

## Information Gathering Jan 2018 – Raw data

### Q3 : What 3 teachings of the Catholic Faith would you most like to explore ?

Parish response : 69%

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Coleford	Cinderford	Sedbury	Lydney
<b>End of Life</b>			
1) Resurrection of the body (4) 2) Purgatory 3) Final judgement	1) Resurrection and the afterlife (7) (Heaven, reuniting families ) 2) Purgatory (4) 3) Death (2) 4) Final Judgement (2)	Resurrection (2)	1) Resurrection and the afterlife (Heaven, reuniting families, how come the privileged have the same as those unprivileged in the world? ) (4) 2) Purgatory
<b>Sacramental Life</b>			
Sacraments (3)	Sacraments	Sacraments	Sacraments (3)
1) Eucharist (3) 2) Reconciliation and penance (3) 3) Why did Jesus die for our sins ?	1) Sacrament of Reconciliation (2) 2) Eucharist	Confession/ reconciliation (3) and Communion (2)	1) Sacraments – Confession and Communion (3) 2) Penance / Absolution (2)
	Transubstantiation	Transubstantiation (2)	
<b>Sin and Forgiveness (links with Sacrament of Reconciliation)</b>			
	Forgiveness (2)	Forgiveness (2)	Forgiveness(3)“why should we forgive those who deliberately do harm?”
<b>Scripture</b>			
1) Trinity (6) 2) Bible study 3) Birth of Jesus 4) Divinity of Christ 5) How are readings and translation chosen?	1) The life of Christ 2) Bible study 3) Old Testament (2) 4) Miracles of Jesus 5) Mass readings	1) Relationship between God and Jesus 2) Bible teaching (2) 3) Trinity 4) Exploring the life of Christ 5) Prophecy of Christ in old Testament	Relevance of the gospel into everyday modern life(2) Bible Teaching
<b>Prayer and Faith</b>			
1) Rosary (3) 2) language of liturgy 3) Holy Spirit 4) Miracles and apparitions	1) What is faith ? 2) Gifts of the Spirit 3) Prayer	1) The Mass 2) Private prayer	Explore the meaning of the language used in Mass and prayer (2) Activity to enhance the more confident (no details given!) (2) Prayer (2)
		1) Keeping ones faith strong (2) 2) Importance of Sabbath	

Role of Mary	Intercession of Mary, Saints and angels (2)		Virgin birth(2) God's existence/Mans existence
1) Lives of the Saints (2) 2) Prophets			
<b>Coleford</b>	<b>Cinderford</b>	<b>Sedbury</b>	<b>Lydney</b>
<b>Church in the Modern World (1)</b>			
1) Sexuality (3) 2) Marriage (2) 3) Assisted dying	1) ) A progressive Church reflecting changing times to be inclusive – Sexuality / Contraception 2) Family Matters (2) incl divorce and abortion	Marriage and divorce	1) A progressive Church reflecting changing times to be inclusive – Sexuality / Contraception(4) 2) Divorce 3) Marriage and remarriage
1) Why no married priests?(2) 2) Why no women priests?	Why no women priests?	Why a celibate priesthood?	1) Why no married priests(5) ? 2) Greater role for women in leadership (other than Nuns) reflecting equality of the sexes (2)
<b>Church in the Modern World (2)</b>			
	1) Apparent contradiction of authoritarian views of sin and forgiveness as expressed by Pope Francis 2) Infallibility (2)		1) Papal direction (2) 2) Infallibility (3)
Gospel values Canon Law v modern life	Catholic views of current events	God's love for the world squared against illness, suffering and natural disasters	'Love thy Neighbour ' both locally and globally
		Does God exist – how is Christianity different from other religions ?	'One true Church' – vis a viz other religions (2)
1) Catholic guilt v Hope 2) Catholic faith in a modern world			How to accept the dogmas of the Church without doubting or questioning / the relevance of 'blind faith' in a modern world (3)
		Ecumenicalism	Ecumenical relationships
	1) Doctrine of Justification 2) Spiritual warfare		<i>"The Catholic Church, as Christ's Community. It seems to me the 'community no longer exists."</i>
	Faith: leading by example		
<b>Sin and Forgiveness (links to Sacraments)</b>			
Sin and punishment	Sin of temptation		Importance of Mass – is it still a mortal sin to miss it? (2)
<b>Church History</b>			
Early Church history			Pre reformation Church history
<b>Other Aspects</b>			
How to involve the young (2)			Encourage the young to come to Mass
	Use of symbols eg incense		
Nil response: 9 Not sure: 1     72% responded	Nil response: 5 78% responded	Nil response: 11 53% responded	Nil response: 11 70% responded

**Q4 : What personal practical help do you think the Church could offer you or others ?**

**Parish response 74%**

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<b>Community Support, Inclusivity and leadership</b>			
1) Build community (2) 2) Be welcoming (2) 3) Be less dogmatic and legalistic (2) 4) Be Inclusive (2) (gender and sexuality issues) 5) Personal Wellbeing 6) More personal contact with PP / Deacon	1) Be more visible in the community 2) Build community 3) Priest available for discussion	Be Inclusive	1) Coffee after Mass 2) Be welcoming 3) Provide a warm welcome to refugees Acceptance of differences 4) Involve women more in church leadership 5) Support 3 <sup>rd</sup> World 6) Less interference in personal matters such as contraception (2) 7) Church open during the week 8) Strong leadership
Activity for the young	1) A Catholic Choir 2) Activity for the young (2)		1) Parent / Toddler group 2) Activity for the young (5) 3) Encourage Mass attendance for the young (2)
Pray for the sick	How do we show the light of Christ to others ?		1) Catholic Community <i>'to be seen' "By their deeds shall you know them"</i> 2) <i>"Build a community we should all be able to take pride in."</i>
1) Lifts and transport help (2) 2) Craft group 3) Visiting sick and elderly (2) 4) Support the lonely	1) Visiting sick and elderly (2) 2) Caring 3) Lifts and transport help	1) Support those in need 2) Support the lonely (2) practical help when needed 3) Bereavement counselling	1) Lifts and transport help (6) 2) Visiting sick and elderly (3) and prisoners 3) Activity for older people (2) 4) Practical support for those in need 5) Home visits from Clergy 6) Social activities for differing groups; ie men, crafts etc
	Signposting local resources	Signposting local resources	

