

**Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent**  
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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)  
Sunday 2nd May

Sunday Mass available from 9am )  
Wednesday Mass available from 9am ) <https://vimeo.com/forestrcchurch>  
Friday Talk available from 9am )

### **Rain**

There is rain forecast at present. We need the rain, though the fine weather does mean we can enjoy God's creation.

At the Climate Summit three reasons were given for trying to curb emissions:-

- 1 The Science. It's not rocket science to understand what will happen if we do nothing!
- 2 The Finance. It is cheaper to pursue renewable energy.
- 3 Public Opinion. Young people are especially behind the move for change.

What interested me was that one voice said we need to find ways to live more simply. This echoes CAFOD and their campaign to live simply. The slogan being 'Live Simply that others may Simply Live'. The argument being that the wealthier countries use up more resources than the poorer countries. I'm used to looking at the way I live during Lent but not as a year round life choice! I wonder if this is something we could look at as a Parish?

It is good to downsize; the other day I was pleased to take three bags to the charity shop. I have also been relieved at last to have a haircut. In Wales the hairdressers were open before us and here we had the garden centres open before them. I did hear that some trade occurred across the border!

For the time being the Newent Mass has been over subscribed. Those over 70 have been asked to attend the Wednesday 12 noon Mass as their weekly Mass. I'm sorry for this situation, it doesn't feel right turning people away from a Sunday Mass. You have been included in the Sunday Prayer.

Bless you all,  
Barnabas

### PARISH MAGAZINE

Our Parishes are looking for creative parishioners to produce a parish magazine. This could include articles on a variety of topics and even a children's page. If you enjoy writing or have any skills to enhance this initiative please contact Chris Roy on 01989 720190 or email

[christine.roy@virgin.net](mailto:christine.roy@virgin.net)



### ***'Dare to Dream' EASTERTIDE REFLECTIONS.***

The reflections are available on the Clifton website <https://cliftondiocese.com>  
This week we will be looking at the reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter.  
You can use these reflections entirely on your own or we are offering the opportunity to share our reflections with each other by joining either a weekly Zoom meeting or an emailing discussion group.

To join one of the groups please contact:

for Monday's 2pm Zoom group - Fiona on 01594 516175  
or [fionaammills@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fionaammills@hotmail.co.uk) (Next session Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May)

for Saturday's 10.30am Zoom group - Mary on 01531 822156  
or [francismef@gmail.com](mailto:francismef@gmail.com) (Next session Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May)

for the emailing group contact Chris at [Christine.roy@virgin.net](mailto:Christine.roy@virgin.net)

Everybody is welcome, you can join at any time during Easter or as and when you can, but please register your interest to receive the joining link.

**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 Fifth Sunday of Easter – year B. This week we are looking at number 23 in the series.

### **The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady**

Thanks to everyone who has committed to saying at least a decade of the rosary a day for our priest Father Barnabas, our parishes and communities. We continue to grow in numbers, and welcome anyone who wishes to join this commitment. Beginners welcome, help and instructions available. Please contact Suzannah by email [suzannahfelton@gmail.com](mailto:suzannahfelton@gmail.com) or text/ring 07984357751



As May is Mary's month, an online zoom Rosary meeting is being set up for Fridays in May at 5pm to anyone who wishes to pray the Rosary together. Please email [fionaammills@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fionaammills@hotmail.co.uk) for the link to join. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Second Collection for India - British Red Cross**

The situation in India is critical. The hospitals are full and people are losing their loved ones at a frightening rate. The Red Cross staff and volunteers across India are supporting Covid-19 response efforts by providing oxygen, first aid and PPE. Please donate to this appeal to help India combat this second wave of Covid-19. Baskets are in all churches this weekend for your donations. Thank you.

### **UPDATE FROM CAFOD ON YOUR DONATIONS -**

#### **How they have made a difference!**

In Lent 2018 Marian and her son Svondo were featured in Zimbabwe as a family in need. Your donations helped to provide a community vegetable garden, which is growing well, and during this pandemic the family have survived on the vegetables. Your support this year has helped to provide soap and hand washing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is one of the many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from Fast Day.

Thank you from CAFOD for your generous donations and steadfast support.

### **Masses**

Please book a place by phoning the following contacts for each Church, thank you.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May                      6pm Lydney                      *To book phone Dot and Brian 01594 560054*

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May                      9am Cinderford                      *To book phone Fiona 01594 516175*

11am Newent                      *To book phone Mary 01531 822156*

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May                      10am Coleford                      *To book phone Beverley 01594 861345*

#### ***Private prayer in the Church after Mass until 12 noon***

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May                      12 noon Newent                      *To book phone Mary 01531 822156*

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May                      10am Lydney                      *To book phone Dot and Brian 01594 560054*

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May                      6pm Coleford                      *To book phone Beverley 01594 861345*