

**The Churches of Our Lady of Victories Cinderford,
St Margaret Mary's Coleford,
St Joseph's Lydney & Sacred Heart Sedbury.**
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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 5th November 2017 (Year A-1)

This Sunday

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

Next Sunday

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – 9am Coleford
Wednesday – No Mass
Thursday – No Mass
Friday – 9am Sedbury

Teas & Coffee's at St. Margaret Mary after Saturday Mass on 4th November in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. Toys provided for children.

This week the 2nd Collection will be for the Mother Church – Clifton Cathedral Appeal. The new roof has made a vast improvement on the building; the Cathedral is now dry and weatherproof. The next phase of repairs is an energy efficient method of heating the Cathedral to complement the new glazing and increased insulation from the new roof. Next phase also included the lighting and electrical circuits to the interior of the building. If you are a Gift Aid donation, please consider Gift Aiding your donation for our Mother Church. Envelopes have been provided.

OLV Cleaning Rota: 17th November – T. Hare

Our Year of Mission and the Year of Mark – Join Bishop Declan at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 29th November at 7pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION: In order to prepare ourselves spiritually, for this wonderful Feast of Christ coming into our world at Christmas to redeem us, we will be having our usual Advent Service in Our Lady's on the **first Sunday of Advent, - 3rd of December at 3.00p.m.** We will use the same booklets as we had last year and anyone, including from our other churches, who would like to do one of the short readings, please contact Sister Celestine on 826102. The service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and will be followed by light refreshments.

Clifton Diocese 2018 Liturgical Diary and the 2018 Directory are now in stock. The diary costs £6 and the directory is £5. If you wish to obtain a copy, please email or see Michelle in the office.

National Youth Sunday – 26th November – Feast of Christ the King. 'Something to Say' we are inviting young people and young adults aged 12-25 to St Brendan's Catholic Sixth Form College on Saturday 25th November 10.30am-3pm for 'Something to say', our diocesan gathering for young people to celebrate National Youth Sunday and to share their views on the Church. To book your place, please email youth@cliftondiocese.com. For more information, please see <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/event-young-people-young-adults/>

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@cliftondiocese.com
- **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/>
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 2018** - Bishop Declan is set to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2018 (22 – 30 October) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocesan-pilgrimage-holy-land-2018/>

Open the Book is a project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible, from a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies/acts of Collective Worship. Each presentation takes around 10-15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly, or can stand alone. It is a three-year rolling programme with an additional, but optional year of material based on Christian Values. If you are able to help once a week, 8.30am -10am approx, or even 2-3 times a term, please contact: **Aileen Powell** 01594 843180

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is carrying out an electoral review of Forest of Dean District Council. The LGBCE are asking residents of the area to comment on the draft recommendations for new ward boundaries across Forest of Dean. <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/gloucestershire/forest-of-dean>

Your Community Hospitals – have your say <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ForestofDean/> to be completed by the 10th December 2017.

U3A Craft in Coleford - will next meet at Coleford Church Hall on Monday 6th November 10-12pm. Bring some craft work along with you & natter while you work. Each session costs £1.

Busy Bees Parent & Toddler Group runs on a Wednesday morning at the Church Hall in Coleford. They are looking for a helper for the group. If you could help please let Michelle in the office know.

Coleford Church is now open Tuesday – Friday 9am-12 noon.

Advanced Notice – There will be a Joint Carol Service held at St. Margaret Mary on Thursday 14th December at 6pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

A Future Full of Hope – the new diocesan vision. Bishop Declan launched the new diocesan vision '**A Future Full of Hope**' on Saturday 28 October, at St Brendan's College, Brislington, Bristol. This document sets out a roadmap for the next three years so that we may use the many resources the Lord has given us in order that we might build up the life and work of our parish communities. It can be viewed here: <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/future-full-hope-diocesan-vision-document/>

Responsorial Psalm: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.