

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

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17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

26th July 2009

Christ is Alpha, the principle of all, and he is Omega; but while he is Alpha by himself he is Omega with us, or rather, we are Omega with him. As to the principle, we do nothing; Christ does all, for our benefit, but the end integrates our free co-operation with the principle and, in a sense, our contribution. After all, life is comprised between our baptism, at which we did nothing, and our death, which will be what we have done since baptism, into which the 'doing' of our whole life will be integrated; and that is a reflection in miniature of what happens on the universal, cosmic, scale of the Economy (P), in which Alpha and Omega are, not the baptism and death of an individual, but the pasch of Jesus Christ and the pasch of his fellowship-body when he comes again in glory. Everything comes from Alpha in both cases, and it is right to say that Christian life is simply each person's actualization of his baptism; all then comes from a sheer 'giving'. But all evolves through a free co-operation, through a 'doing', through what the whole of life contributes until the Omega, in which all the Alpha will attain its fullness. To use St. Paul's terms, Christ has to reach his full stature in us, to be 'completed' in us and through us, by taking on, so to speak, Adam's substance which he has come spiritually to quicken anew as its new Head. There is a 'Christ that is to be' (the words are Tennyson's), and this through a power that comes from his historical incarnation and passion; but also through contributions and a 'doing' which are - we hardly dare say it - our part in his mystery.

'Lay People in the Church'
Yves Congar

Mass Times for Week 25th July to 2nd August 2009

Sat. 25 th July	6.00pm	Mass - Ghassan Hanna (also Nadzieja Leliedowicz)	Monmouth Boys School
Sun. 26 th July	9.15am	Mass - Stefania family (also Nadzieja Leliedowicz)	Monmouth Boys School
	11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth
Tue 28 st July	9:30am	Mass - Harriet Grant and Torino Howard	Bridges Centre
Wed 29 th July		<i>No Mass until Saturday evening</i>	
Thur 30 th July			
Fri. 31 st July			
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sat 1 st Aug	6.00pm	Mass - Eileen Price	Monmouth Boys School
Sun 2 nd Aug	9.15am	Mass - David Gillespie	Monmouth Boys School
	11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth

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

Collections for week ending 19th July

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Dev. Fund
Monmouth	£182.50	£199.76	£25.00
Llanarth	-		

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend will be for the Parish Development Fund.

Parish Development Project

The project is progressing very well and this means that the Parish now needs your help cleaning the church and moving back furniture and materials for two weeks, commencing Sunday 2nd Aug (i.e. 2nd August to Saturday 16th August), prior to re-opening the church later in the month. There is a list for volunteers at the back of the chapel for those who are available to help during this busy holiday time.

We are grateful for a donation of £250 received from the Laspen Trust and to those ladies of the parish who have helped with the design of the communal kitchen on the ground floor of the presbytery. All your help is very much needed and appreciated.

Namutumba:

Fr Kanyankole, Parish priest of the large parish in Uganda which includes St James', Namutumba, will be in Monmouth for a brief visit on August 17th and 18th. We are all invited to meet him from 7pm on Monday 17th at Vauxhall House, the home of Charles and Mary Boase, where there will be a very informal wine and cheese evening, and/or over coffee at Bridges after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 18th. For more details please contact Frances David.

Please note that photographs of the church and the beginnings of the church latrines and the priest's house are now on our website at www.monmouth-catholic.org and go to "Parish Life", "News from Uganda".

Children's Liturgy

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

Churches Together in Monmouth

A Christian ska band will be playing today 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!

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. 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.

Social & Fund Raising Committee

Pilgrimage - A reminder to all those going on the Pilgrimage that final payments are to be made by 4th August. Please settle direct with PAX.

Ceilidh - The Chairperson is delighted to announce that an incredible total of £1,434.73 was raised at last Friday's social event. A huge thank you to everybody who came and a personal thank you to everybody who worked so very hard to make it such a resounding success.

Polish Chapel, Bigsweir

Sunday 26 July, 3pm, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Rosary. Please call Lynne for directions should you need them.

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. 25 th July Sun. 26 th July	Volunteer Please Mr Brian Cookson	Mr Patrick Vaughan Mrs Roger Ruston	Mr & Mrs Derricott Mr & Mrs Tampling
Sat. 1 st Aug Sun. 2 nd Aug	Mrs Catherine Close Mrs Frances David	Mrs Margaret Kelly Mrs C. Sherrington	Mr & Mrs D Harvey Mr Brian Cookson