

**Parishes of Newent and the Forest**  
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**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**(Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
**22nd November 2020**

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

**Hope you are managing?**

Normally when you meet people you can often tell how they are by their eyes. Just by looking you can get the picture. Somehow our eyes reveal what is going on within. It is a good thing that our masks don't cover our eyes.

My first appointment as a curate was to Holy Rood Parish in Swindon. The Parish Priest liked horse racing. We often ate our Saturday lunch watching a race meet from somewhere. The Parish Priest said you could tell a horse by looking at their ears before a race. I'm not sure what we were looking for in the ears but he did seem able to pick some winners. Also if you know someone well, you can tell by the tone of their voice how they are. When you are on the phone to them, you soon get an idea. In fact I still think the phone is better than Facetime for a proper chat although Facetime is good for close family.

All of this asks the question of how good we are at looking out for others? Do we see our belonging to a Church Community as having a responsibility to each other? Does Christ Call us to Minister to one another? Family fills us with joy and drives us to our knees in prayer. And as they say about neighbours 'God sees everything and the neighbours miss nothing!'

Bless you all.  
Barnabas

Our churches are open for private prayer only during these times:

**Tuesday 10 - 12 noon Coleford**  
**Wednesday 10 -12 noon Newent**  
**Thursday 10 - 12 noon Lydney**  
**Sunday 10 - 12 noon Cinderford**

**Prayer of Columba**, translated by W. Muir, which expresses the humility of Columba as well as his great desire for God:

*Almighty Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
eternal, ever-blessed, gracious God,  
to me, the least of saints,  
to me, allow that I may keep a door in Paradise;  
that I may keep even the smallest door,  
the furthest door, the darkest, coldest door,  
the door that is least used, the stiffest door.  
If so it be but in thine house, O God!  
If so it be that I can see Thy Glory,  
even afar, and hear Thy voice, O God!  
And know that I am with Thee, ~ Thee, O God.*