

The Churches of Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, St Margaret Mary, Coleford, St Joseph, Lydney & Sacred Heart, Sedbury.

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Third Sunday Of Lent (Year A)

Sunday 15th March 2020

Mass times for Saturday 14th March & Sunday 15th March

Lydney Saturday 6 pm

Cinderford Sunday 9 am

Newent 11am

Mass times for Saturday 21st March & Sunday 22nd March

Coleford 6pm

Cinderford 9am

Newent 11am

Weekday Services w/c Monday 16th March

Tuesday Coleford 9am - followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday Cinderford 9.30am, Newent 12.00 noon

Thursday Lydney 9.30am - Stations of the Cross

Thursday Newent 10am

Friday Sedbury 9am

Parish information

SISTER CELESTINE MEMORIAL

As you saw in last week's Newsletter, two past school parents are raising money to install a bench in memory of Sister Celestine in Cinderford Town Centre. Next Sunday (22nd March) there will be a voluntary collection to support the purchase. With thanks.

THANK YOU - CAFOD SOUP SUPPER

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend the CAFOD Soup Supper. Thank you to the kind helpers and everyone who donated the delicious soup and cheese etc. all of which enabled this enjoyable evening to take place. Due to your kind generosity we were able to raise £143.00 for CAFOD, many thanks.

DAY FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Learn more about how to serve the Lord as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and Ministers of the Word on Saturday, 28th March 10.45am – 3pm St Patrick's Church hall, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4HL (Mass at 10am optional).

Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. To register please email mptmak@gmail.com or speak to Father Barnabas.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Lenten Penitential Service on Wednesday 8th April at Coleford at 7pm. Two priests will hear confession. All welcome!

PARISH FINANCES

Please find time to read the attached report. The total number of adult Parishioners attending Mass in 2019 in our two parishes dropped to 105. The total operating cost of running the two Parishes, less the internal transfer from Our Lady of Victories to St Margaret Mary's for the share of priest/administration in 2019 was £41,640. Assuming everyone makes a contribution to the Offertory every week, this equates to approximately £7.80 from each person (£15.60 per couple) per week. Please do what you can afford to increase your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Do we have any children who are of First Holy Communion age? Please see Fr. Barnabas

CORONAVIRUS DIOCESE UPDATE – 10th MARCH 2020

The Diocese have progressed to Stage 2 in their handling of the COVID-19 virus and the following measures have been implemented with immediate effect:

- Holy Communion will be offered under one kind only – i.e. no Chalice.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only.
- Shaking hands at The Sign of Peace during Mass will be omitted.
- The collection plate will not be passed around.
- The use of shared hymn books and missals is suspended.
- Holy water stoups are removed.
- Catering (teas, coffees etc.) at parish gatherings where multiple people touch mugs, utensils, biscuits etc. is suspended.
- Public veneration of relics and the Cross on Good Friday will NOT be by kissing or physically touching them.
- Those most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) are advised to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.
- Everyone attending Mass is asked to sanitise their hands as they come into church using sanitized gel dispensers
- Ensure everyone maintains good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings. All Churches to display the public information poster which states Catch It, Bin It, Kill it.
- Anyone with cold or flu symptoms is asked to refrain from attending Liturgy, public events, nor attend the sacrament of reconciliation if symptomatic
- Very regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly is to be ensured.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice: "Harden not your hearts."

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.