

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

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## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Year A)

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

**Mass times for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February &**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Lydney Saturday 6 pm

Cinderford Sunday 9 am

Newent 11am

**Mass times for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February &**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Coleford 6pm

Cinderford 9am

Newent 11am

**Weekday Services w/c Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Tuesday Coleford 9am followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday Newent 10am

Thursday Newent 10am

Friday 9am Sedbury

Friday Blaisdon 7pm

### Parish information

#### EXPOSITION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT AT OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

Following on from a service that was begun by Sister Celestine, OLOV will be restarting this service on the first Friday of the month beginning this month on 7th February. The service commences at 3:00 pm and lasts for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### LECTIO DIVINA - SIX SESSIONS FOR LENT

How do we understand what the Holy Scriptures are saying to us? For lent everyone is welcome to six sessions of Lectio Divina in the Church Hall at Coleford. These start on Wednesday 26th February from 2.30pm - 3.30pm, with the last session on Wednesday 1st April. 'The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light' Matthew 4:16

#### RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> February the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice. The theme is: "You are at the Heart of the Church" and it will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the Church.

It is an opportunity for us all to pray for, reflect upon and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities.

To support the Church in it's work a second collection will be taken next weekend. Your contributions, however great or small, will help to make a difference. Thank you.

#### COME AND S.E.E. TALKS

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent is holding another selection of talks by people of God. These talks have proved inspirational and exciting hearing what God is doing in people of faith's lives. All are welcome to Come and S.E.E. on Wednesday 5th February 2020, 7.30 - 9pm with Mike Curtis, Gloucester City Mission and Wednesday 4th March 2020, 7.30pm - 9pm with Jeannette Trevail, Our Lady of Lourdes.

### Diocese information

#### YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS RETREAT 21 TO 23 FEBRUARY 2020 AT DOWNSIDE ABBEY

"Understanding the World as God's Portrait: a Retreat musing on the magnificence of the Incarnation". All young Catholics aged 18 to 35ish are invited to attend this residential Retreat at Downside Abbey. The principal speaker is Sebastian Morello, formator and lecturer at the Centre for Catholic Formation in London, and known for his intellectually stimulating, and challenging insights, into the Catholic Christian tradition. One of the Downside Monks, Fr. Anselm Brumwell, will also be speaking about "The Biblical Revelation of God". These Retreats are therefore a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, and stay in touch with old friends, in the beautiful setting of Downside Abbey. In addition to the talks, you will be able to join the Benedictine Monastic Community in celebrating Holy Mass, the Divine Office and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact [rinabird@outlook.com](mailto:rinabird@outlook.com) for details of the programme and to book. The residential cost, including meals, is as follows:

£60 in shared accommodation in Retreat House

£80 in En-suite Twin Room in Monastery Guest Wing

Non-Residential Cost all meals included: £50

#### AN OPPORTUNITY DURING THIS YEAR OF COMMUNION

This year marks the start of 'Behold, Your Mother' when the people of England are being invited to dedicate themselves to Mary, Mother of Jesus, in 2020. Clifton Cathedral will be hosting a Triduum of prayer from 20-22nd of February when they will receive the statue of Mary from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham as part of the preparation for the year of dedication. For more information and how to get involved please visit <https://www.behold2020.com/#1>.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.