

Parishes of Newent and the Forest
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Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)
Sunday 18th April

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

Prince Philip

We are joining the Country in remembering the life of Prince Philip and his support to the Queen. As Christians we are also able to pray for him and the Royal Family at this time. Unfortunately he will not be able to have a State Funeral.

This reminds us of all the families who have had the difficult task of arranging funerals at this time. We cannot honour and mourn our dead as we should during this pandemic. I have thought for some time that it would be useful to have a Parish Team who could help families with arranging funerals and also with bereavement. Not just during the pandemic but also for the future. One good thing that has come out of this time of crisis is the use of technology. It is possible at the Forest Crematorium to have the service live-streamed so people can watch from home. If I do a Mass/service in the Church, we then seek to make the follow on at the Crematorium into a second appropriate service for the sake of relatives at home or abroad. Just as people have felt connected through having our Masses online so we are able to include those who cannot be physically present with us. This pandemic is a curse but it also presents us with new opportunities. Having never done FaceTime before I am surprised how normal it now is to join with family or have Parish meetings online. In this same way we will be able to join in with Prince Philip's funeral. Normally a televised Royal occasion is with the camera looking on. The event isn't organised around the camera, it is arranged for the benefit of those who are physically present. This occasion will be different; it will very much take place with the cameras centre stage.

The people of the island of Tanna, east of Australia worshipped Prince Philip as a God. The day after Philip's death the island suffered an earthquake! Now what will they make of that?

Bless Prince Philip and us all at this time.
Barnabas

Rejoice and be glad! New life is here and NOW!
<https://vimeo.com/536688387>
Gospel and Homily for Tuesday 2nd week of Easter

The online weekly Clifton Diocese 'Dare to Dream' Lent Reflections will continue now as the

***'Dare to Dream'* EASTERTIDE REFLECTIONS.**

The reflections are now available on the Clifton website <https://cliftondiocese.com> This week we will be looking at the reflection for the Third 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 19th April)

for Saturday's 10.30am Zoom group - Mary on 01531 822156
or francismef@gmail.com (Next session Saturday 24th April)

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.

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 Third Sunday of Easter – year B. This week we are looking at number 21 in the series.

Job Club at Mount of Olives Church, Coleford, GL16 8BS a four week course, on interview skills, job searching, work skills and CV writing.

Starting on Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm - 9.00 pm,
Tuesday, 27th April 7:30pm - 9:00pm, Tuesday 4th May 7.30pm - 9.00 pm,
Tuesday 4th May 7.30pm - 9.00 pm.

Find us on Facebook at <https://fb.me/e/AXkE9Fw9>

Register on this link <https://mountofolives.churchsuite.com/events/jy5sa82c>

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