

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**
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Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Sunday 24th June 2018 (Year B-II)

<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>	<u>Weekday Mass</u>
Coleford - Sat 6pm	Coleford - Sat 6pm	Tuesday - 9am Coleford 9.30am <i>Exposition</i>
Cinderford - 9am Sedbury - 11am	Cinderford - 9am Lydney - 11am	Wednesday - 9am Cinderford Thursday - 9.30am Lydney Friday - *See Below

***Friday** - St. Peter & St. Paul Mass times 9am Cinderford & 7.30pm Coleford

Sedbury - Our next meeting is after Mass today - Sunday 24th June.

Teas/Coffee/Cakes this Sunday 24th June after Cinderford Mass. All welcome.

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. **You are welcome to come and experience Christ's love for us all. As we spend time in adoration, praise, thanksgiving, asking for his mercy, listening to Him and entrusting ourselves to Him. How can we know Him, if we do not spend time with Him?**

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.

****AMEDNDED SCHEDULE** Home Visit Talks June/July 2018** - A series of five talks have been arranged on behalf of the group of parishioners interested in making home visits. The 5 talks are:

*Tuesday 3rd July at 2pm - Bereavement - Vinod Bavabhai from Great Oaks Hospice
Wednesday 11th - Community Wellbeing Agents (previously known as Village Agents) - Mike Morgan
Wednesday 18th of July - Dementia - Nina Summerfield one of the District Council Dementia Agents
Wednesday 25th of July Linking Lives Project - Louise Maclay
Wednesday 1st Aug - Visiting and related issues - Julie Godwin from Gloucestershire St Vincent De Paul Society

OLV cleaning rota: 29th June - J. Thorne

ANNUAL FETE, our fete this year is being held on Saturday the 15th September from 11am- 2pm at St Joseph's Church, Lydney. Please put the date in your diary. Raffle tickets are now available. Please work hard to sell as many tickets as possible as a significant part of the fete income is from raffle ticket sales. Will parishioners who know performers, musicians, singers etc please see if your usual contacts are available, the sooner we book them the better.

Lydney Churches Together Group has representatives from all the churches in Lydney and some from the surrounding area. They work to reach out to the wider local community through various activities such as the Praise in the Park, the Walk with the Cross on Good Friday etc. Deacon Paul has been one of our representative for over ten years and it would good if someone else could take over this role and bring some new ideas to the group. You don't have to live in Lydney as many of the current representatives live elsewhere. Speak to Paul if you think you could take this on and if you want to know more.

Ride for Vocations 4, The Final Leg! - Fr. Matt is taking up a new challenge, cycling some of the iconic climbs of the Tour De France in the Alps and Pyrenees 26 June - 9 July 2018. If you wish to donate this can be done online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/rfv4/460445> or cheques can be sent to Fr. Matt Anscombe, Vocations Director, St. Bernadette's Presbytery, 731 Wells Road, Bristol, BS14 9HU. Cheques made payable to: Clifton Diocese. If you wish to Gift Aid, please send your address with payment.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage Sunday 8th July Starts with Rosary 11.20am St. Mary's Church, ends with a 3.30pm Mass in the Abbey grounds celebrated by Bishop Declan. For more info <http://glastonburyshrine.co.uk/>

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.

Next week, the **Peter's Pence Collection** will take place, this collection 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.

Responsorial Psalm: I thank you for the wonder of my being.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.