

Mass Times for Week 16th to 24th January 2010

St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth

and

St Mary & St Michael, Llanarth

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Nicholas James

Telephone No: (01600) 712029 websites: www.monmouth-catholic.org
e-mail: stmarymon@tiscali.co.uk www.llanarth-catholic.org

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th/17th January 2010

World Day of Prayer for Peace

We live in the Church at a privileged moment of the Spirit. Everywhere people are trying to know him better, as the Scripture reveals him. They are happy to place themselves under his inspiration. They are gathering about him; they want to let themselves be led by him. Now if the Spirit of God has a pre-eminent place in the whole life of the Church, it is in her evangelising mission that he is most active. It is not by chance that the great inauguration of evangelisation took place on the morning of Pentecost, under the inspiration of the Spirit.

It must be said that the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelisation: it is he who impels each individual to proclaim the Gospel, and it is he who in the depths of consciences causes the word of salvation to be accepted and understood. But it can equally be said that he is the goal of evangelisation: he alone stirs up the new creation, the new humanity of which evangelisation is to be the result, with that unity in variety which evangelisation wishes to achieve within the Christian community. Through the Holy Spirit the Gospel penetrates to the heart of the world, for it is he who causes people to discern the signs of the times – signs willed by God – which evangelisation reveals and puts to use within history.

Evangelisation in the Modern World

Authentic Witnesses of Life

Sat.	16 th Jan	6.00pm	Mass – Frederick Houser	Monmouth
Sun	17 th Jan	9.15am	Mass – Liz Nicholls	Monmouth
		11.00am	Mass – People of the Parish	Llanarth
Mon	18 th Jan	9.15am	Mass – Private Intention	Monmouth
Tue.	19 th Jan	9.15am	Mass – Richard Mottram	Monmouth
Wed.	20 th Jan	10.30am	Mass – Sheila Lawrence	Llanarth
Thur.	21 st Jan	9.15am	Mass – Private Intention	Monmouth
Fri	22 nd Jan	9.15am	Mass – Pauline Williams' Welfare	Monmouth
Sat.	23 rd Jan	10.30am	Mass – Watkins Intention	Monmouth
<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				
Sat.	23 rd Jan	6.00pm	Mass – Philip Allcock/Helen Serridge	Monmouth
Sun.	24 th Jan	9.15pm	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 9th/10th January

CHURCH	Gift Aid	Loose	SPUC
Monmouth	£82.50	£140.38	£244.13
Llanarth	-	£110.00	£43.66

Parish Development Project

We have excellent news to start the year. The late Mrs Irena Materklas has left a legacy of £2,000 to the Parish Development Fund. We wish to acknowledge her great generosity and kind support for the parish. Please remember her in your prayers..

Now that the new Parish Rooms are complete please note that there is a reservation diary available in the re-installed glass cabinet to enable you to book the rooms with some guidance to ensure that the facilities are kept in good order.

You will be pleased to learn that new tables and chairs have been installed and you are invited to see the facilities for yourself. Best wishes and happy New Year.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 17th to 24th January.

Two events have been organised by Churches Together in Monmouth which we encourage you to support:

Wed 20th 7:00-8:00pm: the Three Churches Walk and Talk, starting at the Methodist Church, then on to St Mary's Priory Church and then to our own church for the final talk and a cup of tea! The theme of the three short talks is "You are Witnesses".

Sun 24th 3:00pm: Ecumenical Service at Wyesham Christian Fellowship centre, Wyesham.

Christianity Explored

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.

Peace Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Peace Sunday which offers us the opportunity to reflect on the Holy Father's World Peace Day Message for 2010. This year the theme is " If you want to cultivate peace protect creation". This message encourages us to see how protecting the earth and making sure its gifts reach everyone, as God intends, is essential to reducing conflict between people.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Welcomer
Sat. 16 th January Sun.17 th January	Mr Peter Field Mr Aidan Browne	Mr Michael Hoddinott Mr John McEwan	Mrs Pat Munday Mr & Mrs V. Williams
Sat. 23 rd January Sun.24 th January	Mrs Anne Dunne Mrs Frances Cloud	Miss Frances Keyton Mr Patrick Vaughan	Mr & Mrs M. Keyton Mrs Juliet Sweeting

Blessing of the Community Room

On Thursday 11th February, Archbishop Peter Smith will celebrate Mass with us at 7.00pm. and bless the new community room. This will mark the culmination of our building project. The past year has been full of upheaval and outward change, but it has also been a wonderful experience of co-operation and unselfishness. Our Mass with the Archbishop will be a fitting prayer of thanks for that and also the beginning of a new phase in our life together.

The Sacraments of 1st Communion & Reconciliation and Confirmation

We hope to begin preparation for the sacraments in February. Those who are eligible and their parents are invited to a **(very)** brief meeting after Mass at both Monmouth and Llanarth on Sunday 31st January.

100 Club 2010

Annual subscriptions are now due. Would those existing members not paying by standing order please pay £12 per number before the 1st draw on 7th March. Cash or cheque made payable to St Mary's 100 club to Fr. Nick or Geoff Quinn. If you do not wish to continue membership please let us know a.s.a.p. We currently have four spare numbers so if anyone would like to join or take extra numbers we would love to hear from you. The cost is £12 p.a. for a chance to win prizes of £100 and 2x£25, four times per year - £600 per year goes to church funds (if all 100 numbers are sold). Contact Geoff Quinn. Thanks so much for your continued support.

SVP Appeal

Has anyone a freezer (no larger than five feet high) they do not require. We have had a request from someone who would be most grateful to have one. Many thanks.

After Mass Coffee Mornings

We can re-start in February, now that we have the new Parish Rooms. We need new Hosts/Hostesses for the First Sunday of each month. Younger and newer parishioners will be especially welcome - no upper or lower age limits - lack of experience no bar. Help will be freely given. Have Courage! Please Volunteer and sign the list on the back table in church. S & F Committee.

Llanarth News

Faith-Sharing Group

A Journey with St Paul' at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 19th January at Church Farm.

Parish Social Event – Saturday 6th February at Llanarth Village Hall. Please make a note in your diary. Further details to follow.

Please remember in your prayers Edith Badham and Alison Potts and all the members of our parish who are sick, also for Beryl Kelly, Glyn Christopher, who recently died. Remember also those whose anniversaries occur about this time.