

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

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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009**

If it should happen one day – and it could be today – that I become a victim of terrorism which now seems ready to encompass all the foreigners in Algeria, I would like my community, my Church, my family to remember that my life was given to God and to this country. To accept that the One Master of all life was not a stranger to this brutal departure. I would like them to pray for me: how worthy would I be found of such an offering? ... For this life lost, totally mine and totally theirs, I thank God who seems to have wished it entirely for the sake of that JOY in and in spite of everything. In this THANK YOU which is said for everything in my life, from now on, I certainly include you, friends of yesterday and today, and you, O my friends of this place, besides my mother and father, my sisters and brothers and their families, a hundredfold as was promised! And you too, my last-minute friend, who will not know what you are doing, yes, for you too I say this THANK YOU AND THIS 'A-DIEU' – to commend you to this God in whose face I see yours. And may we find each other, happy 'good thieves' in Paradise, if it please God, the Father of us both ....AMEN! INSHALLAH!

*This was the last testimony of  
Dom Christian de Chergé  
before his assassination in Algeria*

### **Second Collection for next week**

A reminder that the second collection, to be taken next week, is the usual monthly collection for the Parish Development Fund. Brown envelopes will be available at the back of the church.

### **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. Sandwiches should be brought to Church on Sunday morning, 23<sup>rd</sup> August or direct to the Priory Rooms at 3.00pm. Other produce, plants and raffle prizes should be brought to Church on Sunday morning.

### **Catholic Papers**

Due to low sales of Catholic Newspapers, this is the last week that the Catholic Herald will be available in Church. If you wish to receive any Catholic publications to your home address, Babs Jones has the relevant forms for you.

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

It has been decided to postpone the Bank Holiday (31 August) Sponsored walk for a few months. Thank you to all involved so far.

### **Children's Liturgy**

The liturgy for children will not be able to take place in September as planned, obviously the lack of space makes it impossible. However, as soon as the building work is complete the children's liturgy will proceed and Mary McGrath would be grateful for some help. If you are able to help on Sunday mornings please contact Mary.

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

The Pilgrimage takes place on next 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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### Parish Picnic (Llanarth)

Our parish picnic at Clarissa and Julian's will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September after Mass. Please sign up if you intend to come and if you are able to help with food (salads, bread, puddings etc.). There will also be a plant and produce stall and a raffle to raise funds for our building restoration project. All welcome!

### Tea and Coffee

There will be tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday next, 30<sup>th</sup> August. We need another volunteer to help with this. Many thanks.

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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. 22nd 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
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mrs Lynne Derricott Mr Roger Ruston	Mrs B. Keyton Mr David Barry	Mrs Elizabeth Allcock Mr & Mrs M.Thompson

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

## Mass Times for Week 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</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
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - Special Intention <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew</i>	Monmouth
Tue. 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.15 am	Mass - Private Intention	Monmouth
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10.30am	Mass - Cheadle Intention	Llanarth
Thur. 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - Kenelm Johnson	Monmouth
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - Ellen Badham	Monmouth
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	No morning Mass		
<p>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 30<sup>th</sup> August</p>			
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	6.00pm	Mass - Mark Neville	Monmouth
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	9.15am	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00am	Mass - Helen Norman	Llanarth

*Our prayers and best wishes go to  
Catrin Meurig & Julian Charles Patterson  
who were married here at St. Mary's this week.*