

Parishes of Newent and The Forest of Dean

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PARISH UPDATES

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 28th April

Please use this link to enable you to access all Live or Recorded videos from our

YouTube Channel: <https://youtube.com/@romancatholicchurchforesto5675>

**Places are available to attend in person at the Clifton Cathedral
for The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Bosco Macdonald
on Wednesday 8th May at 12 noon**

The parishes of St Margaret Mary and Our Lady of Victories (which includes St Joseph) will receive four named tickets to attend the above celebration. If you would like to attend please submit your name and telephone number by 9am on Monday 29th April to Sam (Samantha is our priest's Personal Assistant) on 01594 833173. Please leave a message on the answerphone if necessary. Only 1 ticket per person will be available.

If there are more than four names submitted they will go into a draw which will be drawn after 9am on Monday 29th April. The successful parishioners will then be notified by Sam and will need to ensure that they collect their tickets from the Parish Office.

You must make your own arrangements for transport to the Cathedral.

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect Bosco Macdonald

To allow us all to participate in this memorial event 'The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect Bosco Macdonald' the parish will be screening the live-streamed service. This will take place in our Church Hall next to St Margaret Mary Church, Coleford on Wednesday 8th May starting at 12 noon. Please arrive before the service starts.

There will be time for a celebration after the service and where possible we ask for people to bring a plate of food to share.

To enable us to prepare for this event if you are thinking of attending please let a member of the Spiritual and Pastoral Sub-Committee know. Teresa Hault in Cinderford, Beverley Chisholm in Coleford and Fiona Mills in Lydney. Alternatively please email Beverley at beverleychisholm@yahoo.co.uk

Please consider offering lifts to those in need and also consider car sharing.

Thank you.

New Lectionary to be launched in England and Wales for Advent 2024

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the new Lectionary.

The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

NEWENT NEWS - OUR LADY OF LOURDES



Please remember in your prayers the house bound and sick of the parish. Gail and Steve Ebsworth, Mags Oke, Val Young, Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, Paddy Arnold and Aroon Spencer.

Parking Reminder - URGENT

It is illegal and disrespectful to our neighbours to park adjacent to the dropped kerb in front of the church and the house next door. Please refrain from doing so. There have been several complaints. If inconsiderate parking persists, action will be taken. A reminder too, that it is also illegal to mount the kerb when parking where parking is permitted. *Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council*

Beans on Toast Club

The Beans on Toast after school club will continue to be run on Tuesdays by Lynne. This enjoyable and novel afternoon needs parish support. Please let Lynne Heron know if you are interested in helping. Dates next week.

REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Churches together - Prayer for Christian Unity: the Churches of Newent and Gorsley meet every quarter. Next date to be advised. A great opportunity to meet and pray with other Christians!

Adoration and Prayer: Every Wednesday in the church at 10.30am followed by coffee in the Parish room.

Bible Study Group: This group is now being restarted and will meet on every third Thursday at 10.30am starting on 16th May. The group will be led by Mary Francis and hosted by Chris Roy at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. Please contact Chris for more details chris.roy1@protonmail.com

Lectio Divina: Every Friday at 11am via Zoom with Forest Parishes. Ask Mary Francis for the link.

The Parish Pastoral Council: meets monthly on Wednesdays. Next meeting 15th May at 7pm.

Living Waters Pentecost Retreat, Saturday May 11th at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud

Come to be refreshed and renewed. Further details from Sue Felton. Cost £25 to include lunch. Reserve a place with £5 deposit to: suzannahfelton@gmail.com

Christian Aid Week - 18th May at Clifford's Mesne Village Hall starting 12noon.

Please contact Caroline at: caroline.mesne@gmail.com

Please support this Christian Charity which is raising money for projects in Burundi.

There will be a Ploughman's lunch, film and stalls. Donations welcome!

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - ACTIVITIES FOR OLL 2024/25

June

Sun 2nd Short wreath laying at 11am - 80th anniversary of D-Day

Thurs 6th D-Day events may be seen on TV over the weekend

Nov

Sat 9th Festival of Remembrance on TV - Royal Albert Hall

Sun 10th Remembrance wreath laying Last post 11am
And at The Cenotaph London 11am

Mon 11th National Day of Remembrance in the UK

2025

It is more important than ever to remember THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. Let us all think of how we can commemorate this event. If not for their sacrifice we should not be here today so let's do them proud.

