

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

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I know that God's Spirit, who made Christ's body in Mary's womb and keeps making the Church in history here in the archdiocese, is a Spirit that is hovering – in the words of Genesis – over a new creation.

I sense that there is something new in the archdiocese.

I am a man, frail and limited, and I do not know what is happening, but I do know that God knows.

My role as pastor is what St. Paul tells me today: "Do not quench the Spirit."

If I say in an authoritarian way to a priest: "Don't do that!" or to a community: "Don't go that way!" and try to set myself up as if I were the Holy Spirit and start making a church to my liking, I would be quenching the Spirit.

But St. Paul also tells me: "Test everything and keep what is good."

I pray very much to the Holy Spirit for that: the gift of discernment.

'The Church is all of you' thoughts of
Archbishop Oscar Romero
17th December 1978

Collections for last week

Church	Gift Aid	Loose
Monmouth	£153.00	£283.03
Llanarth	-	£126.00

Second Collection for this week

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

Catholic Papers

Due to low sales of Catholic Newspapers, the Catholic Herald will not 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

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 this 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.

Calling Children/Young People of the Parish

The Children/young people's Mass, held on the first Sunday of every month, resumes on Sunday 6th September after a summer break. Having recently lost two recorder players, we now need more children/young people who can play an instrument to accompany hymns, or if you are really brave, to play on your own. We also need singers and percussion players. The idea is to take part in an act of worship whatever your ability. We aren't looking for concert performers, although they will not be turned away! It goes without saying that the children should be the main contributors to the Mass and that without them there simply would not be any point, so please come forward and ring Helen Quinn. I would love to hear from you.

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.

CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other)

Our new season begins on Tuesday, 8th September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the upper room at the Priory Rooms. The topic is "What lay beneath the Flower Room?" Felicity and Colin will enlighten us as to the results of their recent archaeological review carried out during the reconstruction of our church buildings. All are welcome.

St. John Kemble Pilgrimage

A huge thank you to all who gave so generously of cakes, plants and produce. There were so many plants that we have some left over and available for sell after Mass. A very big thank you also to all who helped on the day which made it a very successful pilgrimage.

Fun Evening of Skittles

To be held on 26th September at the Royal Oak. Tickets and more information available next week. The Fun Evening will include skittles, music and a ploughmans.

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.

Parish Picnic (Llanarth)

Our parish picnic at Clarissa and Julian's will be held on Sunday 13th 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!

Please remember in your prayers all the members of our parish who are sick, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We remember especially Mrs Irena Materklas who died on Monday, may she Rest in Peace.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 29 th August Sun. 30 th August	Mrs Lynne Derricott Mr Roger Ruston	Mrs B. Keyton Mr David Barry	Mrs Elizabeth Allcock Mr & Mrs M.Thompson
Sat. 5 th September Sun. 6 th September	Mrs Patricia Hill Mrs Mary Boase	Mr Patrick Vaughan Children's Mass	Mr & Mrs Derricott Children of the Parish

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

Mass Times for Week 29th August to 6th September

Sat. 29 th Aug.	6.00pm	Mass – Mark Neville	Monmouth
Sun. 30 th Aug.	9.15am	Mass – People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00am	Mass – Helen Norman	Llanarth
Mon. 31 st Aug.	10.00am	Mass - Holy Souls	Monmouth
Tue. 1 st Sept	9.15 am	Mass – Wendy Sweeting	Monmouth
Wed. 2 nd Sept	10.30am	Mass – Larry Ryan	Llanarth
Thur. 3 rd Sept	9.15am	Mass – John Ryan	Monmouth
Fri. 4 th Sept.	9.15am	Mass – George & Ellen Badham	Monmouth
Sat. 5 th Sept.	10.30am	Mass - Special Intention	Monmouth
<p>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 6th September</p>			
Sat. 5 th Sept.	6.00pm	Mass –Rachel Ann & Thomas Davies	Monmouth
Sun. 6 th Sept.	9.15am	Mass – People of the Parish	Monmouth
	11.00am	Mass – Nash Thanksgiving	Llanarth

Please note that the date and time for the funeral of Mrs Materklas are being finalised. The date of her Requiem Mass will be advised.