

**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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 8th October 2017 (Year A-1)

<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>	<u>Weekday Masses</u>
Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford - 9am Lydney - 11am	Coleford - Sat 6pm Cinderford - 9am Sedbury - 11am	Tuesday - 9am Coleford Wednesday - 8am Cinderford Thursday No Mass Friday - 9am Sedbury

This weekend the 2nd Collection will be for **CAFOD**. Gift Aid Envelopes are at the back of your Parish.

St Margaret Mary will be celebrating Harvest on **Saturday 7th October**. The same day as the soup supper. Please bring all items of food into the Church Hall from 5.15 pm. These will be made into baskets and can be purchased on leaving Mass. All donations will go to CAFOD. Many thanks.

We Press on – Together, In Hope – Prisoners' Sunday Today is a day of prayer for Prisoners. It's a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. Prisoners' Sunday offers an important opportunity to open our hearts to these members of our community who may be in crisis and to be there for those who most need our support.

Prayer for Prisoners

"Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His spirit, now and everyday". www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Extraordinary meeting of OLOV Building Committee Wednesday October 11th. 7.30pm.at OLOV.
To discuss developments.

OLV Cleaning Rota: 13th October – L. Tippins

October the month of the Rosary – There will be an opportunity to say the Rosary for world peace starting at 5.35pm before the Vigil Mass at St Margaret Mary's each Saturday throughout October.

St Joseph's Open Church. Our Lady of Victories church and St Margaret Mary are already open on weekdays. We are hoping also to be able to open St Joseph's church during the week outside normal mass time. A meeting to discuss how this can be achieved will be held on **Tuesday 10th October at 11.30am at St Joseph's**. We will need volunteers to open and close the church. If you think you can

help in any way please come along to the meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting but are interested in helping please speak to Anthony or Paul.

Pet Service - THANK YOU: Many thanks to all who came to the Celebration of God's Creation and 'Blessing of Pets' last Sunday in Our Lady's, Cinderford. All who came thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon with or without pets. Once the dogs and cats greeted each other on entrance to the church and realised, when they received a treat that they weren't in the Vets, they calmed down and seem to enjoy each other's company. We had one or two joining in with the singing of the hymns, along with the chicken who was clucking so much it was thought she was laying an egg! All present seemed to enjoy the afternoon and are "Looking forward to the next one"!! Thank you for your donation of £60 this will be split between Cotswold Animal Protection and Lydney Cat Protection.

RED MISSIO BOXES COLEFORD Please could all red boxes be returned to the church ASAP as old £1 coins will cease to be legal tender on October 15th. As always, thank-you all so much for your continued support for Missio.

Missio Masses will be held at St. Thomas Moore, Cheltenham on Friday 10th November at 7pm. All welcome.

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/>

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>

Village Agents – From the 1st October Village Agents will be known as Community Connectors and will be working for the Forest of Dean District Council. Should you wish to contact a Community Connector, please contact the FODDC on 01594 810000 and leave a message and you then be connected by a CC.

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

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

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.