

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

and

## St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth

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### Mass Times for Week 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December

Sat.	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass – Irene Derricott	Monmouth
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Mass – People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00am	Mass - Private Intention	Llanarth
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Mass – Special Intention Memorial of St. John of the Cross	Monmouth
Tue.	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Mass – Holy Souls	Monmouth
Wed.	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Mass - Margaret Morgan	Llanarth
Thur.	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Mass - Paddy Flynn and Ernie Bullock	Monmouth
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Mass – Private Intention	Monmouth
Sat.	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Mass - Julia Temple	Monmouth
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> December, 2009</b>				
Sat.	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass - Winifred Griffiths	Monmouth
Sun.	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15pm	Mass - People of the Parish	Monmouth
		11.00am	Mass - Special Intention	Llanarth

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

13<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### **Monday is the Memorial Day of St. John of the Cross**

*(Concerning the Divine Word)*

*With the divinest Word, the Virgin  
Made pregnant, down the road  
Comes walking, if you'll grant her  
A room in your abode.*

*St. John of the Cross  
Fr Roy Campbell*

### Confessions

Confessions will be heard as usual immediately after Saturday morning Mass and also on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December between 7.00pm and 8.00pm, in preparation for Christmas.

### Collections for weekending 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December

CHURCH	Gift Aid	Loose	Restoration Fund
Monmouth	£215.17	<b>£202.11</b>	-
Llanarth (29.11.09)		<b>£152.05</b> <b>£163.91</b>	<b>£728.75</b> -

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.christianityexplored.org).

### Church History

David Powell's history of our church has been long out of print and the data file lost. With kind permission, Robert Derricott has re-typed, added new references and updated it to include the current refurbishment. Read about the treasures and the amazing history of one of the oldest post-Reformation Catholic Churches in Britain. Copies are now available from Robert or Fr. Nicholas, price £4.50. All proceeds to the parish development fund.

**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.

### Raisborough Baptism

The family and friends of Oliver James wish to thank Fr. Nick and all the parishioners for their warm welcome last Sunday on the occasion of Oliver James' baptism. As you may realise many of our family are non-Catholics but all appreciated the wonderful Mass and particularly the readings by the young people.

### Mass Times Christmas Weekend

The Mass times will be the same as usual for the weekend of Christmas with the obvious addition of Midnight Mass.

### Parish Raffle

A wonderful profit of £420, which is an amazing figure, especially as there are so many other things going on at the moment – so a huge thank you to everybody for their support.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£200	Mrs J. Goransson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£100	Cara Quinten
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£50	David Sweeting

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

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> December Sun.13 <sup>th</sup> December	Volunteer Please Mrs Frances Cloud	Mrs B. Keyton Mr. Peter Field	Shelagh Adams Juliet Sweeting
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> December Sun.20 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Lynne Derricott Mr Brian Cookson	Mrs Elizabeth Allcock Mrs Babs Jones	Mrs Pat Munday Mrs Faye McGrath

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