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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**  
**Sunday 20th June**

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

### **Limbo**

I know we don't believe in limbo anymore but it feels as though we're already there! The government's announcement to continue with restrictions until July 19th is a pity but not unexpected. This will be a blow to many people. Please God good weather, although perhaps not quite so hot, may continue to tide us over. With rain at night of course. Unfortunately, however, we don't get to choose and it's not always easy to just take what we're given.

I'm not sure I've taken in the fact that even after we're all vaccinated we will still have to live with the virus. I would almost like someone to spell it out in plain English what this means for the future. Sometimes it's the unknown that is difficult to live with. My mother used a phrase when we were children. If we asked for something the answer would often be 'we'll see!'. As a child this was frustrating because any answer was delayed.

One good thing that is happening are Baptisms. Previously we were only allowed 6 at a Baptism so families delayed. Three baptisms have now taken place. Also Alex Day from Coleford was able to get married on bank holiday Monday. First Holy Communion lessons have started in the Forest and are due to start in Newent. Church life has been disrupted and we will attempt to pick up the reins again. Thank you to all of you who have helped to fill in the gaps, kept in contact with people by phone and especially to those of you who have acted as stewards and Church cleaners. Having to ask people to comply with the Covid rules in Church hasn't always been an easy task. None of us likes being told what to do, especially in Church. We were taught in the Seminary that whatever the congregation gets up to during Mass keep your head down and just keep going!

Bless you all,  
Barnabas

Please it would be helpful if as many as possible were to fill in the 'Inspired' form.  
The church has made the mistake before of double guessing what people think!  
A PDF is attached with this newsletter. Thank you.



**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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B. This week we are looking at number 30 in the series.

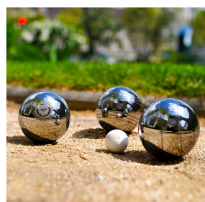
**Everyone is Welcome  
to our Parish Picnic  
at Beechenhurst  
On Saturday 3rd July at 12 noon**



**Please note the new arrangements  
due to Government guidelines still being in place.  
Please bring your OWN picnic, no sharing of food will be allowed.  
The boules fun competition will still be allowed to go ahead.  
Ensure hands are sanitised please before playing.  
Please bring your own chairs, blankets to sit on.**

We will meet up on the grass area in front of the cafe at the far end nearest the exit. With an alternative date of Saturday 10th July if it has to be postponed due to the weather!

Parking charges which apply on these dates in Beechenhurst are: for cars up to 2 hours £3, up to 4 hours £5 and all day £7. Where possible consider sharing lifts.



### **TRUSSELL TEA PARTY**

To celebrate our release from COVID restrictions, Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent is planning a Trussell Tea Party on the afternoon of Saturday 24th July in the church garden. Please make a note of this and we look forward to seeing you all. The Trussell Trust is about 30 years old and was founded to support charities that provide food for the hungry in our own land. The Trust supplies a Trussell Tea Party Pack with a wealth of ideas to make the party fun whether you're eight or eighty! More details a little nearer the date.

### **Job opportunities to work for the Diocese of Clifton**

within the Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation:  
Adult Formation and Evangelisation Officer, and Caritas and Environmental Officer.

The job descriptions, personal specifications and application forms are available from  
[www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/)

The closing date for receipt of applications is 25 June 2021.

For further information/informal discussion about the roles please contact Sarah Adams,  
the Director of Adult Education & Evangelisation on 0117 902 5595.

There will be a second collection this weekend for '**DAY FOR LIFE**'. The gift of life in all its beauty and fragility now faces a profound challenge through attempts to legalise 'assisted suicide.' This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach.

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

Pope Francis calls us to protect  
our planet and care for our common home.

CAFOD have a petition to urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities that are hardest hit by climate change are listened to at 'COP26', the climate talks in Glasgow from 1st - 12th November.

To find out more and to support this action go to

[CAFOD petition for climate emergency](#)

### **Masses & Services**

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

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June                      6pm Coleford                      *To book phone Beverley 01594 861345*

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June                      9am Cinderford                      *To book phone Fiona 01594 516175*

11am Newent                      *To book phone Mary 01531 822156*

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June                      10am Coleford                      **NO MASS -**

**Liturgy of the Word and Communion**                      *To book phone Beverley 01594 861345*

***Private Prayer is available in the Church after Mass until 12 noon***

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June                      12 noon Newent                      *To book phone Mary 01531 822156*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June                      10am Lydney                      *To book phone Dot and Brian 01594 560054*

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June                      6pm Lydney                      *To book phone Dot and Brian 01594 560054*