

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

and

## St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth

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### Mass Times for Week 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	6.00pm	Mass - Jean Sheehan	Monmouth
Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - Peter Kelly	Monmouth
	11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - Welfare of Barbara Shape	Monmouth
Tue. 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.30am	Mass - Special Intention	<b>Bridges Centre</b>
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10.30am	Mass - Murnane Intention	Llanarth
Thur. 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - David Gillespie	Monmouth
Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - Dave Quayle	Monmouth
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug.	2.00pm	Wedding of Catrin Meurig & Jualan Charles Patterson	Monmouth
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> August			
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug.	6.00pm	Mass - Sheila Cookman	Monmouth
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00am	Mass - Special Intention	Llanarth

Best wishes and assurances of our prayers to Catrin Meurig & Julian Charles Patterson who will be married in our church on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We wish them a long and happy life together.

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

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Therefore we see that it is essential that Mary should have entered into perfection, both in body and soul. Christ dwells in eternal transfiguration in His whole humanity. He earned this transfiguration for His entire Mystical Body. But the Mystical Body received its personal oneness and archetypal stature in Mary. She stands beside her Bridegroom as the Archetype of His Church. She receives the fullness of life from Him and passes it on to the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas, too, sees the reason for Mary's bodily assumption in the fact that Mary is completely filled with the grace of the Redemption. Thus, she stands beside Christ whose whole Body shares in the splendour of the Resurrection. But this whole risen Body is Christ and the Church, or, as St. Thomas says, Christ and Mary: "The particle of the offering at Mass dropped into the Chalice points to the risen Body, namely Christ and the most Blessed Virgin." In another place he says: "Some participate fully in blessedness – that is, Christ Himself with His risen Body and the Blessed Virgin".

*Mary Archetype of the Church*

*Introduction by Jaroslav Pelikan*

*Message from Fr. Nick*

*My sincere thanks to those, parishioners and others (including a strong Polish contingent!), who helped to set the church right for our return this weekend. The help given was very varied and the helpers diverse, making it a truly heartening example of team work. As a sign towards the future, no one could have asked for anything more edifying. Well done all concerned.*

*Thank you and God Bless you all*

**Thanks from the Parish Development Team**

Particular thanks for our early return goes to:

- Our Architect, Tim Pitt-Lewis, and the painting and electrical contractors, who delivered to standard and ahead of schedule, and
- Our highly motivated army of volunteers, including our Polish visitors, who helped with moving, cleaning, painting, signing, gardening, fund raising and in a myriad of mysterious yet equally critical ways, and importantly,
- All parishioners for their many prayers and good wishes for success.

In addition thanks goes to Brian and Betty Cookson for donating a workstation (computer, console, printer, scanner etc) for the upper office to assist a now delighted Babs Jones with our ever increasing parish administration.

**Collections for week ending 9<sup>th</sup> August**

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Dev.Fund
Monmouth	£166.60	£196.88	£610.00
Llanarth		£173.30	

**Namutumba:**

Fr Kanyankole, Parish priest of the large parish in Uganda which includes St James', Namutumba, will be in Monmouth for a brief visit this week. We are all invited to meet him from 7.00pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. For more details please ring Frances David.

**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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Children's Liturgy**

The liturgy for children will commence once again in September. Please contact Mary McGrath if you are able to help on Sunday mornings.

**Message from the SVP**

Does anyone have a **Microwave Oven** to spare ~ in working order but not necessarily new? If so, please contact Agnes Charnock. Thank you very much.

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

The Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009 – 330<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sponsored Walk – Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

The proposed walk is just over nine miles long. BUT it can be divided into three sections. Walkers can do any or all of the three sections. Sponsor forms will be available at the back of the church. Parishioners who would rather not walk but would like to join in, could help in lots of other ways. Please let Simon Durrant or PJ Shaw know if you are intending to come.

**Parish Picnic (Llanarth)**

Our parish picnic at Clarissa and Julian's will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September after Mass. Further details to follow next week but please put this date in your diary. All welcome.

**Tea and Coffee**

There will be tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August (Llanarth). We need another volunteer to help with this. Please sign up if you are able to help on that day. Many thanks.

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

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mr Peter Field Mrs Carmel Lamb	Dr. P. J. Shaw Mrs L. Vessey	Mrs Pat Munday Mrs F. David
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Volunteer Please Mrs Helen Quinn	Mrs Anne May Mr Vic Williams	Mr & Mrs M. Keyton Mrs B. Jones