

**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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (Year A-1)**

<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 - <b>8am</b> Cinderford Thursday - 9.30am Lydney Friday - 9am Sedbury

**Annual Parish Fete.** Thanks to everyone who attended the Fete on Saturday at St Joseph's and to all those who prayed for fine weather, your prayers were answered and everyone seemed to be enjoying the occasion. We made a new record, raising £2236. A breakdown of the stall contributions is posted on church notice-boards. Particular thanks to the many parishioners who helped in any way to make this annual parish event such a success.

**TEAS, COFFEES AND CAKE SALE:** Coffees & Cake Sale will take place after Mass today in Our Lady's. All are welcome.

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

**Interested in Faith?** We are a small group of people, half of whom were received into the Church last Easter. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7.30pm** at the Presterbury at Coleford. So far we have explored a range of topics from Miracles, Exorcism's, our doubts, how to become a Saint, the real life & character of Jesus, and how to practice the Faith in today's world. We also learn the inside story of the weeks Gospel reading which deepens our understanding of the Mass. We are continuing are lively discussions this autumn and your most welcome to join us. A programme will follow shortly. You don't have to be odd to be a Catholic! But it helps ☺

**BLESSING OF PETS:** All slips for the Blessing of Pets with Pet's name and Owner should be handed in today. Posters for this event have been sent to all four churches as well as Newent. Thanks to the enthusiasm of a lady in St. Stephen's Church in Cinderford, Posters have also been sent to the other Churches Together in Cinderford. The short ceremony will involve a reading, a few short prayers and hymns before the blessing in Our Lady's **at 3.00p.m. on SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER.** There will be a couple of baskets around for anyone who wishes to give a small donation towards the charity for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals.

St Margaret Mary will be celebrating Harvest on **Saturday 7th 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.

**St Joseph's Open Church.** Our Lady of Victories church is already open on weekdays and St Margaret Mary will soon be open on 4 mornings each week. We are hoping also to be able to open St Joseph's church during the week outside normal mass time. A meeting to discuss how this can be achieved will be held on Tuesday 10th October at 11.30am at St Joseph's. We will need volunteers to open and close the church. If you think you can help in any way please come along to the meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting but are interested in helping please speak to Anthony or Paul.

**Home Mission** collection combined Parish total of £145.92. Thank you for your generous donations.

**RED MISSIO BOXES COLEFORD** Please could all red boxes be returned to the church by Saturday 7th October, 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.

**Shalom Gatherings Saturday 30th September.** We invite you to join our gathering. A day to meet together to enjoy activities, games, share food and generally have fun. There will also be great teaching and worship. 10.30 am to 5 pm. £10.00 including Lunch & activities (discounts for under 16's) At the Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre, Viney Hill. GL15 4NA Everyone welcome - All ages. PRE BOOKING REQUIRED To book your ticket ring Shona Marshall on 07765 111405. Website: [www.shalomgroups.org.uk](http://www.shalomgroups.org.uk)

**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>

**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.



Parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ForestofDeanRomanCatholicChurches/>

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is close to all who call him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.