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PARISH UPDATES

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 28th July

Please use this link to enable you to access all Live or Recorded videos from our

YouTube Channel: <https://youtube.com/@romancatholicchurchforesto5675>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has given the day the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age"

Psalm 70:9 (71:9)

Right of Christian Initiation for Adults – This is an adult Catholic catechesis programme which introduces the full panorama of Catholic beliefs. This programme is suitable for non-Catholic adults interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, with a view to possibly being initiated into the Catholic church, as well as Catholics who would like to revisit these topics at an adult level.

It is hoped that this weekly RCIA journey will begin early in September and conclude before the beginning of Lent. The venue and time are yet to be confirmed as it will depend on the convenience of those attending so please get in touch early. If you are interested please give your name and contact numbers to: Beverley at St Margaret Mary's or Fiona at St Joseph's or Teresa at Our Lady of Victories or Sam at the parish office 01594 833173.

Fun Bingo

At our recent Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) meeting it was decided to proceed with a 'Fun Bingo Evening'. This would be a monthly event held in the church hall.

To set up this event help will be needed in the following ways:

Do you have experience in running a bingo session?

Have you any bingo equipment?

Would you be able to offer your help on the evening?



If you can answer yes to any of these questions please do let our SVP members know.

Please see Tony in Cinderford, Beverley in Coleford and Robert in Lydney. Or email Tony at secretaryb040416@svp.org.uk Thank you.

Tintern Vespers

Ecumenical Vespers at Tintern Abbey on Sunday 8th September at 3pm. The guest Preacher this year is Archbishop O'Toole of Cardiff, the RC prelate for Wales. Please bring a chair to sit on. Everyone welcome.

Diocesan Day 2025 in the Jubilee Year

There is an opportunity to join Bishop Bosco and our diocesan family for our Diocesan Day gathering next year on Saturday 19th July. More information will be sent out next year, with details of location and theme. Please save the date.

Congratulations to Sam Davis

We send our warmest congratulations to Sam who is the new Minister at Coleford Baptist Church. There is a card in the porch at Coleford for all to sign. Everyone is invited to his induction service which will take place on Saturday 7th September at 4pm in Coleford Baptist Church. This will be followed by refreshments. For catering purposes please could you let Beverley know if you are able to attend. Thank you.

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Please remember in your prayers the house bound and sick of the parish: Gail Ebsworth, Mags Oke, Val Young, Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, Paddy Arnold and Aroon Spencer.

A message from Paddy's daughter - After a recent GP visit, the news is that Paddy is improving.

A big Thank You to parents of the First Communion Group who prepared a varied selection of delicious food after Mass on the 11th August. We hope to enjoy more before the end of the summer.

On **Sunday 11th August** Fr. Liam will baptise Elijah Albert Davies, grandson of Debbie Page. This joyful event will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Room.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Deanery Mass of Healing on Saturday 27th at Brockworth, followed by lunch. Please tell Mary, Jenny or Chris if you would like to go.

Gorsley Minister Induction Service - Gorsley Baptists' new Minister, Tom Vernon, will be inducted on 31st August at Gorsley chapel at 2.00pm.

REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC meets every 6 weeks on Wednesdays. Details of the last meeting are now available. The next meeting of the PPC will be on Wednesday 7th August at 7pm.

Churches Together

Prayer for Christian Unity; the churches of Newent and Gorsley met this week for prayer. A great opportunity to meet and pray with fellow Christians.

Prayer Group

If you feel your prayer-life needs a boost, this group could be for you! You could learn new ways to pray for the world, the parish and for concerns near to your heart. This group meets once a month on the 2nd Monday at 11am with a different format each month as we are led into prayer by different members. You can expect a Bible Reading and some active input from those present. The next meeting will be on 12th August.

Rosary, Adoration and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: every Wednesday in the church at 10.30am followed by coffee in the parish room.

Bible Study Group

This group meets monthly at 10.30am on every third Thursday at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. The next meeting will be on Thursday this coming week. We have started our reading of John's Gospel by comparing its opening with the beginnings of all 4 Gospels. Study of this Gospel will usually be led by Mary Francis. Chris will provide coffee, tea and cakes.

Lectio Divina

Every Friday at 11am via Zoom with Forest Parishes. Ask Mary Francis for the link.

Taize chants

An opportunity to join in some gentle chants and prayers accompanied by Martin on the organ and other musicians.

Beans on Toast Club: this After School club is run on the first Tuesday of each month by Lynne Heron, who appreciates the support of parishioners in looking after the various activities she provides.



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Donations to Missio

If you would like to donate to Missio you can do so by using your phone and this QR code.



SCAN ME

Health and Safety

Three car parking spaces are reserved for disabled drivers/passengers. Two are in the front car park at the top of the left hand parking area, the third is close to the rear door in the back car park.

There is now an accident book in the kitchen. Please use it to record all injuries, however slight, and their treatment.

Volunteers are still sought to join the Cleaning Rota. Just two hours per month would be a great help in keeping our church clean and bright.

Saint Vincent de Paul - Summer Raffle

The raffle tickets will be in all churches in the next few weeks. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. Prizes are 1 x £5,000, 1 x £1,000 and 15 x £100. The proceeds are used to address poverty in all its forms including loneliness and isolation. The draw will take place on Thursday 26th September. Thank you to everyone who is able to support this cause.



[Advance Notice - Dates for your diary](#)

[Ecumenical Vespers at Tintern Abbey](#) - Sunday 8th September at 3pm

[Advent Retreat Day](#) - Brownhill Monastery Saturday 14th December 2024

[Diocesan Day](#) - Saturday 19th July 2025

Masses/Adoration/Prayer

Weekend

Saturday 27th July

Sunday 28th July

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick
- 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick - *live streamed*
- 11.00am Mass in Lydney - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick
- 11.00am Mass in Newent - Monsignor Liam Slattery or
Father Stephen Corrigan

Weekdays

Tuesday 30th July

Wednesday 31st July

Thursday 1st August

Friday 2nd August

- 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford
- 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent
- 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney
- 9.00am Rosary Prayer in Cinderford

Live Mass is available from Clifton Diocese with this link:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/live-mass/>

Sunday Mass: 9.30 am (Family), 11.15 am (Solemn), 6.00 pm

Please note:

In the absence of a parish priest, should a priest be required urgently please phone St Peter's Gloucester on 01452 523603.