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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 21st November

Please use this link to enable you to access all Live or Recorded videos from our Church Website:
<https://vimeo.com/forestrcchurch>

FRIDAY TALK AVAILABLE ON 19TH NOVEMBER

Clearing the ground

Walking in the woods above Blakeney we came across felled trees that had been prepared for an auction. The tree trunks were lined up alongside the track and each was labelled. The auction was to take place this month. Although it is sad to see trees felled, it is only by management of the Forest that new growth will occur.

There is a feeling of change in the air with the Church. Not just for the Church in these parishes but the wider Church. Change is never easy but it can produce new growth. Any sun we do get at the moment highlights the Autumn colours. We are lucky to be living here. However, the beauty of Autumn is poignant as it will lead to the bare trees of Winter.

Pope Francis is calling the Church into Synod. He is asking us to dream of a different Church. I can imagine the Church looking different, can you? Our biggest resource is under used. Our biggest resource is you, the laity. A Priest, a Canon Lawyer, was speculating about the current Synod. The Apostolic exhortation 'Amoris Laetitia', 'The Joy of Love' from Pope Francis in 2016 was controversial. Francis was asking the Church to meet people where they are and opened up the question about the divorced and remarried. This document however followed the consultation that took place during 2014 and 2015. The Canon Lawyer was asking if Francis is again seeking a mandate through the present consultation for further change.

I have now queued five times for jobs! Three for Covid, Flu and Pneumonia, but no gain without pain!

Bless you all
Barnabas

Inspired Parish Feedback: For a better understanding for the feeling of the Parish, please click the following link [Inspired Feedback](#) to see the full list of responses. Should you require a paper copy, please contact the parish office.

Second Collection next weekend - Clergy Training Fund

The collection taken across the Diocese enables the Bishop to support those who offer themselves for training for the Diocesan priesthood. This fund enables the Bishop to fund their training at seminary and offer them a grant during their years of formation. The fund, at times, is also used to support the on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our Diocese and formation of permanent Deacons.

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 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This week we are looking at number 50 in the series.



My Day by Day Advent booklets
are now available in the Church:
Infant, Junior and Adult.
Please leave a donation of £1 to cover the cost,
thank you.

For Children 'The Christmas Donkey'

*A new and interactive way to tell the Christmas story suitable for children.
Please use this link*

[The Christmas Donkey - The God Who Speaks](#)

Travel with our donkey detective from Nazareth to Bethlehem as he seeks to unravel the Christmas story. Pick up clues along the way and store them on his saddle.



Forest Advent Synod meetings

For a Synodal Church

Communion / Participation / Mission

You are invited to meetings during Advent to consider the questions the Pope is asking about the Church.

They will be in Coleford hall on Wednesday evenings at 7pm on the 1st, 8th and 15th of December.

Coffee, Advent Prayer and then considering the questions.

There could also be more sessions in the New year.

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 20 th November	10.30am - 11.30am Newent - Confessions/Reconciliation
Saturday 20 th November	6pm Coleford - Live-streamed
Sunday 21 st November	9am Cinderford
	11am Newent
Tuesday 23 rd November	10am Coleford - Live-streamed
Private Prayer in the Church after Mass until 12 noon	
Wednesday 24 th November	12 noon Newent
Thursday 25 th November	10am Lydney
Saturday 27 th November	6pm Lydney - Live-streamed