

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

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9th August 2009

Most people, when they are asked what are the Eucharistic symbols, will answer "Bread and wine." (What answer did *you* just give?) That is the answer that medieval theology gave. Bread and wine are the matter of the Sacrament, the words of institution are the form. But the original Eucharistic symbols are actions, not things. The original Eucharistic symbols are *breaking the bread and sharing the cup*.

We are so affected by the thing-mentality that it is hard for us to hear the story of the last supper. "This is my body," said the Lord, and for centuries we have heard the word "this" as referring to the bread. Listen to the text again, with the attitude of sacrament as action rather than thing, and the story will have a different ring. Jesus took bread, *said a blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying "This is my body which is given for you."*

The "body which is given for you" is symbolized in the whole action of blessing, breaking and sharing the bread. The word "this" refers to the *whole action*, not to the bread alone.

The Book of Sacramental Basics

**Mass will again be celebrated at St Mary's Church
Commencing on 15th August 2009
Our patronal Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady**

Collections for week ending 2nd August

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Dev. Fund
Monmouth	£196.50	£194.61	£60.00
Llanarth	-	£205.15	-

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 ring 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.

Our Lady & St. Michael's Church, Pen-y-pound, Abergavenny

Today, Sunday 9th August, at 7.45pm there will be a Concert by Chavagnes (France) Boys' Choir.

Annual Pilgrimage In Honour of Saint David Lewis S.J.

The Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 30th August 2009 - 330th Anniversary of his Martyrdom - with Mass at 3.00pm at St. David Lewis and St. Francis Xavier Church, Porth-y-Carne Street, Usk. Procession to the Martyr's Grave. Light Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

Sung Vespers - Tintern Abbey

An ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer, will be held on Sunday 6th September 2009, at 3.00pm. (Please note there is no seating in the Abbey so please bring folding chairs). Organised by Friends of Our Lady of Tintern.

Please remember in your prayers all the members of our parish who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Parish Development Project

Our return to the church ahead of plan has been made possible by:

- Early completion of painting the church, sacristy and the upper office.
- The help of over 30 volunteers with cleaning, moving and gardening thus, enabling us so far to clean the church and its windows thanks to their hard work and during the forthcoming week to move the pews, altars, statues and other liturgical materials back into the church.

Finally, particular thanks go to Spencer Harvey, of Central Vacuum Solutions, for donating a high grade vacuum system, costing £1,334.20 excluding VAT, which has been integrated into the presbytery, the new communal facilities and part of the church while the £1,200 cost of installation has been met by a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. Many thanks to all for your kind prayers, funds, time and talents.

Sponsored Walk - Anyone interested in helping Simon Durrant organise a family walk for August Bank Holiday to give the younger members of the parish an opportunity to raise funds for the parish project and to provide an enjoyable expedition for all ages should contact him. Families or individuals interested in taking part are encouraged to e-mail Simon. Additionally, sponsor forms will be available at the back of the church once we are moved back in.

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of Saint John Kemble

Because of the building works, arrangements for the pilgrimage are different this year. Help is urgently needed at 2.30pm to set up the Priory Rooms for tea for the pilgrims on Sunday, 23rd August. Volunteers are also urgently needed to make cakes and sandwiches for the tea. Cakes, produce and plants are also needed to sell, as are raffle prizes. Lists are at the back of the chapel this and next weekend for volunteers to add their details. Cakes should be brought to Church on Saturday, 22nd August after evening Mass, or on Sunday morning, 23rd August after Mass. Sandwiches should be brought to Church on Sunday morning, 23rd August or direct to the Priory Rooms at 3.00pm. Other produce, plants and raffle prizes should be brought to Church on Sunday morning.

Mass Times for Week 8th to 16th August 2009

Sat. 8 th Aug	6.00pm	Mass - Thomas & John O'Leary	Monmouth Boys School
Sun 9 th Aug	9.15am	Mass - Canon Paul Chidgey	Monmouth Boys School
	11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth
Tue 11 th Aug	9:30am	Mass - Welfare of Patricia Mossop	Bridges Centre
Wed 12 th Aug	10.30am	Mass - Special Intention (Murnane)	Llanarth
Thu 13 th Aug	7.30pm	Mass - Frances David	The Moat House Skenfrith
Fri. 14 th Aug	10.30am	Mass - Jimmy Evans	Llanarth
<p>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16th August 2009</p>			
Sat. 15 th Aug	6.00pm	Mass - Jean Sheehan	Monmouth
Sun. 16 th Aug	9.15am	Mass - Thomas & John O'Leary	Monmouth
	11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth

House Mass

Please note that the house Mass this coming Thursday (13th August) will be at the home of Frances David.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 8 th Aug Sun. 9 th Aug	Mrs Kath Fallon Mrs Hilary Gooch	Mrs Fay McGrath Mrs Martina Davies	S.Adams & E. Badham Mrs Mary Boase
Sat. 15 th Aug Sun. 16 th Aug	Mr Peter Field Mrs Carmel Lamb	Mrs Anne May Mrs Lesley Vessey	Mrs Pat Munday Mrs Frances David

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