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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 15th August

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

The Pages are onto the cake!

I was able to meet up with my two brothers and we were talking about old times. As children there was a party in the Parish hall. You were expected to start with sandwiches before you went onto the cakes. One little girl put her hand up and exclaimed "Please Miss, the Pages are onto the cake!" Hopefully by now you have been able to see more of your family. Facetime with family is not the same thing. Thank God we at least have the technology but still we look forward to actually meeting up. I belong to a Priests support group that normally meets overnight once a month. These meetings have been taking place on Zoom but last week nine of us met up for a meal. All but one live on our own so the meetings are a lifeline. Because over the years we know each other the group can call us to account. They have certainly come to my rescue at times when I have been struggling. And hopefully this is what family is for. Obviously this doesn't work for everyone and that is a great sadness. But when it does work we bring blessings to one another. My family know me and they know my story. And they can remember the time I jumped the gun and went onto the cakes!

Bless you all,
Barnabas

Preparation for children's First Holy Communion -
weekly sessions will begin in September for the Forest churches.
For further information please contact Fiona 01594 516175.

Lydney Ecumenical Prayer event in October 2021
Anyone who would like to be involved this year,
please contact Fiona 01594 516175.

Message from the Inspired Team

An opportunity has opened up for everyone to express their thoughts, feelings and hopes on how we can come together as Catholics in the Forest. How exciting it was to receive back your leaflets full of your wishes, opinions and observations. In order to move forward positively so that each of us will benefit, we would like to invite those of you who for various reasons, have not yet been able to return your leaflet to do so as soon as you are able. It can be a challenge to express your thoughts in writing, and for this reason we would like to offer any support to complete and return the leaflet. Please contact Helen on 07767022823 for any support you may need.



A PDF IS ATTACHED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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 the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This week we are looking at number 38 in the series.



Summer Fete - St Joseph's Lydney Saturday 11th of September 11am to 2pm

At present we still plan to hold our annual Fete on Saturday the 11th of September at St Joseph's Lydney. We will have all the regular stalls including bric-a-brac, toys, books and DVDs, fresh produce, cakes, tombola, wine and water, etc. Donations of good items to sell will be welcome nearer the time. Help will be needed to set up and run the stalls, (for example Margaret Yeates would like help on the cake stall). More details to follow. Because of the current situation we are not planning to sell raffle tickets in advance.



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

*Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate
the gift that is Marriage on
Saturday 2nd October at 12noon.*

All are welcome.

*If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year,
newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021,
then please inform Samantha (Fr Barnabas' Personal Assistant) by email at
forestrchurches@cliftondiocese.com or newent.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com
or phone 01594 833173. This will enable her to inform the Diocese so that
a personal invitation can be sent out.*

Faith in Action Day

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)

Join us online from 11am on Saturday 11th September for a day of inspiration and action. Learn about the COP26 climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how environmental defenders are fighting for the Amazon.

For more information go to: [Cafod - Faith in Action Day](#)

JOB VACANCY

The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust seeks to appoint a Chief Financial Officer (Interim) for a one-year fixed term contract. If you are interested in applying for this position and would like to have an informal conversation before completing an application, please contact either Claire Emery, external project manager via:

claire@emerysupportservices.co.uk or Colleen Collett, Director of Schools and Colleges (Clifton Diocese) via colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com. For more information and to apply please go to [VACANCIES | Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges](#). Closing date for applications is 3rd September.

Masses & Services

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

Saturday 14th August 6pm Coleford To book phone Beverley 01594 861345

Sunday 15th August 9am Cinderford To book phone Fiona 01594 516175

11am Newent To book phone Mary 01531 822156

Tuesday 17th August - **Communion Service**

10am Coleford To book phone Beverley 01594 861345

Private Prayer in the Church after Mass until 12 noon

Wednesday 18th August 12 noon Newent To book phone Mary 01531 822156

Thursday 19th August 10am Lydney To book phone Dot and Brian 01594 560054

Saturday 21st August 6pm Lydney To book phone Dot and Brian 01594 560054