

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 14th January 2018 (Year B-II)

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

OLV Cleaning Rota: 26th January – M. Bradley

Cinderford – United Service at St. Stephens, Bell Vue Road, Sunday 21st January 10.30am. All welcome.

White Flower appeal total – thank you for your kind generosity a parish total of £153.48 was raised. Many thanks.

The Funeral of Kath Holder will be held at Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, on the 24th January at 12.30pm.

A Future full of Hope was launched 28th October 2017. The resources can be found here
<https://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/future-full-hope/>

The Celebration of Marriage will take place at Clifton Cathedral 3rd February 12 noon. If any couples within our Parish who will be celebrating significant anniversaries this year – silver (25), pearl (30), ruby (40), sapphire (45), golden (50), emerald (55), or diamond (60) or beyond, please let Michelle know, who will forward your details to the Diocese.

Guided Pilgrimage to Fatima and Santiago de Compostela: From Sun 20th May to Fri 25th May 2018 with flights from Heathrow Fr Gerry Walsh Parish Priest at St Augustine's and English Martyrs Gloucester will be the Chaplain. You can find further details and book on line at <http://www.aglowpilgrimages.com/staugustines> or by contacting Marisa Wood Parish Administrator on 01452 504997.

Visiting Group - 'As part of our response to the Bishop's call for developing the mission of our Parish we already see parishioners taking on roles to support our work. There are new initiatives such as the Welcoming Group now working alongside traditional ministries such as music, readers, cleaning etc. We are looking to develop more roles within the Parish body and our next change is in the way we organise for Holy Communion to be taken to the housebound. We have a good number of Eucharistic Ministers supporting Fr Barnabas but the role of facilitating their work is being taken on by Steve Dunford from Lydney. He has all the details of who the Eucharistic Ministers are and their geographic location and will in future be supporting the Mass centres in the taking of Holy Communion out into our community.

We are also looking to call upon those who kindly volunteered via last year's Parish survey to set up a 'Visiting Group' to befriend and offer practical help to those who are housebound and have requested support. There will be a meeting in the Parish Hall, **Coleford on the 6th Feb at 7:30pm** for all those interested in being part of this ministry. If you have already volunteered you will receive an invitation to attend but if it is something you feel you would like to be part of please come along and make yourself known, you will be warmly welcomed.

Catholic Social Teaching Retreat – Fri 16th-18th February at Downside Abbey (www.downside.co.uk). A retreat focussing on Catholic Social Teaching and its relevance in the modern day. Speakers: Hugh Walters (Head of Theology Downside School); Jacob Rees-Mogg, MP for North East Somerset. Cost is £35. To book your place and information email: rinabird@outlook.com

CAFOD Lent – will be quickly upon us. Miss a meal or have a simple meal on Family Feast Day, Friday 23rd February and give generously to help more children grow up healthy and strong. Find out more on cafod.org.uk/lent even better, use a Gift Aid envelope and double your contribution; the government will match £1 for £1, at no extra cost to you.

Wellspring Prayer Retreat Day - Saturday 10th March 2018 10-4pm at Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre. The day is FREE and lunch is included. Places are limited, so please book in by contacting kate@vineyhilladventure.org or by ringing 01594 516162

Parish questionnaire – we are asking all parishioners to fill in a copy on the weekend of 20/21st January, but so that you are not put 'on the spot', please find the questions here in advance, so that you may go away and think of your answers.

Questions we are asking you next Sunday to answer anonymously.

- 1. How confident are you in your knowledge of the Catholic faith?**
- 2. How confident are you at personal prayer?**
- 3. In order of importance what three teachings of the Catholic faith would you most like to explore?**
- 4. What personal practical help do you think the Church could offer you or others?**
- 5. How would you like the Parish to develop in its mission over the next 3 – 5 years?**

The Carer Advice line is an information and advice service for adults and their carers in Gloucestershire. The aim is to help individuals and their families make informed decisions about their care and support how they paid for it. Helpline 01452 222200.

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.