

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

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Third Sunday in Advent (Year C) Sunday 16th December 2018

Mass times for Saturday 15th December

& Sunday 16th December

Lydney Saturday 6pm

Cinderford Sunday 9am

Newent Sunday 11am

Mass times for Saturday 22nd December

& Sunday 23rd December

Coleford Saturday 6pm

Cinderford Sunday 9am

Newent Sunday 11am

Weekday Masses & Services

Tuesday 9am Coleford followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 10am Newent

Thursday 10am Newent

Friday 9am Sedbury

Parish information

O.L.O.V. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle will take place in Our Lady's today after Mass. Many thanks to all who have contributed prizes and / or bought tickets for this annual event for our Church Repair Fund. God bless you all.

ST. MARGARET MARY CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

St Margaret Mary parishioners will be cleaning the church on Tuesday 18th December at 2 pm and putting up the crib. If you are able to find a moment in your busy Christmas schedule all help will be gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – ST. MARGARET MARY

There will be a joint carol service with St John's on Tuesday 18th December at 6pm. There will be sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee in the hall after. Everyone welcome.

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

Why not bring your children or grandchildren along to St Joseph, Lydney, to prepare for Christmas by making tree decorations?

Local artist and parishioner Dorota Rapacz-Dufort is leading a workshop on Saturday 22nd December 3-5pm, culminating in hanging the decorations on the Christmas Tree, or taking back to the trees in the other churches ready for the Christmas services. All ages very welcome.

CAR FOR FR. BARNABAS

Please see the letter at the back of each Church regarding the raising of funds to provide a car for Father in order to provide his valuable ministry across the Forest and Newent parishes. Please support us on this fund raising. If you have any questions, please talk to one of the Pastoral Council members. Donation envelopes are now available at each Church.

COMMUNITY CAROLS IN COLEFORD

Organised by Mid-Wydean Churches, this is taking place at the Clock Tower on Wednesday 19th December at 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome to go along and join in – the more the merrier!

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SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Monday 24th December 6.00pm – Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, Carols at 5.30pm

Monday 24th December 9.00pm – St Joseph, Lydney, Carols at 8.30pm

Tuesday 25th December 8.00am – St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Tuesday 25th December 10.00am – Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT COLEFORD

If there is sufficient interest, there will be a Christmas Day Lunch in Coleford Hall. Please think of anyone who may be on their own that day. Contact Kristyann in the parish office.

Diocese information

LITURGY COURSE

Throughout next year, our Diocesan Year of Prayer, the Liturgy Office will be hosting a course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy'. Introduced by Bishop Declan, it will take place at the cathedral on one Wednesday evening each month. The dates are set at 30 Jan, 27 Feb, 20 Mar, 3 Apr, 1 May, 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov and 4 Dec, with Bishop Declan to lead us in prayer at the start of the course. Places will be limited to 50, so do watch out for details and book early to avoid disappointment.

LITURGY DATABASE

We would like to create a database of those who are interested in being Liturgy contacts or simply receiving details of what's coming up. If you would like to be included, please email liturgy@cliftondiocese.com. Any information provided will be processed in accordance with the Diocese's Privacy Notice which is available at <https://cliftondiocese.com/privacy-notice>

Responsorial Psalm: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.