

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,  
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## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 (Year B-II)**

### This Sunday

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

### Next Sunday

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

### Weekday Masses

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan** – 9am Coleford  
Tuesday – 9am Coleford  
Wednesday – 9am Cinderford  
Thursday – No Mass  
Friday – No Mass

**THANK YOU:** Sister Celestine would like to express her grateful thanks for all the kind Christmas good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts. God bless you all. Sister would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all those who help with the **Cleaning of the Church**, the **50/50** each week and the monthly **Teas & Coffees** and who help in any other ways. God bless you all.

**XMAS RAFFLE:** The Xmas Raffle will take place today in Our Lady's after Mass. Many thanks to all who have donated prizes and bought tickets for this event, the proceeds will go towards the current repairs to the church.

**St Margaret Mary** will be having tea/coffee after Mass in the Church Hall on Saturday 6th January. Everyone welcome.

**OLV Cleaning Rota:** 12<sup>th</sup> January – B. Davis

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend** will be for the **White Flower Appeal**. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. There will be cards left at the back of Church for you to sign and will be sent to your MP on your behalf by SPUC. MP is Mark Harper; Constituency is Forest of Dean.

**Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family**, from Bishop Declan can be found on the Clifton Diocese website - <https://www.cliftondiocese.com/bishop/pastoral-letters/>

## **Family Prayer for 2018**

God, Our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind,  
Gentle and generous,  
Welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray:  
(We pause and remember family members and others by name)  
Increase our faith,  
Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.  
This we ask, through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



**Responsorial Psalm:** He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.