

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**
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**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 1st October 2017 (Year A-1)**

<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>	<u>Weekday Masses</u>
Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford – 9am Sedbury – 11am	Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford – 9am Lydney – 11am	Tuesday – 9am Coleford Wednesday – 8am Cinderford Thursday – 9.30am Lydney Friday – 9am Sedbury

BLESSING OF PETS: The Celebration of God's wonderful Creation along with the Blessing of Pets, takes place today, Sunday in Our Lady's at 3.00p.m. **All are Welcome** - with or without pets.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, 6th October in Our Lady's at 3.00p.m. **All are welcome.**

St Margaret Mary will be celebrating Harvest on **Saturday 7th October**. The same day as the soup supper. Please bring all items of food into the Church Hall from 5.15 pm. These will be made into baskets and can be purchased on leaving Mass. All donations will go to CAFOD. Many thanks.

OLV Cleaning Rota: 13th October – L. Tippins

Missio Masses will be held at St. Thomas Moore, Cheltenham on Friday 10th November at 7pm. All welcome.

Diocesan Diary dates;

- **Retreat days for Catechists & Youth leaders** Saturday 20th January 2018 at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud. 10-4pm. Lunch provided. Cost £20pp booking essential youth@clifondioces.com
- **World Meeting of Families 2018** – will take place 21-26th August 2018 in Dublin, Ireland. For more information <http://www.clifondiocese.com/world-meeting-families-2018/>

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is carrying out an electoral review of Forest of Dean District Council. The LGBCE are asking residents of the area to comment on the draft recommendations for new ward boundaries across Forest of Dean. <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/gloucestershire/forest-of-dean>

Village Agents – From the 1st October Village Agents will be known as Community Connectors and will be working for the Forest of Dean District Council. Should you wish to contact a Community Connector, please contact the FODDC on 01594 810000 and leave a message and you then be connected by a CC.

Your Community Hospitals – have your say <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ForestofDean/> to be completed by the 10th December 2017.

Next weekend the 2nd Collection will be for **CAFOD**. Gift Aid Envelopes are at the back of your Parish.

The Romero Prayer:

A step along the way

"This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

...It is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but we are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own."

From a prayer by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, which he later used to mark the martyrdom of the Blessed Oscar Romero of El Salvador.

Full prayer and more at cafod.org.uk/prayers

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Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.