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PARISH UPDATES

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Good Shepherd Sunday - Sunday 21st April

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

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

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday

Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations can be found using this link:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-for-vocations-sunday-2024-called-to-sow-seeds-of-hope-and-to-build-peace/>

Good Shepherd Sunday is the day chosen for 'Vocations Sunday'. The National Office for Vocation has produced prayer cards, reflections and information around different vocations, whether God is calling us to married life, priesthood, religious life or single life. For information please use this link: <https://www.ukvocation.org/vocation>

Information about Vocations within Clifton Diocese can be found on this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/vocations/>

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>

It is also attached in a pdf with this online parish updates.

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
Please see pdf attached with this Parish Update.

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.

'Invited' - Formation Course

Unfortunately, the start of this course has been postponed and will now start on Wednesday 24th April.

There is a new formation course in Stroud on a Wednesday evening called 'Invited'. These formation sessions are for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others. The course will take place April to July this year at The Immaculate Conception parish hall in Stroud. For more information please click this link: ['Invited'](#)

"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://cliftondiocese.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
Wednesday 8th May at 12 noon

[The parish will be screening this live-streamed service at the Church Hall in Coleford on the above date and time. Please see next page. 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

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 Hoults 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.

Masses/Adoration/Prayer

Weekend

Saturday 20th April

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Canon Alan Finley

Sunday 21st April

- 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Canon Alan Finley

- 11.00am Mass in Lydney - Canon Alan Finley - *live streamed*

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

Weekdays

Tuesday 23rd April

- 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford

Wednesday 24th April

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

Thursday 25th April

- 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney

Friday 26th April

- 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

Second Collection this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund

Thank you

Live Streaming

Please note that live streaming will take place at 11.00am from St Joseph in Lydney for the next two Sundays on 21st April and 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.