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Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 6th May 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 Lydney – 11am	Cinderford –9am Sedbury –11am	Wednesday – No Mass Thursday – * See Below * Friday – 9am Sedbury

**Thursday 10th May is the Feast of the Ascension: Masses 9am Cinderford and 7.30pm Coleford.

Rosary for World Peace at St Margaret Mary's - We will be saying the Rosary before the Vigil Mass on each of the four Saturdays in May (to start at 5.40pm). If you would like to lead a decade please speak to Fiona.

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

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.

OLV cleaning rota: 18th May – B. Davis

Thank you for your generous donations towards the Clergy Training Fund collection. A Parish total of £201.48.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Teas, Coffees and Cakes in Our Lady's last Sunday. Including a kind donation, we raised £90 towards our church repairs. Well done and God bless you all!

Next Sunday is **World Communications Sunday** collection. Pope Francis released a message for World Communications Sunday which you can find https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-01/pope-world-communications-day-message-2018-truth-journalism-fake.html

Prayer & Praise Meeting at St. Peters Gloucester Thursday 17th May 2018 7.30pm special speaker is Rose Harvey speaking on her faith journey, with music ministry led by Tony Wadley.

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 <u>daymondrd@gmail.com</u> 01242 524869.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition calling on the Prime Minister not to give any parliamentary support to moves to decriminalise abortion. A second petition is underway, calling on the Home Secretary to oppose any moves to restrict peaceful pro-life citizen's freedom of expression to pray outside abortion centres. Petition forms are available to sign on line at www.spuc.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.<u>http://m.vatican.va/content/francescomobile/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-</u>francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

We need your consent: 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 if you are happy for us to retain information supplied to us on the last Parish Survey. If you wish the information to be retained, please email Michelle <u>barnabas.page@cliftondiocese.com</u> or tell Barnabas or Paul.

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.

Due to the Royal Wedding there will be no Coffee Morning on the 19th May.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.