

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,  
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,  
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**  
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## **Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Year B-II)**

### **This Sunday**

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

### **Next Sunday**

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

### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday - 9am Coleford  
Wednesday - No Mass  
Thursday - 9.30 Lydney  
Friday - 9am Sedbury

Thursday at Lydney will be Morning Prayer & Liturgy of the Word.

Reconciliation Service with 2 Priests for Confession Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7pm at Coleford.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Second Collection in Our Lady's this Sunday - the 4th Sunday in Lent, will be for Flowers for the Altar at Easter.

**Tuesday's During Lent** Exposition will take place in Coleford on Tuesday's during Lent. This will follow the Morning Mass until 12 noon - the time that Coleford Church is normally open.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The Stations of the Cross will take place in Our Lady's on Wednesday at 3.00p.m. as well as each Wednesday during Lent. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**Lenten Talks** - for the 5 Wednesday's of Lent, not Holy Week. Deacon Paul & Fr. Barnabas will take some of the questions raised by the questionnaire. These will be in the hall in Coleford. Start 7pm with a cup of tea, talk to begin by 7.15pm and we aim to finish by 8.30pm. The fourth topic will be End of Life and finally Sacraments.

**Open Church Volunteers for St. Margaret Mary Church, Coleford** - while the Church is now open and unattended as plan, we would welcome the help of a few more volunteer's. Do come and join us at the meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Church hall, where we can discuss how this works. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting please make Fr. Barnabas aware, and we will contact you and discuss the role.

**Coleford Women's World Day of Prayer.** New date (due to postponement on 2<sup>nd</sup> March due to weather conditions) the Coleford Women's World Day of Prayer will take place Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Coleford. This year the Catholic and Anglican congregations are jointly hosting the service at 2pm at St Margaret Mary Church in Coleford. EVERYONE is welcome. After the service please join us for refreshments in the Church Hall.

**Easter Flowers** - for St. Margaret Mary, the second collection will take place next weekend, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.

**TEAS, COFFEES & CAKE SALE:** The Teas, Coffees & Cake Sale will take place in Our Lady's **NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> of March**, as the fourth and usual Sunday for this in Our Lady's is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

**Holy Thursday - Washing of Feet** For the Mass on Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in St Margaret Mary we would like twelve volunteers for the 'Washing of Feet'. This is in memory of the twelve Apostles and will represent Christ's love and his servitude to us. Please email [beverleychisholm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beverleychisholm@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01594 861345 if you would like to volunteer.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** - Do we have any Children due to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this Summer? If so, please see Fr. Barnabas.

**PARISH DINNER:** The Menus and Booking Slips for the Parish Dinner on 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Belfry Hotel in Littledean, are now available in each of our four churches. Payments may be made in full or by instalments in cash or cheque. All cheques and bookings to be made payable to Our Lady of Victories and given either to Fr. Barnabas or Sister Celestine. Many thanks.

**Coffee Morning** returns at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall next Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10-12pm. All welcome.

**Home Visiting** Unfortunately the meeting that was arranged to explore how we set up the home visiting group was hampered by very poor weather and attendance was very low. This meant we are currently unable to put plans into practise just yet. Our thoughts and ideas for this ministry have been shaped by the responses to the recent survey questionnaire and we feel this group, once up and running, can provide a real service to our Parish community. So, we will persevere with our planning and re-convene at a later date; once Spring is here and the lighter nights make coming out in the evening easier. If you are one of those who originally volunteered to be part of this ministry or if you think you'd like to be involved, please get in touch with Steve Dunford (01594 562638) or Fr Barnabas. They would be pleased to hear from you and can give you more information on what is in the planning stages at present.

**Monmouth Sedar @ Bridges Centre, Monmouth** - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 6pm. Cost of meal £6, bring your own juice/wine. To book your place please contact Mary Walton on [marymw379@gmail.com](mailto:marymw379@gmail.com) or 01594 530721.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church Newent** is arranging a retreat from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at Brownhill Convent cost for the weekend approx. £85 and £14 for the day. If you would like to join us, please contact Tom on 01989750665

**Liturgy Newsletter Launched.** The Diocesan Liturgy Office have just launched the first in a quarterly series of Liturgy Office newsletters. The intention is to keep you abreast of what's happening on the 'liturgical front' for the coming months with resources and information, along with a little catechesis and some practical suggestions, to hopefully enhance the liturgical celebrations in our parishes. <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/liturgy-newsletter-launched/>

Our **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** takes place this year from Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, for those travelling by coach or Jumbulance, this will leave St Teresa of the Child Jesus on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The pastoral theme for Lourdes this year is "Do whatever he tells you" from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of St John (Wedding feast of Cana). Bookings are now being taken. Please contact: Diocesan Lourdes Director: Deacon David Wakefield [Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com)

**Responsorial Psalm:** O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.