

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

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Mass times for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Coleford 6pm  
Cinderford 9am  
Newent 11am

### Mass times for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Lydney 6pm  
Cinderford 9am  
Newent 11am

### Weekday Services w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday Newent 10am  
Tuesday Coleford 9.30 and 11.15am Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday Newent 10am  
Thursday No Mass  
Friday Sedbury 9am

### Parish information

#### SVP

The next meeting of the St Vincent De Paul Society will be held on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm in the church hall at Coleford. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

Thank you very much to everyone who has completed the Parish Registration form and returned them to the Church or the Parish Office. We use the information that you have provided us to keep you informed of Parish news, changes and events. We never give your details to anyone without your express permission and we process all of the data in line with the Diocese's GDPR policy. If you haven't completed a form so far, we would much appreciate it if you could – they can be found at the back of all our Churches or by emailing Kristyann in the Parish Office.

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

There will be a second collection this weekend (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September) for the Catholic Education Service. There will be a second collection next weekend (15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September) for Home Mission Sunday.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL & SOUP SUPPER

There will be a Harvest Festival and Soup Supper at St Margaret Mary, Coleford on Saturday 5th October.

Please bring all harvest donations to the Church Hall from 5.15 pm so they can be arranged into boxes and put in front of the Altar before the start of Mass, thank you. As you leave Mass you are invited to take a boxed produce and leave a donation. The Soup Supper with cheese and biscuits, will be in the Church Hall after mass. All donations will go to CAFOD and everyone is welcome.

#### BUSY BEES MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Meets at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 – 11.00am during term time., everyone welcome. For more information please contact Kristyann in the Parish Office.

### Diocese information

#### VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

A three-day Vocations Discernment Retreat, organised by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, will be held at Downside from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2019. The talks during the retreat will consider all vocations, including consecrated life, priesthood, and lay life. The residential cost with all meals included is £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House or £70 in an en-suite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing. The non-residential cost with all meals included is £40. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact Rina Bird, at [rinabird@outlook.com](mailto:rinabird@outlook.com)

#### 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](mailto: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:** O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.