

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**
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Third Sunday of Advent Sunday 17th December 2017 (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 - 9.30am Lydney Friday - 9am Sedbury

Advent Penitential Service - Tuesday 19th December 7pm at Cinderford. Visiting Priest to hear Confessions.

Poor Missions of the Diocese. - Thank you for your generous donations. The total collected was £167.82.

XMAS RAFFLE: Tickets on sale for the Christmas Raffle. Any donations of prizes will be gratefully received.

Lydney Churches Together are having a Community Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 10.30am on the car wash forecourt (opposite Lloyd's Bank). You don't have to come along for all of it, if you have time call by for a couple of carols.

OLV Cleaning Rota: 29th December - J. Sansome

COLEFORD MISSIO BOXES. This year our grand total came to £615.35, this is up on last year, so thank you all for your continued support. If you would like a red box please contact Michelle or Brian Holloway.

Age Concern FOD - We are very close to Christmas and I like to think of the Magi setting out on their journey bearing gifts. Do we please have any aspiring deliverers of good cheer in our community? Age Concern in the Forest of Dean are looking for delivery drivers for the meals they provide throughout the Forest. A hot, freshly cooked meal delivered daily to an elderly or frail person helps that person to stay in their own home, where they want to be. If you can spare 2 or 3 hours a week to be a volunteer driver, you would be helping this good work. You do not have to commit to every day, once a week would be great. If you think you could help, please contact Anthea at Age Concern on 01594 827 927. She will give you all the details and let you know how you can help.

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Ask them not to turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your

search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools. As requested from Bishop Declan to make all parishioners aware of the situation.

Masses 24th/25th December:

Sunday 24th December

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

Christmas Day 25th December

Cinderford Sun Christmas Eve 6pm -
(Carols from 5.30pm)
Lydney Sun Christmas Eve 9pm -
(Carols from 8.30pm)
Monday 25th Coleford 8am
Monday 25th Sedbury 10am

Four Churches Fete - with the proceeds from the Four Churches fete, we had made a donation of £250 each to the following local Charities; The Orchard Trust, Teens in Crisis, SARA and Age Concern (Forest of Dean). I have been asked to thank the Parishioners on their behalf.



Week 3

Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle.

**Reminds us of the Joy the world experienced
at the coming birth of Jesus.**

Candle Symbolises: Joy

Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.