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<b>Faith Support</b>			
1) Mass continues in the Forest 2) Prayer meetings	1)Mass in Cinderford 2)Daily Mass (1) 3)Prayer meetings (2) ( <i>Rosary, devotional months</i> ) 4)Retreat (2) 5)Easier access to Confession	1)Prayer groups (2) 2)Easier access to Confession 3)Regular Mass 4)Liturgy such as Stations of the Cross	1)A regular Retreat (2) 2)Regular Sunday Mass 3)Regular weekday Mass 4)Adoration (2) 5)Silent prayer time before Mass 6)Home prayer groups 7)Liturgy other than Mass
<b>Education, study and training</b>			
1) Education (4) via modern media and meetings (priest led) <i>be clearer on the theology of the Church</i> 2) Education of the young	1)Education (2) 2)Guidance through sermons 3)Bible study groups 4)Education of the young (2)	1)Discussion groups to provide understanding of the role of the church in modern society (2)	1)Education (2) 2)Study Groups , instruction (2) 3)Church social teaching
		More Pastoral training to enable laity	1)Discipleship 2)More Pastoral training to enable laity
Nil response : 7 Not sure : 3            78% responded	Nil response : 5 Not sure : 0            79% responded	Nil response : 8 Not sure : 1            61% responded	Nil response : 10 Not sure : 1            73% responded

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### Q5: How would you like to see the Parish develop its mission over the next 3-5 years

**Parish response : 73%**

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<b>Community</b>			
1) Build community (3) 2) ditto through community involvement <i>that is time related not just financial</i> (3) 3) Social activities	1) Support groups for those in need	1) Social activities; coffee after mass etc	1) Groups and activities for lonely people(2) 2) Social events
<b>Membership</b>			
1) Encourage younger people and young families to support teenagers in their faith (5) 2) Encourage greater Mass attendance 3) Provide a warm welcome to visitors and new comers (2)	1) Concentrate on the people not the organisation (2) 2) Develop membership by forward thinking (3) 3) Young people's music group to support praise and worship.	1) Encourage younger people and young families to support teenagers in their faith (3) 2) Bringing back lapsed Catholics 3) make it more relevant to everyday life.	1) Encourage younger people and young families to support teenagers in their faith (6) 2) Encourage greater Mass attendance 3) Ditto for midweek Mass 4) Encourage a more active membership (2)
<b>Organisationally/Financially</b>			
1) Consolidate Churches 2) Encourage greater Mass attendance 3) Face up to challenges and to accept change needed by lack of priests 4) press the Bishop for another priest 6) Use local media to advertise Parish services and events.	1) Maintain status quo (2) 2) provide stability	1) Signage to improve our locational presence in Forest towns 2) Advertise what we are doing to encourage attendance 3) Develop a sense of Parish unity	1) Maintain Lydney as a Mass centre (2) 2) Deacons to lead services where there is no Mass 3) Transfer Sedbury to Chepstow 4) Trim our expectations depending on availability of priest and budget.(4) 5) Adapt our organisation following integration with Newent (5) <i>How are we to manage 5 churches?</i> 6) <i>That the 4 churches become one parish</i> (2) 7) Sell churches that can't be sustained) but (7a) maintain a Catholic presence by sharing resources / buildings with other denominations (4)

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<b>Educationally</b>			
1) More study and discussion groups ; structured study on specific topics eg Mass (3) 5) Through teaching, support modern life	1) More study and discussion groups (2) 2) Sunday School	1) Be prepared to have a higher profile in addressing social and political issues 2) Dialogue during homily (occasionally)	1)Study groups (3) <i>“Catholic guilt syndrome associated with sin”</i> 2)Support our confidence to takes God’s message to the wider community 3)Tackle taboo subjects such as abuse, celibacy, LGBT issues and mixed marriage
<b>Ecumenically</b>			
1) be outward looking (3) 2) More involvement in the area 3) Invite other Faiths to share their experiences with us	1) Outreach in the community	1) Outreach in the community 2) More involvement in the area 3) Be more ‘visible’(2)	1) Enhance links with other churches and wider community (5) 2) Be vocal about faith matters in the community 3) Make links with other faiths/religions(2)
<b>Liturgically</b>			
1) Opportunity for devotion to Mary	1) More Masses 2) Evening Mass 3) Liturgy such as Exposition (2) 4) Rosary group 5) Laity meeting to study and develop and deliver liturgy		<b>1)Use</b> modern media (Skype etc) to transmit services to those who can’t attend in person. 2)Laity meeting to study and develop and deliver liturgy 3)Communion Services on Sundays when there is no Mass locally lead by EM 4)Find more delicate ways of reconciliation and forgiveness other than through ‘confession’
<b>Nil Response: 7</b> Not Sure : 2                      78% responded	<b>Nil Response: 8</b> Not Sure : 1                      61% responded	<b>Nil Response: 8</b> Not Sure: 1                      61% responded	<b>Nil Response: 8</b> Not Sure : 0                      78% responded

