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Feast of the Ascension Sunday 4th May 2008

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

Coleford -Sat 6.00pm	Coleford - No Mass	Tuesday 9.00am Coleford
Cinderford No Mass	Cinderford 9.00am	Wednesday 9.30 Cinderford
Lydney 11.00am	Lydney 11.00am	Thursday 9.30am Lydney
Sedbury 5.30PM	Sedbury - 5.30pm	Friday 9.00am Sedbury

NB No Sunday Mass at Coleford Sunday 11th May
The Feast of Pentecost is being celebrated next Sunday 11th

This Sunday there will be a second collection to support 42nd World Communication Day

This year's World Communication Day is celebrated on Sunday 4th May – The Feast of the Ascension.

In his message for the 42nd WCD the Holy Father speaks of the importance of defending and respecting human dignity in all areas of social communication. He says that 'many people now think there is a need ... for info-ethics, just as we have bioethics in the field of medicine and in scientific research linked to life'.

This year's WCD looks at the important role that the media plays in the lives of individuals and society at large. The Holy Father says that 'Truly, there is no area of human experience, especially given the vast phenomenon of globalisation, in which the media have not become an integral part of interpersonal relations and of social, economic, political and religious development'.

Communication Sunday Prayer

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.

Please remember the work of communications professionals on World Communications Sunday.

The Catholic Communications network provides support for the bishops of England and Wales in promoting the gospel in the media. The CCN depends on your generosity

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Cinderford Churches together. We are hosting United Prayer at 7.30pm, in the church on Friday 9th May. This will last half an hour and be followed by a cup of Tea/coffee in the hall. To conclude the week of prayer there will be a United service, Sunday 11th May 3pm in the Community Church Station St.

NB. If you have any items for the Newsletter please could you phone or e-mail Teresa Hoult on 01594 861081, tmhoult@tiscali.co.uk by early Thursday

Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill Mass Lobby of MPs Houses of Parliament, May 14, 2008 12:30pm

Dear Father, We are writing to you on behalf of the All-Party Parliamentary Pro Life Group. We are enormously grateful for the support we have received from churches throughout the country in fighting against the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill.

We are therefore organising the mass lobby and in view of the fact that we do not know when the Bill is being presented in the Commons it must take place earlier than we would have wished. We are therefore writing to you in the hope that you will do everything you can to have at least one representative from your church attend.

If anyone is able to go, please see Fr Barnabas for more information.

Coleford Church Decorating Fund

There will be a social on Saturday 17th May after Mass To raise funds towards church decorations. Tickets will be £1 to include Tea and Coffee and nibbles. Additional drinks will be available for a further donation. All welcome.

Gloucester Deanery Outing To The Forest Of Dean on 22 June

An invitation has been given to the 8 Parishes of the Gloucester Deanery for a summer afternoon walk in the Forest of Dean on 22 June followed by tea and cake. Despite its proximity to Gloucester, there are many in the Deanery who have rarely visited the Forest, and in this Special Year of the Environment being celebrated throughout the Clifton Diocese and promoted by Bishop Declan in his initiative *Sound of Many Waters*, this invitation hopefully will help Catholics to recognise the beauty of God's Creation

It is currently planned to invite anyone who wishes to take part to meet at St Margaret Mary's Church in Coleford at 3pm and, depending on the weather, go all together to New Fancy Viewpoint for a walk to Mallard's Pike and back lasting about 45 minutes. Tea will be available in the garden at Highbury House in Lydney from 4.30pm

Volunteers are needed to help with preparation of tea and, depending on numbers attending, help with transport etc. Anyone able to help should contact Michele as soon as possible or let our deanery representative Anthony Midgley know on 01594 842339

Responsorial Psalm: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.