

## Parishes of Newent and The Forest of Dean

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### PARISH UPDATES

Sunday 31st March -  
Sunday of the Resurrection (Year B)

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Sunday 7th April -  
Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)  
Divine Mercy Sunday



Please use this link to enable you to access all Live or Recorded videos from our  
YouTube Channel: <https://youtube.com/@romancatholicchurchforesto5675>

### Parish Office closure during the Easter Period

The Parish Office, phone calls and emails **will not be staffed** during the Easter period from Friday 29th March to Sunday 7th April.

For help or assistance, members of our Forest of Dean Saint Vincent de Paul Conference whose telephone number is 07851390391, will be happy and willing to help with your need.

Please leave a message and a member will return your call. Members (who are parishioners in our churches) are DBS checked and all calls are held in strict confidence.

### Parish Updates for the next two weeks

Please note the information contained in this week's Parish Updates is for the next two weeks including Masses and Services. There will **not** be a separate Parish Update next week. Please send all items for the Parish Updates to Sam (Samantha is the Forest and Newent Personal Assistant to the Priest) at [forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com). All items need to be submitted by 11am on a Thursday for inclusion for the weekend.

### Live Streaming

Please note that live streaming will take place at 11.00am from St Joseph in Lydney for the following four Sundays on 7th April, 14th April, 21st April and 28th April. Returning to 9am from St Margaret Mary in Coleford on Sunday 5th May.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 - Friday 23rd ~ 30th August 2024

There is still time to book to join the Pilgrimage. For information of the hotels and the Bristol to Toulouse Flight please email [lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com). For assisted pilgrims, you can book via the Catholic Association at [www.catholicassociation.co.uk/assisted-pilgrims](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/assisted-pilgrims). Flights for assisted pilgrims are available from Birmingham and London Stansted.

The Catholic Association are also looking for volunteer helpers, doctors/nurses, young helpers (17-25), musicians, fund raisers, subsidies available. To register your interest please complete the online form at Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 using this link: [www.catholicassociation.co.uk/stage](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/stage)

## 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.

### **Beans on Toast Club**

The Beans on Toast club will run on Tuesday 2nd April from 3.15pm – 5.15pm Do come and Support.

### **Adoration and Prayer**

On every Wednesday after Easter, beginning on 3rd April, there will be Adoration and Prayer in the church at 10.30am followed by coffee in the Parish room.

**Saturday 6th April – 2pm** All involved in tomorrow's celebration to meet at OLL to prepare and practise for tomorrow's Celebration.

**Family Celebration Mass on Sunday 7th April.** After Mass the children of the parish will perform The Tale of Three Trees by Angela Elwell Hunt. Refreshments will also be served. Parishioners are warmly invited to remain and support the coming generation of Catholic Christians!

**BBC Songs of Praise is to be aired from St Beuno in Wales on Sunday 7th April.**

**Next Reluctant Disciples Prayer Meeting:** 8th April 11am Our Lady of Lourdes

### **Next Parish Pastoral Meeting**

This meeting will take place on Thursday 9th April at 7pm.

### **Christian Unity - Praying Together**

Every quarter, the churches of Newent and Gorsley meet together to pray for Christian Unity and for our area. The next prayer time will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Wednesday 17th**

**April at 7.30pm.**

Please come and pray with and meet other Christians – it's a great opportunity for us.

### **"Living Waters" Pentecost Retreat: Saturday May 11th 10:30 - 3:30pm**

Come and be refreshed and renewed at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud. 10:30am - 3pm.

Cost: £25 Lunch Included. <https://www.bernardine.org/brownhill-about-us>

Reserve a place with £5 deposit to Sue Felton [suzannahfelton@gmail.com](mailto:suzannahfelton@gmail.com)

### **Bible Study Group**

The Bible Study Group will meet on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10.30am, starting on 16th May. The Group will meet at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. Please contact Chris Roy for further details at [chris.roy1@protonmail.com](mailto:chris.roy1@protonmail.com)

### **Every Friday Throughout The Year**

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

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.

**A MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE  
AT CLIFTON CATHEDRAL**

*on Saturday 25th May at 12 noon.*

*All are welcome.*

*If you are celebrating a significant anniversary in 2024,  
please send your names to this email address: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)*

*Please also include the number of years you will be celebrating  
and your address so that a personal invitation can be sent from the Bishop.*



**'Invited' - Formation Course**

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](#)'.

**Words of Faith:** finding the best words to witness to our Faith and answer tough questions. Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a short online course to find the best words to give an account of our faith and answer the hard questions Catholics can be asked about God, Jesus, the Church, morality and Catholic practices.

The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings from 9th April until 14th May. To find out more and to sign up for the series please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/words-of-faith-finding-the-best-words-to-witness-to-our-faith-and-answer-tough-questions/>

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

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

Wednesday 8th May at 12 noon

[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 for the next two weeks

### Weekend

#### Easter Vigil

Saturday 30th March

- 7.30pm Vigil Mass in Lydney - Father Michael Thomas- *live-streamed*
- 8.00pm Vigil Mass in Newent - Father Stephen Corrigan

#### Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday 31st March

- 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Father Michael Thomas- *live-streamed*
- 11.00am Mass in Cinderford - Father Michael Thomas
- 11.00am Mass in Newent - Father Stephen Corrigan

### Weekdays

Tuesday 2nd April

- 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford

Wednesday 3rd April

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

Thursday 4th April

- 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney

Friday 5th April

- 9.00am Rosary Prayer in Cinderford

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### Weekend

Saturday 6th April

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Father Ian McCarthy

Sunday 7th April

- 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Father Ian McCarthy
- 11.00am Mass in Lydney - Father Ian McCarthy - *live streamed*
- 11.00am Mass in Newent - Monsignor Liam Slattery or  
Father Stephen Corrigan

### Weekdays

Tuesday 9th April

- 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford

Wednesday 10th April

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

Thursday 11th April

- 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney

Friday 12th 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

### **Reminder**

**Please don't forget to put your clocks forward this weekend so you do not arrive an hour late for Mass on Sunday 31st March.**

### **Please note:**

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