leliedowicz)	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.

### **House Mass**

This week the House Mass will be at the home of Michael Hoddinott. Please contact Michael for directions.

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