

**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 First Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 27th August 2017 (Year A-1)

<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>	<u>Weekday</u>
Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford – 10.30am Lydney – No Mass	Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford – Sun 9am Sedbury – 11am	Tuesday – 9am Coleford Wednesday – 9am Cinderford ** Liturgy of the Word & Morning Prayer**

Parish Notice – On the Sunday 3rd September the 11am Mass will be at Sedbury.

OLV Cleaning Rota: 1st September – J. Sansome

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament here in Our Lady's on Friday 1st September at 3pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Can you help? Selling of Raffle tickets at the Co-Op in Cinderford Saturday 2nd September and Tuesday 5th September. The selling of raffle tickets is contribution to the amount of money raised at the Four Churches fete (16th September). If you can offer an hour of your time on either day(s) please contact Mike Morgan mike@communityagents.grcc.org.uk

TEAS, COFFEES ETC There will be **NO** Teas, Coffees etc. this Sunday in Our Lady's on account of the late Mass. These will resume as usual at the end of next month.

Our **Four Churches Fete** will be held on **Saturday the 16th of September**, so less than a month to go. Please keep selling the raffle tickets and bring in cash and ticket stubs. We can start receiving items for the stalls, such as good bric a brac, books and DVDs, clean toys, prizes for the tombola. Leave them at the back of your church where they will be collected. St Josephs church Lydney will also be open on the Thursday and Friday evening immediately before the fete to receive items if it is more convenient to bring them then. If you have any electrical items please bring them in as soon as possible or contact Graham Yeates so he can collect them and test them. We also need assistance selling raffle tickets outside the Lydney and Cinderford COOPs on Saturday the 9th of September. Please let Anthony Midgley know if you can help for an hour at Lydney or Mike Morgan at Cinderford.

Newent – Because **Fr. Aiden** is retiring, to mark the end of the Salesian era at Newent and Blaisdon, there will be a final celebration of Mass in thanksgiving. This will be Sunday 3rd September 11am at Newent.

St Margaret Mary's Church would like to thank everyone who donated towards the new church doors. Originally we were hoping to replace the disabled door but through your kind generosity we were able to replace the front doors as well. We should all benefit from these doors which will keep the porch weather proof in the winter. **MANY THANKS.** Pictures can be found on our new Parish Facebook page.

Sung Vespers – Tintern Abbey, Sunday 3rd September 3pm. An ecumenical celebration of evening Prayer. Speaker Rt. Revd Dom Paul Stonham OSB, Abbot of Belmont. Please bring a folding chair. Entry to the Abbey is free if attending the service. Lunches & teas are available in the village.

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
- **Catechists Formation Course** - The formation course is aimed at forming new catechists as well as supporting existing and "well-seasoned" catechists, too. The course will run on a Wednesday evening, once each month through to July 2018. Starting **Wednesday 4 October**, the course includes the diocesan gathering on Saturday 30 June 2018. Those wishing to take part in the series will need to send their registration details to Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX by the beginning of October. There is a minimal cost to the course of £50 which may be subsidised by your parish. For more information <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education-evangelisation/catechists-formation-2/>

Day of prayer and reflection for the Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire - 23 September Canon Mark Oakley, Canon Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral will be leading a day of prayer and reflection. **Encountering the Collage of God: Poetry, experience and faith**, to be held at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Brockworth GL3 4HL from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of the day is £12. To book, contact Revd. Liz Palin liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk 01242 575547

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

Date for your diary - Our **CAFOD** Soup Supper will be in the Church Hall after Mass on Saturday 7th October, **EVERYONE WELCOME.** Anyone willing to donate soup please contact Beverley.

Responsorial Psalm: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring fourth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

