

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

*(Parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. Registered No: 242380)*

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
**6<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Rethinking our mission means first asking the right questions that focus on our identity and purpose rather than on structures and procedures. The question for the parish of the future is not how we will restructure in order to deal with the critical issues we face, but rather how we will continue to translate the gospel mandate to make disciples of all nations into a response to our changing reality and how will our parishes make Christ present to the Catholic people and through them to the world. Any conversation about restructuring the parish will required examining our deepest identity as followers of Christ and recommitting ourselves to the mission of proclaiming the Good News in a way consistent with our rich and diverse tradition. Only then can we speak about a realignment of expectations and the creation of new roles and processes.

*Bishop Joseph Delaney*  
*Forth Worth, Texas. 1995*

## Collections for last week

Church	Gift Aid	Loose	Dev.Fund
Monmouth	£238.00	£175.90	£426.55
Llanarth	-	£162.63	-

### 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.

### 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.

### Golden Wedding

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Brian and Betty Cookson who will be celebrating this special anniversary on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. A Mass will be offered for their intention on their return from a mini-break.

### Parish Development Project

Our current estimate is that the construction phase of the presbytery and communal area should be complete by the end of October and November respectively still leaving us plenty to do before they are functional and habitable

Meanwhile our funds from all sources stand at £29,591 at the end of August. In addition we wish to thank the Yorkshire Building Society for a contribution of £50 and the James Pantyfedwen Foundation for £4,000 in support of our project.

### Christmas Bazaar

The Social Committee would like you to start thinking about the bazaar. Quality items will be required for the various stalls. Owing to lack of storage space items will be accepted from October.

### Message from the SVP

**SVP Meeting** on Monday 7th September, after morning Mass, in *The Coach House*, Glendower St.

### CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other)

Our new season begins this Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Fun Evening of Skittles 26<sup>th</sup> September

To be held at the Royal Oak. Some skittles and music evening with a 'bread and cheese' supper. Please do try and come to this social event. Tickets £6.50 are now available from any Committee Member.

### 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.

### Parish Picnic (Llanarth)

Our parish picnic at Clarissa and Julian's will be held next 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!

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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 recently and whose funeral will take place next Friday. May she Rest in Peace.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup> September Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Patricia Hill Mrs Mary Boase	Mr Patrick Vaughan Children's Mass	Mr & Mrs Derricott Children of the Parish
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> September Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Anne May Mr Aidan Browne	Mrs Lesley Vessey Mr Charles Boase	Ann & Don Harvey Vic & Mary Williams

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

## Mass Times for Week 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September

Sat.	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Mass – Rachel Ann & Thomas Davies	
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass – People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00am	Mass - Nash Thanksgiving	Llanarth
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass - Aidan O’Leary	Monmouth
Tue.	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass – Holy Souls <i>The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Monmouth
Wed.	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	Mass – Larry Ryan	Llanarth
Thur.	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass – David Gillespie	Monmouth
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>12noon</b>	Requiem Mass – Irena Materklas	Monmouth
Sat.	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	Mass - Private Intention	Monmouth
<p><b>Please note the change of Mass for Friday</b></p> <p><b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>  <b>13<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Racial Justice Day</b></p>				
Sat.	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
Sun.	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass – David Gillespie	Monmouth
		11.00am	Mass - Vicky Price	Llanarth