

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**
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Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday 29th April 2018 (Year B-II)

<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>	<u>Weekday Masses</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 - 9am Sedbury

This weekend the 2nd Collection will be for the **Clergy Training Fund**. This fund allows the Diocese to support the future Priests of our Diocese.

TEAS, COFFEES & CAKES: Teas, Coffees and Cake Sale will take place in Our Lady's Today after Mass. All are welcome.

St Margaret Mary will be having **tea and coffee** in the Church Hall after Mass on Saturday 5th May. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you for your kind donations to the CCS Adoption collection, a Parish total of £157.76 was raised.

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?**

In the recent Lent talks on we touched on "Lectio Divina" as a way of prayer with a piece of scripture to think about. We gave out some handouts explaining the technique of reading and meditating on God's Word, what is it saying to me? Some of you will be using the "Universalis" app on your phone or tablet computer for your daily morning and evening prayer. In the Universalis drop down menu there is one headed Lectio Divina which has the Gospel reading for the day and prompts to assist you. You might find it helpful if you want to try Lectio Divina. Speak to Paul if you wish to find out more.

PARISH DINNER: All bookings for the Parish Dinner on **SATURDAY, 19th MAY** should be in by **TODAY**, or as soon as possible. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's on Friday 4th May at 3.00p.m. All are welcome.

The Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire Day of Study and Refection: *A Still Point in a Turning World* led by Revd. Duncan and Mrs Lesley MacLean at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Churchdown, Saturday 19th May 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost £12. To reserve a place, contact Revd. Diane Daymond daymondrd@gmail.com 01242 524869.

Pentecost Retreat 'Holiness for Ordinary People' led by Fr. Aiden Murray SDB. Friday 18th to Sunday 20th May at Brownhill Convent cost for the weekend approx. £85 and £14 for the day. If you would like to join us, please contact Tom on 01989750665

National Eucharistic Congress is due to take place in Liverpool from **Friday 7 - Sunday 9 September**. Centred upon the theme of *Adoremus* this national gathering invites us to reflect upon the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives of faith and to reflect upon all that the Eucharist calls us to be as a people nourished, fed, formed and moulded by the Eucharist itself. If you would like a ticket, just contact Fr Christopher or Doreen at the Adult Education office (adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) and we'll make sure your place is reserved... But we need to be in a position to send in names of diocesan participants as soon after Easter as we can, so get your name in quick!

<https://cliftondiocese.com/news/national-eucharistic-congress-invitation/>

In May the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) becomes law; these extend the legal requirements of bodies including Parish Councils in the way they hold and use personal data. From the implementation date this Parish Council/Office will be required to obtain specific consent from an individual to retain the basic contact details we currently hold, i.e. name, email address and in some cases telephone numbers. We hold no other personal information or data on anyone. So we are asking you to let us know if you are not happy for us to retain information supplied to us on the last Parish Survey. If you wish the information to be removed please email Michelle barnabas.page@cliftondiocese.com

The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage Triduum During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. Clifton Cathedral dates TBC - for updates please see <http://dowrytour.org.uk/>

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.

Pope Francis has issued a new Apostolic Exhortation GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE meaning Rejoice and be Glad. It can be seen on the Vatican Website here: Paper copies can be bought online if you prefer - from Amazon and elsewhere. http://m.vatican.va/content/francescomobile/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

CYMFed Flame 2019 The biggest Catholic Youth event in England & Wales is back! Young people from across the Clifton Diocese aged 14-25 are invited to join Bishop Declan at Flame in Wembley Arena on Saturday 2nd March 2019. Clifton Diocese Youth Ministry are offering ticket, travel & Diocesan scarf all for just £50 per person. Places are filling up fast, so go to www.cliftondiocese.com or contact your Parish Priest for more details and to book your place.

Remember; we have a Facebook page now <https://www.facebook.com/ForestofDeanRomanCatholicChurches/>

Responsorial Psalm: You Lord are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.