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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 1st August

Sunday Mass available from 9am)

Wednesday Mass available from 9am)

Friday Talk available from 9am)

<https://vimeo.com/forestrcchurch>

Letting go

A lady from a previous Parish was telling me how hard it was when she had to stop driving. It wasn't just the loss of independence or the convenience of being able to go where she wanted, it was also a loss of status. She was now beholden to others. And that she said was the hardest part. Having to ask for favours. Working out when and when not to ask. She said she surprised herself by gradually accepting her new situation. Learning to let go. We've all seen that little baby that will not give in. The child is tired and needs to go to sleep but continues to fight. The poor mother has to wait until eventually the child can fight no more. Life can be learning the same lesson in many different ways. Part of our Faith journey is 'letting go and letting God!'. And that can be the hardest battle.

This is why we are taught that pride is the greatest sin. Mind you, as a child that didn't make much sense. Surely adults could think of a more interesting sin than pride? What about thumping my brother, eating too much chocolate or pinching biscuits from the biscuit tin! The lady who had to give up her car passed it on to her daughter. She was still able to see her car and gave it a little tap on the bonnet for old times' sake. But she said she has kept one of the car keys in her bedside cabinet as a reminder.

Bless you all,
Barnabas

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Here is a link to the Sunday Gospels and reflection aimed at children [Children's Liturgy Playlist](#) although it can be enjoyed by all the family. Each new Sunday Gospel is posted on Saturday afternoons. This Sunday is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B. This week we are looking at number 36 in the series.

From the Inspired Team

An opportunity has opened up for everyone to express their thoughts, feelings and hopes on how we can come together as Catholics in the Forest. How exciting it was to receive back your leaflets full of your wishes, opinions and observations. In order to move forward positively so that each of us will benefit, we would like to invite those of you who for various reasons, have not yet been able to return your leaflet to do so as soon as you are able. It can be a challenge to express your thoughts in writing, and for this reason we would like to offer any support to complete and return the leaflet.

Please contact Helen on 07767022823 for any support you may need.



A PDF IS ATTACHED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER



Summer Fete - St Joseph's Lydney Saturday 11th of September 11am to 2pm

At present we still plan to hold our annual Fete on Saturday the 11th of September at St Joseph's Lydney. We will have all the regular stalls including bric a brac, toys, books and DVDs, fresh produce, cakes, tombola, wine and water, etc. Donations of good items to sell will be welcome nearer the time. Help will be needed to set up and run the stalls, (for example Margaret Yeates would like help on the cake stall). More details to follow. Because of the current situation we are not planning to sell raffle tickets in advance.





PARISH PHOTOS are needed please for 'The History of the Forest Parish' which is being compiled by Margaret Yeates. If you have any photos please contact Margaret on 01594 562175.

The Faith Group

The next Faith Group meeting is on Wednesday 4th August at 7.30pm in the Forest of Dean Church Hall in Coleford. This is next to St Margaret Mary's Church. Parking is available and everyone is welcome. We gather in faith and love as we try to understand and learn more about our faith. Our next few topics will be based on comments from Father Barnabas' talk which can be seen here <https://vimeo.com/567157344>

What do Catholics believe and Why?

This week - Why is it necessary that Catholics go to confession?



Thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Trussell Tea. We made £282.10, a wonderful effort, an enjoyable afternoon and no rain.

A MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE AT CLIFTON CATHEDRAL

*Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is
Marriage on*

Saturday 2nd October at 12noon.

All are welcome.

*If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year,
newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021,
then please inform Samantha (Fr Barnabas' Personal Assistant) by email at*

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*or phone 01594 833173. This will enable her to inform the Diocese so that a
personal invitation can be sent out.*

