

**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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 3rd September 2017 (Year A-1)**

This Sunday

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

Next Sunday

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 9am Coleford
Wednesday - 9am Cinderford
Thursday - 9.30am Lydney
Friday - 9am Sedbury

St Margaret Mary will be having tea/coffee in the Church Hall on Saturday 2nd September. Everyone welcome.

OLV Cleaning Rota: 15th September - B. Davis

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.

Our **Four Churches Fete** will be held on **Saturday the 16th of September**, so less than 3 weeks 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.

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.

2nd Collection next weekend is for **Catholic Education Service**. This is a national collection with some funding going to support work with young people in our parishes and the work done by the Youth Ministry Coordinator for our diocese.

From Newent newsletter - 'Fr. John Eze MSP. It's great news that we can confirm that our new priest will join us in early October. Fr. John is from the Missionaries of Saint Paul of Nigeria, and has been a Parish Priest in the UK for the past six years. We ask the Lord to bless and protect our parish through this difficult time'.

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/>
- **World Meeting of Families 2018** - will take place 21-26th August 2018 in Dublin, Ireland. For more information <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/world-meeting-families-2018/>

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



Parish Facebook page

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Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.