

**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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 22nd October 2017 (Year A-1)**

This Sunday

Next Sunday

Weekday Masses

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

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Cinderford – 9am
Sedbury – 11am

Tuesday – 9am Coleford
Wednesday – 9am Cinderford
Thursday – 9.30 Lydney
Friday – 9am Sedbury

This Sunday the 2nd Collection will be for World Mission Sunday – World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church by proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sedan and around the world. Gift Aid envelopes will be at the back of your Parish.

OLV Cleaning Rota: 27th October – J. Thorne

TEAS, COFFEES & CAKE SALE: There will be Teas, Coffees & Cake Sale after Mass in Our Lady's next Sunday 29th October. All are welcome.

October the month of the Rosary – There will be an opportunity to say the Rosary for world peace starting at 5.35pm before the Vigil Mass at St Margaret Mary's each Saturday throughout October.

Teas & Coffee's at St. Margaret Mary after Saturday Mass on 4th November in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. Toys provided for children.

RED MISSIO BOXES COLEFORD & OLV Please could all red boxes be returned to the church ASAP as old £1 coins will cease to be legal tender on October 15th. As always, thank-you all so much for your continued support for Missio.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's on Friday 3rd November at 3p.m. All are welcome.

Diocesan Day Saturday 28th October, St. Brendan's, Bristol. Each Parish is to send a Priest and 3 delegates. This day together will allow us to explore the way ahead for the next three years with the themes Mission, Communion and Prayer and provide us with an opportunity to explore the vision for the future of our diocese and its practical outcomes. As we are 2 Parishes we can take 6 delegates. Would anyone like to join us?

Our Year of Mission and the Year of Mark – Join Bishop Declan at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 29th November at 7pm. All welcome.

Diocesan Diary dates;

- **Retreat days for Catechists & Youth leaders** Saturday 20th January 2018 at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud. 10-4pm. Lunch provided. Cost £20pp booking essential youth@cliftondioces.com
- **World Meeting of Families 2018** – will take place 21-26th August 2018 in Dublin, Ireland. For more information <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/world-meeting-families-2018/>
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 2018** - Bishop Declan is set to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2018 (22 – 30 October) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocesan-pilgrimage-holy-land-2018/>

Open the Book is a project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible, from a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies/acts of Collective Worship. Each presentation takes around 10-15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly, or can stand alone. It is a three-year rolling programme with an additional, but optional year of material based on Christian Values. If you are able to help once a week, 8.30am -10am approx, or even 2-3 times a term, please contact: **Aileen Powell** 01594 843180

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>

Community Connectors – Should you wish to contact a Community Connector (used to be Village Agents), 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 10th December 2017.

Lunch Club takes place on Friday 27th October 11.45 – 2pm. 3 course meal followed by tea/coffee. To book your place, contact Michelle in the office.

U3A Craft in Coleford - will next meet at Coleford Church Hall on Monday 6th November 10-12pm. Bring some craft work along with you & natter while you work. Each session costs £1.

Busy Bees Parent & Toddler Group runs on a Wednesday morning at the Church Hall in Coleford. They are looking for a helper for the group. If you could help please let Michelle in the office know.

Coleford Church is now open Tuesday – Friday 9am-12 noon.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.