

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
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First Sunday of Lent Sunday 18th February 2018 (Year B-II)

<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>	<u>Weekday Masses</u>
Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford - 9am Sedbury - 11am	Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford - 9am Lydney - 11am	Tuesday - 9am Coleford Wednesday - 9am Cinderford Thursday - 9.30 Lydney Friday - No Mass

Sedbury - This Sunday 18th February at 6.30pm we are hosting the United Service followed by tea. Please come and join us.

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: There will be Stations of the Cross in Our Lady's, Cinderford, next Wednesday 21st February at 3pm. 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 first topic will be Scripture, especially the Old Testament.

Pope Francis on February 4 announced a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace to be held **February 23, 2018**. The Holy Father's invitation came after the Angelus, prayed in St. Peter's Square last Sunday.

'In the face of the tragic protraction of situations of conflict in different parts of the world, I invite all the faithful to a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace next February 23, Friday of the First Week of Lent. We will offer it in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of Congo and of South Sudan.'

We are used to this particular Friday in Lent being a CAFOD Lenten Fast Day in this country and CAFOD are active both in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Sudan.

TEAS, COFFEES & CAKE SALE: The Teas, Coffees and Cake Sale will take place next Sunday 25th February in Our Lady's after Mass. All are welcome.

The **Women's World Day of Prayer** is on Friday 2nd March. 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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in Our Lady's on Friday, 2nd March at 3.00p.m. All are welcome.

There will be a **Lenten Supper** in the Church Hall after the 6pm Mass at **St Margaret Mary, Coleford on Saturday 3rd March**. EVERYONE WELCOME. There will be delicious soup and cheese and biscuits. All donations will go to CAFOD.

IGNITE @ St. Peter's RC High School Friday 2nd March at 6.30pm (Doors open 6.15pm). Special guest is Tom Elliott (Magician & Comedian) Tickets for the event cost £1, can be purchased from the School or people can pay on the door. Website www.ignitegloucester.com

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Newent is arranging a retreat from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th 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/>

Lenten Booklets - will be at the back of Church £1 each.

CAFOD Lent collection will take place next week. Gift Aid envelopes will be at the back of Church.

VACANCY: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown to work Tuesday - Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm (12 hours per week). The position involves all aspects of parish administration which need to be performed with discretion and confidentiality. The successful applicant will be computer literate with a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher systems. The Parish Office is situated in the Presbytery. For an Application Form and Job Description e-mail churchdown.ourladays@cliftondiocese.com or telephone the Presbytery on 01452 713254.

<p>Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant. Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.</p>
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