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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Sunday 25th August 2019

Mass times for Saturday 24th August

& Sunday 25th August Coleford 6pm Cinderford 9am Newent 11am

Mass times for Saturday 31st August & Sunday 1st September Lydney 6pm Cinderford 9am Newent 11am

Weekday Services w/c Monday 26th August Tuesday Coleford 9am Morning Prayer & Liturgy of the Word Tuesday Coleford 9.30 and 11.15am Eucharistic Adoration

Diocese information

SUNG VESPERS AT TINTERN ABBEY

The Friends of Our Lady of Tintern are proud to have organised the annual Sung Vespers service in Tintern Abbey for a number of years. The services are ecumenical and are open to everyone with hundreds of visitors attending and enjoying the guest speakers. This year's service will take place on Sunday 8th September at 3.00pm. The speaker is Rev'd Dr Tim MacQuiban, Methodist Fraternal Delegate Rome. For further information regarding the Sung Vespers please visit the website http://www.ourladyoftintern.co.uk

YEAR OF COMMUNION

Bishop Declan is inviting our diocesan community to come together ahead of the launch of the 'Year of Communion'. There are two events to which the bishop extends an invitation to our parishes, schools and communities. On Saturday 19 October we gather at St Brendan's College, Brislington, (9.15am -2.30pm) with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, who will help us reflect upon A life lived in Communion. The day at St Brendan's is set to prepare us for the coming Year of Communion (beginning the first Sunday of Advent) and introduce us to the resources that will be available to us from the end of November. All are welcome. It would be useful to have an idea of how many are coming, if you would like to come along please let the Adult Education office know by Monday 14 October at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. Participants will need to bring a packed lunch for this day.

On Friday 22 November at 7pm in our Cathedral, Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the Year of Communion starting Sunday 1 December. As we did with the Year of Mission & Year of Prayer, each community will be called forward to receive the year's resources.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Parish information

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

We would be very grateful if you could return your completed Parish Registration form to the Church or the Parish Office by the end of August. Thank you.

ANNUAL PARISH FETE 7 SEPTEMBER

The annual fete will be held as usual at St Joseph's Church in Lydney on Saturday 7 September starting at 11 am, if the weather is bad it will be held in the Lydney Community Centre across the road from the church.

Raffle tickets are available from all 3 churches, first prize is £100 (not bad for 25p) and lots of other prizes. Please try to support the fete and even if you can't make it on the day then please look out any bric a brac, tombola prizes, bottles of wine for the wine and water stall, jams etc, and cakes and fresh produce nearer the time.

There will be fun for all ages with a brass band, singing groups, lots of stalls with bargains galore, a bouncy castle, teas and other food, and games etc. It will be opened as usual by our local MP Mark Harper so this is your chance to get his ear if you wish!

St Joseph's Church will be open as usual on the Thursday and Friday evenings from 6 to 8 pm for receiving contributions etc. As parishioners leave and new ones arrive, it is always good to have as many people as possible from all our churches involved, so if you are able to help on the day or beforehand with the preparations then please let Kristyann know or pass your name and contact details to Father Barnabas, Deacon Paul or Anthony Midgley (01594 841949) at St Joseph's so we can contact you.

FETE CAKE STALL

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes on the day or if anyone needs us to collect please phone Margarett on 01594 562175. Many thanks from Sadie and Margarett.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford on Friday, 6th September at 3.00p.m. All are welcome.