

**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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (Year A-1)**

### This Sunday

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

### Next Sunday

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

### Weekday Masses

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this 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. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available from [www.homemission.org.uk](http://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.

**TEAS, COFFEES AND CAKE SALE:** There will be Teas, Coffees and Cake Sale in Our Lady's next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> after Mass. All contributions of cakes will be gratefully received.

**SALE OF FRUIT:** The sale of fruit in Our Lady's last Sunday after Mass raised £26.00 towards our Repair Fund. Many thanks to all who all who bought the fruit and to Gennie Stone who donated it.

**Interested in the Faith?** We're a small group of people, half of whom were received into the Church last Easter. We're continuing our lively discussions and studies this autumn and you're most welcome to join us. Our explorations so far have included a huge range of topics, from miracles, exorcisms, our doubts, to how to become a saint, to the real life and character of Jesus and how to practice the Faith in today's world. We also learn the inside story of the week's Gospel reading which deepens our understanding of the Mass. Our first meeting of the autumn is on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Parish House, Coleford**. Come and see if it's for you! You don't have to be odd to be a Catholic, but it helps! :-)"

### **Date for your diary -**

- St Margaret Mary will be celebrating Harvest on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

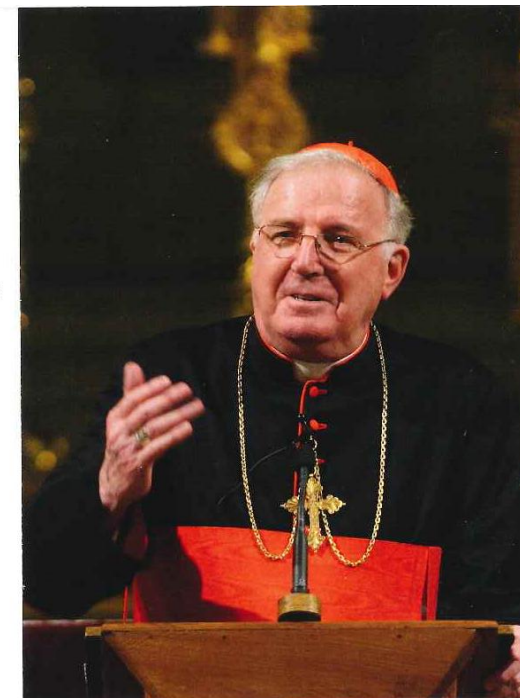
**OLV Cleaning Rota:** 29<sup>th</sup> September - M. Bradley

**Catholic Education Service** - thank you for your generous donations. A combined Parish total of £185.44 was raised.

**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>

**Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor** - we have Prayer cards at the back of your Parish, please feel free to take one:

Please pray for  
Cormac Murphy-O'Connor  
Cardinal Priest of  
Santa Maria Sopra Minerva  
Born 24<sup>th</sup> August 1932  
Ordained Priest 28<sup>th</sup> October 1956  
Third Bishop of Arundel and Brighton 21<sup>st</sup> December 1977  
Tenth Archbishop of Westminster 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2000  
Archbishop Emeritus 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009  
Died 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
May he Rest in Peace



**Village Agents** - From the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.