IDEAS

1. Trip to the memorial arboretum
2. Victory party (could the children do a theme?)
3. A special Mass

If you have any other ideas please let me know

Tom

There is a table at the back of the church where there are books,
talks (on CD) films (on DVD) and music.
Please help yourself, donations welcome.

Pentecost Novena for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit

This Novena has been organised by our Parish for the Parishioners of the Forest of Dean and Newent.

Everyone is invited to join this online Pentecost Novena and pray together for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This Novena will begin at 5.30pm on Friday, 10th May for 9 consecutive days concluding on Saturday, 18th May.

Please join on Zoom by clicking on the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82246091630?pwd=Q2NlaUE5emZRUWo4anhacDQxcEFvZz09>

Please feel free to join on one or more of the days whenever you are able to.

The intercessory prayers are as follows:-

Day 1: Friday, 10th May - Intercession for a growth in trust

Day 2: Saturday, 11th May - Intercession for the renewal of the Church

Day 3: Sunday, 12th May - Intercession for the unity of Christianity

Day 4: Monday, 13th May - Intercession for the renewal of society

Day 5: Tuesday, 14th May - Intercession for conversion and holiness

Day 6: Wednesday, 15th May - Intercession for reconciliation and healing

Day 7: Thursday, 16th May - Intercession for empowerment for evangelisation

Day 8: Friday, 17th May - Intercession for the victory of the Holy Cross

Day 9: Saturday, 18th May - Intercession for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts

For a copy of this Novena from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales please go to:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/05/pentecost-novena-booklet.pdf>

"The Eucharist: a bond of love which can never be undone."

There is an opportunity on Saturday 8th June at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world.

We are delighted that Fr Michael McAndrew will lead us in our reflections and conversations.

The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence.

Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. To register for the day please click on the Eventbrite link:

<https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/> Everyone is welcome!

The Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis (A two year course)

For catechists and for those who wish to transmit the Catholic faith to others.

No previous qualification is required. A course description and how to apply can be found using this link: www.lightoftruth.uk/certificate

Living the Common Good: Discerning Challenges and Responses

God calls each of us to go forth on a particular mission: Let us then pursue what leads to peace & to building up one another - Romans 14:19.

On **18th May 2024 at St Brendan's Sixth Form College**, the department of Adult Education & Evangelisation will hold 'Living the Common Good', a day of formation and community, to bring people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good in our parishes, pastoral areas, and diocese. Everyone is welcome!

For more information and how to register please use this link: <https://cliftdiocese.com/news/living-the-common-good-discerning-challenges-and-responses/>

[Advance Notice - Dates for your diary](#)

[Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Bosco Macdonald](#) - Clifton Cathedral

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The parish will be screening this live-streamed service at the Church Hall in Coleford on the above date and time. Please see first page for information. Everyone is welcome.

[Marriage Celebration](#) - Clifton Cathedral 25th May at 12 noon

[Diocesan Day](#) - St Bernadette's Catholic School, Bristol, 6th July

[Advent Retreat Day](#) - Brownhill Monastery Saturday 14th December

Masses/Adoration/Prayer

Weekend

Saturday 27th April

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick

Sunday 28th April

- 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick

- 11.00am Mass in Lydney - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick - *live streamed*

- 11.00am Mass in Newent - Monsignor Liam Slattery or
Father Stephen Corrigan

Weekdays

Tuesday 30th April

- 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford

Wednesday 1st May

- **10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent**

Thursday 2nd May

- 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney

Friday 3rd May

- 9.00am Rosary Prayer in Cinderford

Live Mass is available from Clifton Diocese with this link:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/live-mass/>

Sunday Mass: 9.30 am (Family), 11.15 am (Solemn), 6.00 pm

Live Streaming

Please note that live streaming will take place at 11.00am from St Joseph in Lydney on Sunday 28th April. Returning to 9am from St Margaret Mary in Coleford on Sunday 5th May.

Please note:

In the absence of a parish priest, should a priest be required urgently please phone St Peter's Gloucester on 01452 523603.