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Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)
Sunday 16th May

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

Growth

We've had the rain, all we need now is a little warmth. Already nature is starting to take off. I saw my first confirmed swallow last Thursday. Is it my imagination or are things much slower this year, firstly because of the lack of rain and now because of the cold? In the Church we are in a time of growth. People have had their jobs and are starting to come back to church. This is the Easter season. Ascension is this Thursday and Pentecost is nine days later. Many people will start their Novena for Pentecost this Thursday.

At the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral during Holy Week, Bishop Declan asked us a question: 'As we welcome people back to mass again what kind of Church are we? Are we a Church that celebrates good liturgy, is inclusive to the poor around us and is mindful of our responsibility to care for our planet?' Once a year at the Chrism Mass, the Bishop blesses the Oils that will be used in the Sacraments during the coming year. Hence the Chrism Mass, the Oil of Chrism, Baptism and Anointing the Sick. The Oils are a sign of healing and that is what mankind needs at present. I have been doing some minor repair jobs around the house during lockdown and, although I'm not good at DIY, some have worked, some I've had to hand over to others. Do you know what you need healing for at present; do you know what you can attend to yourself and what you need help with?

Bless us all and help us to bring healing to one another.
Barnabas

Laudato Si' (care for our common home)
Special global event on May 16-24 for the
anniversary year of Laudato Si'

"for we know that things can change" (LS 13)

From 16th May, Catholics will connect with each other and feel inspired about the steps taken on our ecological conversion journey, learning from global visionaries and community leaders who are bringing Laudato Si' to life.

For more information please go to <https://laudatosiweek.org>



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 Seventh Sunday of Easter – year B. This week we are looking at number 25 in the series.

***'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 Seventh 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 (Next session Monday 17th May)

for Saturday's 10.30am Zoom group - Mary on 01531 822156
or francismef@gmail.com (Next session Saturday 22nd May)

for the emailing group contact Chris at 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.

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 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 for the link to join. We look forward to seeing you.



Pray as you go Rosary reflections

These traditional prayers with traditional music can be listened to on this link: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/resources/rosary>

The meditations are based on passages from Scripture with two questions of reflection for each one.

**TWIN MY VACCINE
IS AN INITIATIVE WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP
UNICEF in association with COVAX**

(A global health partnership of public and private sector organisations
dedicated to immunisation for all)

To help all people in all countries at risk from Covid-19. It is suggested that if you are one of the lucky ones who have already received a Covid-19 vaccination you might like to donate the cost for your vaccine to save another life. For example the cost of two doses of vaccine, depending on which kind you had, could be between £4 - £30, plus the time and expertise needed to administer it. The initiative being that if you could have afforded to buy the vaccine for yourself, or part of it, please donate this amount to UNICEF.

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATION IN THE UNICEF COLLECTION BASKETS
WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN ALL CHURCHES
THANK YOU**



**Our Summer Fete will be held at
St Joseph's Lydney
on Saturday 11th of September
from 11am to 2pm**

Please put the date in your diary or calendar.

There will be raffle tickets to buy and sell beforehand.

Nearer the time we will be taking in donations of good quality
bric-a-brac (no clothes), books, DVDs, toys, fresh produce, plants.
This will also be a great opportunity for us to socialise again after a
challenging year; the refreshments are always first class!



Help stop the assisted suicide lobby

For more information go to:

[Right to Life - why the UK shouldn't legalise assisted suicide](#)

The Lord's Larder Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has been able to donate to the Lord's Larder Food Bank, through the collection baskets in Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent. Our first contribution of £116.70 has been given to The Lord's Larder Food Bank.

ROAD CLOSURE B4221 ROSS ROAD, NEWENT

17th May - 4th June 24hr closure

To access Our Lady of Lourdes from the Kilcot direction you will need to use a marked diversion. Our Lady of Lourdes can be accessed coming from Newent.

Please note: Beverley is away for next week's Newsletter,

please send any items to Sam in the office:

forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com or

newent.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com

Please note also different contact this week for Tuesday Mass

Thank you

Masses

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

Saturday 15th May 6pm Lydney *To book phone Dot and Brian 01594 560054*

Sunday 16th May 9am Cinderford *To book phone Fiona 01594 516175*

11am Newent *To book phone Mary 01531 822156*

Tuesday 18th May 10am Coleford *To book phone Fiona 01594 516175*

NO Private prayer in the Church this week

Wednesday 19th May 12 noon Newent *To book phone Mary 01531 822156*

Thursday 20th May 10am Lydney *To book phone Dot and Brian 01594 560054*

Saturday 22nd May 6pm Coleford *To book phone Beverley 01594 861345*