

Mass Times for Week 21st to 29 November

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

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1st Sunday of Advent

29th November 2009

O Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely upon thy holy will. In every hour of the day reveal thy will to me. Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul, and with firm conviction that thy will governs all. In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events let me not forget that all are sent by thee. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray thou thyself in me.

Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow
(died 1867)

Sat.	28 th Nov.	6.00pm	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
Sun	29 th Nov.	9.15am	Mass - Private Intention	Monmouth
		11.00am	Mass - Herbert Intention	Llanarth
Mon	30 th Nov.	9.15am	Mass – Forgotten Holy Souls Feast of St. Andrew	Monmouth
Tue.	1 st Dec.	7.00pm*	Mass – Agnes Morgans	Monmouth
Wed.	2 nd Dec.	10.30am	Mass - Cheadle Thanksgiving	Llanarth
Thur.	3 rd Dec.	9.15am	Mass - Bobby Bowes St. Francis Xavier	Monmouth
Fri	4 th Dec.	9.15am	Mass – Deceased O’Leary Family St. John Damascene	Monmouth
Sat.	5 th Dec.	10.30am	Mass - Tina & Michael Walsh	Monmouth
*Please Note: Evening Mass on Tuesday				
2nd Sunday of Advent				
Sat.	5 th Dec.	6.00pm	Mass – Maffia Family Intention	Monmouth
Sun.	6 th Dec.	9.15am	Mass – Special Intention	Monmouth
		11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish	Llanarth

Newsletter Item: Please contact Pat Munday **by mid-day Thursday at the latest** for any items to be included..

Collections for weekending 21st/22nd Nov.

CHURCH	Gift Aid	Loose
Monmouth	£186.50	£244.95
Llanarth	N/A	N/A

Second Collection

This weekend there will be the standard (brown envelopes) monthly collection for the development fund.

Parish Development Project

The presbytery will be complete by the end of November and the communal area on the ground floor before the end of the year as planned. Before moving into his new home on 1st December Fr Nicholas James would like to offer parishioners the opportunity to see the presbytery and the communal area. Accordingly, there will be a short tour immediately after both Masses on Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th November. For your safety please take particular care on the stairs and, given the inclement weather, ensure your shoes are clean while walking around. Finally, to minimise the effect on traffic a new gas pipe will be installed in the road by the gas company on Sunday, 29th November, so our apologies for any disturbance caused.

Restoration Fund Draw

Just a reminder that there isn't long left to return your Raffle Ticket stubs and Monies. Could you please make sure that we have them back by this weekend 28th/29th. Please do help to make this latest venture another success. Thank you all for your continued help and support...it really is much appreciated!!

CAMEO (Come and meet each other)

The next meeting of cameo is on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30p.m. in the Priory Rooms. This is a social meeting with mulled wine and mince pies to consider the meetings for the New Year. Everyone welcome!

Christianity Explored

For a number of years now ALPHA courses based on the Bible teaching of the 'Meaning of Life' have been run in Monmouth with the support of 'Churches Together in Monmouth'. This year a different course entitled '**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**' explores three questions: Who was Jesus? Why did he come? What does it mean to follow him? The course will last 10 weeks of 2 hour sessions one a week. To find out more about the course there is an introductory presentation being held at Monmouth Priory, 7.00pm-8.30pm on Monday 25th January 2010 and everyone is welcome. For further information please telephone Mike on 01600 715689 or go on the Christianity Explored website: www.christianityexplored.org.

Message from the SVP: The Advent Twig

The 'Twig' is now installed at the back of church with the labels for our annual SVP gifts. Please, if you feel you can, take one of the labels, buy whatever is written on it and wrap it up, **attach the label to the parcel (VITAL!!)**, and return it to the box beneath the Twig, **by Sunday December 6th**. The SVP will then deliver the Christmas presents, on your behalf, to local people who are lonely or in need. Thank you very much.

Broadoak

The First Sunday of Advent is the second anniversary of the Broadoak contingent's arrival here at St Mary's. Thank you for integrating us so happily.

This Sunday
Journeying Together – A Celebration of Traditions
On Sunday 29th November at 11.00am, in Welsh Newton Church, there will be a joint service led by Rev. Kevin Cecil and Fr. Nick. This will not be Eucharistic, but will honour in word and ritual our shared willingness to be faithful to the Gospel.

Bidding Prayers: It has been suggested that parishioners might help to compose the prayers of intercession used in Mass on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, thus assuring their freshness and relevance. If you would be prepared to help, please add your name, telephone number and preferred month to the list at the back of church over the next couple of weeks. The prayers are supposed to have a particular structure and sequence, and this would just need to be checked with Fr. Nicholas before they are finalised. He will be only too happy to assist.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministry

North Gwent Deanery is pleased to give notice of a *Retreat & Day of Reflection* at Llantarnam Abbey 10.00am to 4.00pm on 5th December 2009 for serving members of the Eucharistic Ministry and Readers Ministry. This is to be a special day of reflection and celebration of these two important ministries with talks, prayer and discussion. Please contact your Parish Priest for information. Refreshments of tea, coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and discuss with all those involved in these Ministries from across the Deanery. We very much look forward to meeting you on 5th December.

CAFOD

On Thursday next 3rd December CAFOD are holding an Advent Service at St. Teilo's Church, Old Church Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Contact CAFOD on 02920453360 or cafod@southwales.org.uk. For further details.

Llanarth News

St. Mary's Restoration Fund Raffle

You may like the opportunity of buying some of our raffle tickets. Prizes of £200, £100 and £50. They will be at the back of the church and the boxes provided to put money and stubs in. We will need them back by 29th November. The draw will take place on 6th December.

Tea/coffee after Mass

There will be tea and coffee after Mass this Sunday 29th November.

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

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 28 th November Sun 29 th November	Mrs Anne Dunne Mr Aidan Browne	Mrs Anne May Mrs Margaret Johns	Mr & Mrs R.Derricott Mr & Mrs V. Williams
Sat. 5 th December Sun 6 th December	Mrs Kath Fallon Mrs Catherine Close	Mrs Lesley Vessey Children's Mass	Mr & Mrs Don Harvey Children of the Parish