

**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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 10th September 2017 (Year A-1)

This Sunday

Coleford - Sat 6pm
Cinderford – 9am
Lydney – 11am

Next Sunday

Coleford - Sat 6pm
Cinderford – 9am
Sedbury – 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – 9am Coleford
Wednesday – **8am Cinderford**
Thursday – No Mass
Friday – 9am Sedbury

2nd Collection this weekend is for **Catholic Education Service**. This is a national collection with some funding going to support work with young people in our parishes and the work done by the Youth Ministry Coordinator for our diocese.

OLV Cleaning Rota: 15th September – B. Davis

Four Churches Fete Cake Stall – would be very grateful for cakes, pies etc. Can be collected if necessary. Phone Margaret on 01594 562175.

Our **Four Churches Fete** will be held on **Saturday the 16th of September**, Less than a week to go to the annual fete! From **11am to 2pm at St Josephs Church Lydney** (the fete will be in the community centre over the road from St Josephs if the weather is wet). St Josephs church will be open from 6pm to 8pm on the Thursday and Friday immediately before to receive and sort any items. We need good quality bric a brac, prizes for the tombola, books and DVDs, full bottles of wine for the wine and water stall. Please bake cakes for the cake stall and also refreshments, also any garden produce or jams and preserves for the produce stall. There will be lots of entertainment, a BBQ, ice creams and activities for children. Please bring back any unsold raffle tickets, counterfoils and money. This year our usual helper for the hoopla game is away if anyone can help with this please speak to Deacon Paul. On the Saturday we will be setting up from 8am, any help would be welcome moving tables etc. Most of all please come along, bring a friend and pray for fine weather.

From Newent newsletter – 'Fr. John Eze MSP. It's great news that we can confirm that our new priest will join us in early October. Fr. John is from the Missionaries of Saint Paul of Nigeria, and has been a Parish Priest in the UK for the past six years. We ask the Lord to bless and protect our parish through this difficult time'.

Day of prayer and reflection for the Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire - 23 September Canon Mark Oakley, Canon Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral will be leading a day of prayer and reflection. **Encountering the Collage of God: Poetry, experience and faith**, to be held at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Brockworth GL3 4HL from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of the day is £12. To book, contact Revd. Liz Palin liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk 01242 575547

Date for your diary –

- Our **CAFOD** Soup Supper will be in the Church Hall after Mass on Saturday 7th October, **EVERYONE WELCOME**. Anyone willing to donate soup please contact Beverley.
- **BLESSING OF PETS:** In order to celebrate show our respect, care, and appreciation for God's wonderful creation, we will be having another 'Blessing of Pets' in Our Lady's Church, Cinderford, close to the Feast of St. Francis, on **Sunday 1st October at 3pm**. This was a very enjoyable occasion two years ago and requests have been made to have it again. There will be light refreshments as well as treats for the animals. All are welcome to come along, - with or without a pet. If you are bringing a pet, please fill in one of the slips available and return it to Sister Celestine. Many thanks

2nd Collection next week is for Home Mission Sunday- The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available from www.homemission.org.uk. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via www.homemission.org.uk. Please consider contributing to the second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. Please make cheques payable to your Parish.

We Care About Women – is a campaign of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) to oppose decriminalising abortion. The Mass Constituency-based Lobby is taking place on 27/28 October (50 years to the date of the Abortion Act 1967). Decriminalising abortion means removing all legal restrictions on abortion. This will leave women even more vulnerable to the unscrupulous abortion industry. This is your opportunity to ask your MP to oppose any moves in Parliament to decriminalise abortion. <https://www.spuc.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/we-care-about-women> if you wish to Mass lobby, please contact Michelle in the office for the relevant form.

Craft in Coleford - Forest of Dean U3A is starting a new group to meet at St Margaret Mary Church Hall from 10am until 12 noon, on the first Monday of every month. Our first meeting will be on **Monday 2nd October**. It is envisaged that the Group will explore a variety of craft skills. It will be very informal with people sharing skills with one another. People who just want to come along and do their own thing, whilst having a natter, are also very welcome. The Group is open to all U3A members - see our website - www.u3asites.org.uk/forest-of-dean. Each session will cost £1 plus 30p for refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits). If you're not already a U3A member you can come along and join in a session to see what we do. Remember to bring some craft work along with you (eg knitting, card-making, sewing, embroidery, beading)

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.