

The Churches of,
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3rd Sunday of Lent Sunday 7th March 2010

This Sunday's Masses Next Sunday Masses: Weekday Masses:

Coleford Sat 6.00pm	Coleford -Sat 6.00pm	Tuesday 9.00 Coleford
Cinderford 9.00am	Cinderford 9.00am	Wednesday 9.30 Cinderford
Sedbury 11.00am	Lydney 11.00am	Thursday No Mass
		Friday 9.00 Sedbury

Still time to come along

FOCUS LENT 2010

The first Lent Focus will start on Thursday February 18th. Our venue is St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and we begin at 7.30. We will have 6 sessions through February and March finishing on the 25th.

Our theme is 'Encounters with Jesus'. Our studies will put Jesus where He belongs - at the very centre of our thoughts. Each 'Encounter' will point to a passage in the Bible where we will also examine some contemporary themes like 'bad stuff', negative equity, pollution...!!
Do feel free to join us - we are an ecumenical bunch - you will be very welcome

Ecumenical Lent Course 'The 4 Gospels + St Paul on the Passion of Christ.' Bishop John Went, an Anglican who is very good on scripture will be leading 5 Weds talks at St James Bream, 24th Feb to 24th March. 7.15 coffee 7.40 Talk 9 pm Finish

Cinderford Fund raising Many thanks to those who came along to the meeting on Tuesday Night. We finalised the details for our Table Sale which took place yesterday. A huge 'Thank you' to all those who sent in goods, helped behind stalls as well as clearing up at the end. The result will be given next week.

Tickets are on sale at £2 for our St.Patrick night celebration on Friday, 19th of March at 7.00p.m. in the presbytery. Please bring a plate of something to share eg. - a plate of sandwiches, or a plate of sausage rolls, or quiche, or salad etc. etc. There will be a Raffle on the night.

A sheet with the up-to-date fundraising amount is in the porch - well done! and Thank you!

St Anthony's School and Nursery **Open Day Saturday 20th March 10am – 1pm**

Assisted places and Nursery grants available. Please take a leaflet from the back of Church

View our website at www.stanthonysschool.info or telephone 01594 823558

**NB. If you have any items for the Newsletter please could you phone or e-mail Teresa Houtl on 01594 861081, tmhoul@hotmail.com by early Wednesday

Catholic Teachers in Non Catholic Schools;

A Morning with Bishop Declan Lang Saturday 13th March 2010
10.30-12.30 Come and join Bishop Declan at Alexander House and hear the Director of the Department for schools and colleges, Mr Lan McNiff, talk about the opportunities and challenges of working in our Catholic schools today. To reserve a place ring Jenny Fitzgerald on 01179025593 or e-mail Jenny.fitzgerald@cliftondiocese.com

The Lydney Pop-In centre needs your help, it is open on Mondays 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm and Wednesdays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat. Second hand Christian books for sale. If you can occasionally help with making teas & coffee either on a Monday or Wednesday we would be very grateful. The Pop-In Centre is next to the butchers in Lydney.

St Margaret Mary Church has raised £74.63 from the easyfundraising.org.uk site. Thanks to all that have purchased items from this site to help us raise valuable funds.

Stations of the Cross Cinderford 7pm Wednesdays Coleford Tuesday 9.30 following 9am Mass.

Cinderford church cleaning M Bradley

The Secular Society has organised a petition against the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the U.K. later this year and it is alleged to have 20,000 signatures on it already. Daphne McLeod is inviting supporters who are resident in the U.K. to act to counter their petition by signing an alternative petition. Details of a petition in support of the Pope's visit are given on the Newsflash page at www.proecclesia.com/page_newsflash.htm This petition has already gathered just under 3,000 signatures, and with your assistance it could surely outweigh that of the Secular Society. The Newsflash contains a link to the Petition site, and your e-mail address remains private.

Penitential Service with 2 Priests hearing confession Mon 15th March 7.30pm Our Lady's Cinderford.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you O Christ, You are Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you O Christ, You are Word of God!

Communion Antiphon The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.