

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

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Second Sunday Of Lent (Year A)

Sunday 8th March 2020

Mass times for Saturday 7th March & Sunday 8th March

Coleford Saturday 6 pm

Cinderford Sunday 9 am

Newent 11am

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

Lydney 6pm

Cinderford 9am

Newent 11am

Weekday Services w/c Monday 9th March

Tuesday Coleford 9.30 and 11.15am Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 10am Newent

Wednesday Cinderford 9.30am, Newent 12.00 noon

Thursday 9.30am Lydney Stations of the Cross

Friday 9am Sedbury

Parish information

SECOND COLLECTION - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

There will be a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day this weekend (Sat 7/Sun 8).

MIDWEEK SERVICES AT ST. JOSEPH'S DURING LENT

On those Thursday mornings in Lent when there isn't a mass at St Joseph's we will have Stations of the Cross starting at the usual time of 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ST JOSEPH'S OPEN CHURCH

On Thursday the 12th of March following the Stations of the Cross (there isn't a mass that day) there will be a meeting at around 10am to discuss arrangements for St Joseph's church to be open on weekdays. The main issue is setting up a rota of people to open and close the church. St Margaret Mary and Our Lady of Victories churches have been opening for some time on weekdays and the Pastoral Council wish to do the same at St Joseph's. Please come along if you think you can help even if it is only occasionally.

LIVING YOUR FAITH – DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS

Bookings are now being taken for the 'Living Your Faith' Diocesan Summer Camps. The camps will be held from Monday 10th – Friday 14th August 2020 at Viney Hill Christian Outdoor Centre, with two age streams being available. The cost of the camp is £210 per person which includes accommodation, all food, catechesis & outdoor activities, & Diocesan T-shirt. Bookings can be made online by visiting www.cliftondiocese.com. To secure bookings, a non-refundable deposit of £40 per person is required. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

DAY FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Learn more about how to serve the Lord as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and Ministers of the Word on Saturday, 28th March 10.45am – 3pm St Patrick's Church hall, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4HL (Mass at 10am optional).

Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. To register please email mptmak@gmail.com or speak to Father Barnabas.

Parish Information

SISTER CELESTINE MEMORIAL

You may have seen on social media that Sarah Ryland and Sam Watkins are organising a memorial bench for Sister Celestine in Cinderford Town Centre. In order to help raise the £2000 needed they have set up a "crowdfunding" page on justgiving that parishioners can donate to. The link to the Crowdfunding page is as follows: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-ryland-1?utm_id=106&utm_term=brNkmPpn6

If any parishioners would rather donate a cash sum, Sarah and Sam will gladly meet you to collect the money. Sarah's number is 07896 215417 and Sam's is 07919441195.

"Sister Celestine was a much loved member of our Cinderford community and dedicated her life to the town, school and church. She was often seen around Cinderford with her shopping trolley and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. She is very sadly missed but will never be forgotten. Please help to keep her wonderful memory alive in our town."

CORONAVIRUS – INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE as at 5 March 2020

At this stage there are no known cases of coronavirus specifically linked to a parish community within the Diocese, however the following measures have been implemented with immediate effect:

- Holy Communion will be offered under one kind only – i.e. no Chalice.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only.
- Shaking hands at The Sign of Peace during Mass will be omitted.

Thank you for your support and understanding regarding this issue.

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him