

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**
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Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 4th March 2018 (Year B-II)

<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>	<u>Weekday Masses</u>
Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford - 9am Sedbury - 11am	Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford - 9am Lydney - 11am	Tuesday - 9am Coleford Wednesday - 9am Cinderford Thursday - 9.30 Lydney Friday - 9am Sedbury

There will be a **Lenten Supper** in the Church Hall after the 6pm Mass at **St Margaret Mary, Coleford on Saturday 10th March**. EVERYONE WELCOME. There will be delicious soup and cheese and biscuits. All donations will go to CAFOD.

Tuesday's During Lent Exposition will take place in Coleford on Tuesday's during Lent. This will follow the Morning Mass until 12 noon - the time that Coleford Church is normally open.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross will take place in Our Lady's on Wednesday at 3.00p.m. as well as each Wednesday during Lent. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Lenten Talks - for the 5 Wednesday's of Lent, not Holy Week. Deacon Paul & Fr. Barnabas will take some of the questions raised by the questionnaire. These will be in the hall in Coleford. Start 7pm with a cup of tea, talk to begin by 7.15pm and we aim to finish by 8.30pm. The third topic will be Prayer & Faith, End of Life and finally Mission.

EASTER FLOWERS: The Second Collection in Our Lady's next Sunday - the 4th Sunday in Lent, will be for Flowers for the Altar at Easter.

Open Church Volunteers for St. Margaret Mary Church, Coleford - while the Church is now open and unattended as plan, we would welcome the help of a few more volunteer's. Do come and join us at the meeting on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Church hall, where we can discuss how this works. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting please make Fr. Barnabas aware, and we will contact you and discuss the role.

Coleford Women's World Day of Prayer. New date (due to postponement on 2nd March due to weather conditions) the Coleford Women's World Day of Prayer will take place Friday 16th March at Coleford. This year the Catholic and Anglican congregations are jointly hosting the service at 2pm at St Margaret Mary Church in Coleford. EVERYONE is welcome. After the service please join us for refreshments in the Church Hall.

1st Holy Communion - Do we have any Children due to make their 1st Holy Communion this Summer? If so, please see Fr. Barnabas.

THANKS: Many thanks to all who supported the Teas and Cakes in Our Lady's last Sunday. We raised £57.65 for our Church Repairs. Well done!

→ **Wednesday 9am OLV will be Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word.**

PARISH DINNER: The Menus and Booking Slips for the Parish Dinner on 19th May at the Belfry Hotel in Littledean, are now available in each of our four churches. Payments may be made in full or by instalments in cash or cheque. All cheques and bookings to be made payable to Our Lady of Victories and given either to Fr. Barnabas or Sister Celestine. Many thanks.

CAFOD Lent collection total. Thank you for your kind generosity the total raised by our Parishes was £425.73

Parish Survey 2018 - results In previous newsletters we have published a précised analysis of the results of the survey questionnaires completed in Jan. Lots of interesting answers were given to the three questions and we would like to share these with you. Over the next three weeks we will display for your information the tables of data that fed the analysis (one question each week) on the notice boards at the rear of the Church. You can see all the topics raised and the frequency by which they came up in each Mass centre. They are also available on the Parish web-site. We are trying to address the concerns and questions raised already. During Lent we will be conducting a series of talks covering the most important issues you raised. After Easter we hope to be setting up opportunity for discussion and study of further aspects raised by our congregations. The major topic of how the Church faces the challenges of the modern world - the topic that was considered really important judging by the number of responses - needs careful planning but it is hoped that this can be covered by a series of events later in the year.

Home Visiting Unfortunately the meeting that was arranged to explore how we set up the home visiting group was hampered by very poor weather and attendance was very low. This meant we are currently unable to put plans into practise just yet. Our thoughts and ideas for this ministry have been shaped by the responses to the recent survey questionnaire and we feel this group, once up and running, can provide a real service to our Parish community. So, we will persevere with our planning and re-convene at a later date; once Spring is here and the lighter nights make coming out in the evening easier. If you are one of those who originally volunteered to be part of this ministry or if you think you'd like to be involved, please get in touch with Steve Dunford (01594 562638) or Fr Barnabas. They would be pleased to hear from you and can give you more information on what is in the planning stages at present.

Monmouth Sedar @ Bridges Centre, Monmouth - Tuesday 27th March @ 6pm. Cost of meal £6, bring your own juice/wine. To book your place please contact Mary Walton on marymw379@gmail.com or 01594 530721.

Lenten Booklets - will be at the back of Church £1 each.

Our **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** takes place this year from Friday, 24th August to Friday 31st August, for those travelling by coach or Jumbulance, this will leave St Teresa of the Child Jesus on Thursday 23rd August. The pastoral theme for Lourdes this year is "Do whatever he tells you" from the 2nd Chapter of St John (Wedding feast of Cana). Bookings are now being taken. Please contact: Diocesan Lourdes Director: Deacon David Wakefield Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com

Just a reminder that we have a facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ForestofDeanRomanCatholicChurches/>

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.
Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest of her young: by you alters, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.