

*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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**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2009

As our prayer life matures, we become more and more aware of being the clay in the hands of the potter. The clay can do virtually nothing to transform itself into an object of beauty. But it can be soft, pliable, sensitive to the potter's touch. People often talk about their fear that God's Will may break them, that what he asks is too hard for them to bear. And yet the clay is never broken by anything the potter may do to it – unless the clay has become hard and rigid. As long as it is malleable it will never break, but once it begins to resist the potter's touch, to push against his shaping, it will be very much in danger of breaking. This is what happened to Israel, and that is why Yahweh sent Jeremiah to tell her that she needed to be broken in order to be refashioned according to the potter's design. Even her breaking was not to be for her destruction but for her healing.

*When the Well Runs Dry*

*From Loving to Truly Loving : The Potter's Clay*

*Thomas H. Green, S.J.*

## Collections for weekending 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October

CHURCH	GIFT AID	LOOSE	
Monmouth	n/a	n/a	
Llanarth	n/a	n/a	

**Please Note** that the usual monthly second/brown envelope collection for the Parish Development Fund takes place this weekend 24/25<sup>th</sup> October.

### Friends of Our Lady of Tintern

**Ethics & Ecology:** The urgent need to develop sustainable relationships between our planet and ourselves strikes a special chord for people of faith. In Monmouth Priory Rooms **at 3.00pm Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November** the Friends of Our Lady of Tintern will host an illustrated talk by a distinguished and compelling speaker, **Professor Herbert Girardet** – world-ranking consultant, writer and filmmaker, holding a UN award for environmental achievements. No charge but donations invited. Refreshments afterwards. For information and fliers contact Susan Williams (01600) 713573.

### Christmas Cards

There is a small selection of Christmas Cards on display at the back of the church at various prices.

### Red Boxes

Please leave your Red Boxes at the back of the church ready for collection. Many thanks.

**CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other):** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the Priory Rooms at 7.30pm. The topic will be "Who were the Chartists? What is the Monmouth connection?" Parishioner David Harrison will give an illustrated talk on the struggle for the vote, the Newport Rising of 1839 and the subsequent trial of 1840. David is the author of the recently published booklets "Monmouth and the Chartists" and "Monmouth Town-Chartist Trail." Everyone welcome.

### Christmas Parish Raffle

Please return all tickets, stubs and monies by 28<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

Please put envelopes containing the monies and stubs into the box at the back of the church marked *Christmas Parish Raffle*. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

## Llanarth News

### **Building Proposals**

We had a productive meeting on Wednesday evening with Joe Holden, our architect. It was very encouraging how many people were able to attend and contribute to the discussion. Joe's proposals include an extension with disabled toilet and plant room for boiler etc. which would involve moving the staircase. There is a lot for us to consider and research. The proposals will be on display for everybody to view in more detail and a further meeting will be arranged when we have more detailed information.

### **Tea/coffee**

There will be tea/coffee after Mass today.

### **Faith-sharing Group**

This week's meeting will be 'A Journey with St Paul' at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at Church Farm.

### **Red Boxes**

Could you please hand any outstanding boxes to Fr. Nick. Many thanks.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> October Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Mrs Patricia Hill Mrs Hilary Gooch	Miss Frances Keyton Mr Martin Flach	Mr & Mrs Don Harvey Mrs Mary Boase
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> October Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Mrs Anne May Mrs Carmel Lamb	Mrs Fay McGrath Children's Mass	Shelagh Adams Children of the Parish

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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.*

## *Mass Times for Week 24<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November*

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>24<sup>th</sup> Oct.</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Mass – Raymond Snape &amp; Family</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> Oct.</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Mass – People of the Parish</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Mass - Special Intention</i>	<i>Llanarth</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>26<sup>th</sup> Oct.</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Mass – William Phipps</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Tue.</i>	<i>27<sup>th</sup> Oct.</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Mass – Noreen Hope</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>28<sup>th</sup> Oct.</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mass – Special Intention Ss. Simon &amp; Jude</i>	<i>Llanarth</i>
<i>Thur.</i>	<i>29<sup>th</sup> Oct.</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Mass - Private Intention</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>30<sup>th</sup> Oct.</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Mass – Private Intention</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>31<sup>st</sup> Oct.</i>	<i>No morning Mass</i>		<i>Monmouth</i>
<p><b><i>Feast of All Saints</i></b></p> <p><i>1<sup>st</sup> November 2009</i></p>				
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>31<sup>st</sup> Oct</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Mass - Irena Materklas</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Nov.</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>Mass – Howard Woodward</i>	<i>Monmouth</i>
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Mass - People of the Parish</i>	<i>Llanarth</i>

**Newsletter Item:** Please contact Pat Munday **by mid-day Thursday at the latest** for any items to be included. E-mail: [patricia.munday@sky.com](mailto:patricia.munday@sky.com) or Telephone: (01600)716206.