

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time Sunday 1st July 2018 (Year B-II)

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

This week, we will take the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Sunday 1st July Lydney Churches Together have their annual Fun and Praise in Bathurst Park Lydney. The afternoon Fun in the Park from 3pm to 5pm is geared towards families and children with lots of fun activities and great live music. Why not bring the grandchildren and a picnic? The evening event starting at 6pm is a more traditional Songs of Praise with the Parkend Silver Band and great hymns to sing.

There will be Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays after the 9am Mass at St Margaret Mary's Church in Coleford. There will be two services, the first starting at 9.30 am until 10.15 am and the second starting at 11.15 am until 12 noon. Between 10.15 am and 11.15 am there will be tea/coffee and a bacon bap in the Church Hall to which everyone is welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 6th July in Our Lady's.

St. Anthony's School: there will be a Closing Mass of Thanksgiving for all the blessings of St. Anthony's School through the years. The Mass will take place here at Our Lady's on Friday 6th July at 7pm. The Mass will be followed with refreshments in the School hall with photographs etc to view. Parking will be available in the school playground. All are welcome. **There** will also be a Service here in Our Lady's on the morning of the 20th July at 9.15am - the day the School closes. All are welcome.

Summer talks - We have a series of talks the coming 5 weeks on topics requested by the home visits group. THE TALKS ARE FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO ATTEND - and you don't have to come to all of them. The first talk on Bereavement will be given by Vinod Bavabhai, an experienced bereavement counsellor from Great Oaks hospice. This first talk is on Tuesday the 3rd of July in the Coleford Church Hall, refreshments beforehand at 1.45pm and the talk starts at 2pm.

Subsequent talks listed below will be on Wednesday evenings 7.15pm for a 7.30 start in the Coleford Church Hall.

Wednesday 11th July - Community Wellbeing Agents (previously known as Village Agents) - Mike Morgan

Wednesday 18th July - Dementia - Nina Summerfield one of the District Council Dementia Agents

Wednesday 25th July - Linking Lives Project - Louise Maclay

Wednesday 1st August - Home visiting & related issues - Julie Godwin from the Gloucestershire St Vincent De Paul Society

Next Weekend In the Church Hall on Saturday 7th July there will be tea/coffee after the 6 pm Mass at St Margaret Mary's, Coleford. **Everyone welcome.** Children's toys and games provided.

OLV cleaning rota: 13th July - M. Morgan

Next week is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a 2nd collection for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. For more information, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

THANKS: Many thanks to all who contributed to the Teas & Cake Sale at Our Lady's last Sunday by donating cakes and helping with the teas and washing up etc. The amount raised was £86.90 for Church Repairs. Well done to all!

To celebrate life as a parish in the Forest of Dean a picnic has been arranged for Saturday 4th August at 12 noon in Beechenhurst. This is a community event and therefore we would like everyone where possible to bring a plate/bowl of food to share. There will be a boules fun competition for everyone to join in, adults and children. Please see posters in Church for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Open Church at St. Margaret Mary's Coleford; we would like more people to come and join us! If you are interested in helping and be available during the morning, do come and speak to Joan, Anthony, Mary, Beverly or Julia who can tell you more about it. Whatever you are able to offer is helpful.

Job opportunity - Parish Administrator

The Parish Secretary Michelle is leaving to take up a new appointment elsewhere. Her last day in the Parish Office will be Friday 13 July 2018. Part time employment is therefore offered for a Parish Administrator to work 12 - 15 hours per week over 4 - 5 mornings at the St Margaret Mary's Parish Office in Coleford.

The successful applicant will be expected to liaise with the voluntary parish officers, the Clifton Diocese staff, and others as appropriate, in order to ensure that the Parish Priest is relieved as far as possible of routine administrative tasks. Applicants must be computer literate and experienced in office procedures.

The successful candidate will be employed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton. The position is open to Catholics and non-Catholics. Further information including an application form relating to this position may be requested by e-mail from banddlord@gmail.com. Applications are required to be received by 13 July 2018.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul. And all within me, his holy name.