

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

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Sunday 15th September 2019

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

Lydney 6pm
Cinderford 9am
Newent 11am

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

Coleford 6pm
Cinderford 9am
Newent 11am

Weekday Services w/c Monday 16th September

Tuesday Coleford 9am followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday Newent 10am
Thursday Newent 10am
Friday Sedbury 9am

Parish information

ANNUAL FETE

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Annual Fete in whatever way and especially to those who came along. We made £1858. This was £113 more than last year and helps us to support good causes locally as well as helping to meet the costs of running the Parish.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There will be Christmas Cards and small resin Nativity Cribs on display and on sale in Our Lady's this Sunday after Mass. These will be displayed in the porch on entrance. Anyone who wishes to order any items can contact Sister Celestine at church or by telephone on 01594 826102 Many thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend (15th/16th September) for Home Mission Sunday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL & SOUP SUPPER

There will be a Harvest Festival and Soup Supper at St Margaret Mary, Coleford on Saturday 5th October. Please bring all harvest donations to the Church Hall from 5.15 pm so they can be arranged into boxes and put in front of the Altar before the start of Mass, thank you. As you leave Mass you are invited to take a boxed produce and leave a donation. The Soup Supper with cheese and biscuits, will be in the Church Hall after mass. All donations will go to CAFOD and everyone is welcome.

LYDNEY FOCUS PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Lydney Focus Prayer and Bible Study Group will meet at St Joseph's from 2.30 to 4pm on Thursday the 19th and 26th of September and the 3rd and 10th of October. This is a very friendly ecumenical group and all are welcome.

USED STAMPS

Thank you to everyone who has donated their used postage stamps to charity. The charity being supported is Cancer Research UK. The collection box for donations is still in the foyer of St. Margaret Mary's Parish Church, Coleford.

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CLIMATE EMERGENCY DROP-IN EVENT

Promoted by Mid-Wydean Churches, there will be a drop-in event with Councilor Di Martin on Thursday 10th October from 7.30pm at the Main Place Coleford. All are welcome to attend, as climate change is a problem we are all responsible for. There are leaflets on how to minimize the impact of modern day life on our climate at the back of the church. Please help yourself.

Diocese information

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

A three-day Vocations Discernment Retreat, organised by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, will be held at Downside from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2019. The talks during the retreat will consider all vocations, including consecrated life, priesthood, and lay life. The residential cost with all meals included is £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House or £70 in an en-suite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing. The non-residential cost with all meals included is £40. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact Rina Bird, at rinabird@outlook.com

CELEBRATE BRISTOL

Are you interested in exploring your Faith in a family friendly setting? Then Celebrate Bristol could be for you! We are holding a weekend conference at St Bede's Catholic College in Bristol on the 26th and 27th October that is sure to be great fun and faith filled. We have great speakers, worship and fellowship, dedicated streams for the children and young people specifically designed for each age group. Why not come along and see for yourselves! For more information and to book see our website www.celebrateconference.org/bristol

Responsorial Psalm: I will leave this place and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.