

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

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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Mass times for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Coleford 6pm  
Cinderford 9am  
Newent 11am

### Mass times for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Lydney 6pm  
Cinderford 9am  
Newent 11am

### Weekday Services w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday Coleford 9.30 and 11.15am Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday Newent 10am Liturgy of the Word  
Thursday No Mass  
Friday No Mass

### Parish information

#### CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION TODAY

Find out more about the Aid to the Church in Need special initiative to help make this subject better known. There is to be a week of action later in November and Wednesday 27 November will be RedWednesday when millions of Christians around the world will highlight the persecution of Christians who suffer for remaining faithful to Christ. More information including details of how to get involved can be found on the website [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday). If you are able to attend Mass on this day, please wear something red!

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM

There will be an AGM for the Forest of Dean Catholic Churches on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in St Margaret Mary Church Hall. All welcome. If you would like to get involved with the Parish Council please speak to the Chair, Pip Deave or Kristyann in the Parish Office.

#### TEAS, COFFEES & CAKE SALE

There will be Teas, Coffees and a Cake Sale in Our Lady's after Mass next Sunday. All are welcome and many thanks to all who support this event on the last Sunday of each month. God bless you all.

#### SVP QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or helped with Friday evening's St Vincent De Paul Quiz night. We estimate that there were around 50 people taking part which is fantastic. We raised £275 for the SVP Society funds so thank you all for your generosity.

#### NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY/SECOND COLLECTION

Celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King (24<sup>th</sup> November), National Youth Sunday is an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the Church, enable the youth ministry and parish community to celebrate young people and affirm the contribution of young people in the Church and those who work with them. This year the theme is Significance – inspired by Flame and the incredible Apostolic Exhortation – Christus Vivit. There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Youth Service.

### Diocese information

#### PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE INFORMATION EVENING

An evening to learn about a proposed course in Pastoral Ministry starting September 2020. All are welcome to find out more. 7.00pm Refreshments, 7.30pm Start, 9.00pm Finish, Tuesday 19 November 2019, Our Lady of Lourdes' parish hall, Newent.

#### YEAR OF COMMUNION

Bishop Declan is inviting our Diocesan community to come together ahead of the launch of the 'Year of Communion'.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm in our Cathedral, Bishop Declan invites our parishes and communities to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish the resources for the Year of Communion starting on Sunday 1 December. All are welcome. As we did with the Year of Mission & Year of Prayer, each community will be called forward to receive the year's resources. Please let Fr. Barnabas know if you would like to attend.

#### ADVENT RETREAT - 'GROWING IN THE LIGHT' - AMMERDOWN CENTRE

Fr Richard McKay and Mrs Mary Hopper (both of St Nicholas of Tolentino Church in the inner city of Bristol) are leading a weekend Residential Advent Retreat at Ammerdown (near Radstock) on the theme of 'Growing in the Light', the Light of God that enables us to see differently - God, our own self, people and society around us, our Creation. This Divine Light leads us into deeper Communion with God, self, humanity and all Creation. Partly silent, partly discussion and sharing. 6pm on 29<sup>th</sup> November to after lunch 1<sup>st</sup> December at the Ammerdown Centre, Ammerdown Park, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5SW. Residential £280, non-residential £190. To book by November 14<sup>th</sup>, phone 01761433709 or email: [centre@ammerdown.org](mailto:centre@ammerdown.org)

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near my God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.