

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,  
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,  
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**  
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## **Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 24th December 2017 (Year B-II)**

### This Sunday

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

### Next Sunday

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

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday - No Mass  
Wednesday No Mass  
Thursday - 9.30am Lydney  
Friday - 9am Sedbury

**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.

**XMAS RAFFLE:** The Christmas Raffle will take place **next Sunday 31st December** in Our Lady's after Mass. Many thanks to all who have donated prizes for this event.

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

**The Universe & The Catholic Times are a December double issue for 22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December. The Universe & The Catholic Times are both £2.60.**



Week 4

Candle Name: Angel's Candle.

Reminds us of the message of the angels:  
"Peace on Earth, Good Will toward men".

Candle Symbolises: Peace

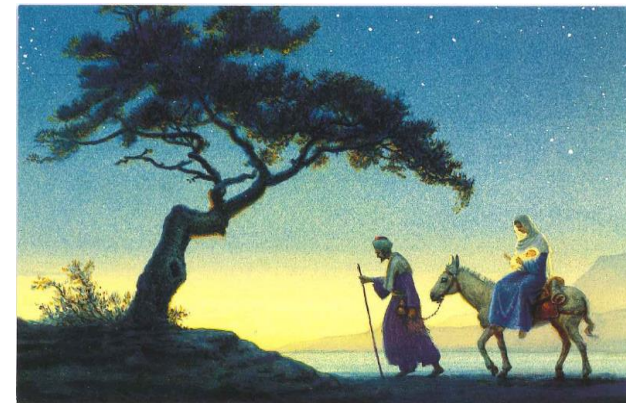
**Masses 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> December:**

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December**

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



***Fr. Barnabas sincerely thanks everybody for their cards and kind gifts and wishes you all a Blessed Christmas.***

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.