

Parishes of Newent and The Forest of Dean

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PARISH UPDATES

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 1st September

[World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#)

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

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

Season of Creation - To Hope and Act with Creation

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1st September and finishing on the feast of St Francis on 4th October.

For more information please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

Season of Creation - Online Book Club

The Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation will be holding an online book club this year to celebrate the Season of Creation.



The book will be Ten Commandments for the Environment: Pope Benedict XVI Speaks Out for Creation and Justice by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker.

There will be **five online sessions**, with each one covering two of the commandments. Each session will be offered twice each week - a Monday afternoon session (1.00pm - 2.30pm) and a Thursday evening session (7.00pm - 8.30pm).

The dates will be:

For Monday Afternoon sessions 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th September.

For Thursday Evening sessions 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th September and 3rd October.

To register, please sign up at our Eventbrite to the time slot you'd like to join:

Monday 2nd Sept (1pm):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/season-of-creation-book-club-tickets-983469954107>

Thursday 5 Sept (7pm):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/season-of-creation-book-club-tickets-983537827117>

New Parish Priest: As was announced last weekend, Bishop Bosco has appointed Father Martin Queenan, currently parish priest at Saint George's, Warminster, as the new parish priest for our parishes. Father Martin will be arriving by the end of September and we look forward to welcoming him.

We are grateful to all the priests who have celebrated Mass with us over the past year.



Saint Vincent de Paul - Summer Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has supported this cause. Please could you now return all stubs, monies and any unused raffle tickets to your SVP representative in your church. The draw will take place on Thursday 26th September and the winning tickets will be announced in the Parish Updates. Thank you to everyone who was able to support this cause.



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 Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

If you were unable to take part in our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year please use the link below to view the Homilies from the Masses with the Bishops. There is also a daily reflection from one of our Diocesan Seminarians, Nohil, as well as reflections from many of the pilgrims as they journey through their week at Lourdes. There are also pictures to bring alive the Lourdes experience. <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes/>



St Wulstan Pastoral Area Jubilee Event

At this year's Diocesan Day, it was announced that each Pastoral Area in the Diocese will be coming together to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 - 'Pilgrims of Hope' - as announced by Pope Francis. Early initial work was done by attendees on the day and now the Pastoral Area is intending to meet in person in October to flesh out the ideas and put concrete plans in place. To this end, volunteers are needed from each parish (4 from the Forest parishes and 2 from the Newent parish) to represent us at the Pastoral Area planning meetings. If you can volunteer for this good work please contact Sam in the parish office: forestrchurches@cliftondiocese.com or 01594 833173. Thank you.

Live-streaming of Sunday Mass - those who tried to join us with live-streamed Mass last weekend 25th August will have noticed that there was no live-stream. This was because of a power adaptor failure on a key piece of equipment. A new power adaptor has been ordered and it is hoped that it will arrive in time for this weekend's Mass. Peter will be away from 10th September until 4th November on the Pilgrimage Camino Santiago de Compostela. Marcel Guadrón has kindly offered to live-stream Mass whenever possible on Sundays at 11am from St Joseph's. The first live-streamed Mass from St Joseph's will be on 15th September. From that date onwards, Marcel will post in the Newsletter if there is to be a live-streamed Mass that weekend or not. Live-streamed Mass will return to normal at 9am from St Margaret Mary's from 10th November. Thank you for your patience!

Parishioners attending Our Lady of Victories at Cinderford

Would all parishioners who attend the Cinderford Church please ensure that they park considerately so as not to upset our neighbours and according to the Highway Code. A local resident has complained regarding parking issues. Please therefore do not park in front of people's driveways or drive up onto the pavement to park.

NEWENT NEWS - OUR LADY OF LOURDES



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

RIP Paddy - We received the news on the 28th August that Paddy Arnold had died earlier that morning. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The long-awaited news for our parish's future has arrived and it is official that Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Newent will become part of the Forest of Dean parish. This will mean that we will see much less of Monsignor Liam and Fr Stephen, which will be a great loss to us. We look forward to meeting Fr Martin Queenan and hope that he does not find forest driving the least of his challenges.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Monsignor Liam Slattery will be in Lourdes towards the end of August and has taken our petitions with him to place before Our Lady.

A new inter-faith group, **Inspire**, has been suggested by Caroline Smith from St Mary's, Newent. This group could be a follow-on from the **Living Waters Retreat** in May.

At a preliminary meeting last week we shared some favourites and discovered that our love of poetry had begun at school and had inspired us to memorise the same poems! We agreed to meet on the first Monday of the month at Roses' so we will be meeting at 2.30pm this coming Monday 2nd September at Roses' Tea Room.

A Ladies' Breakfast is scheduled at St Mary's on Saturday 7th September at 9.15am. The Speaker will be Sarah Chaplin. Tickets £5.

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

IMPORTANT!!! Advance notice for Friday 27th September. Fr. Matt Anscombe will offer OLL and the Forest parish his talk entitled **Don't Forget the Holy Spirit**, also the title of his book. Please make a note of this date. **Further information later.**

We have received an advance notice from **Gloucestershire Highways Authority** for Tuesday 8th October – Thursday 10th October. We are informed that Glebe Road and the lower part of Holt's Road will be completely closed for carriageway resurfacing. Ross Road itself is not affected

REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Prayer Group This meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, that is the 9th September. Each meeting is led by a different person with a combination of a reading, music, and spoken or silent prayer for the World, the Parish and for deeply felt personal concerns.

The Friendship and Care group channels assistance to those who need a friendly chat, practical help etc.

Contact numbers: 07291 639375 (Debbie) 01989 750847 or 07505 972 868 (Maria / Don)

Rosary, Adoration and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: every Wednesday in the church starting with the rosary at 10.15am and followed by silent adoration at 10.30am and coffee at 11.00am.

Bible Study Group: this group meets at 10.30am on every third Thursday of each month at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. The next meeting will be on 19th September to look more deeply at the Gospel of St John.

Lectio Divina: every Friday at 11.00am via Zoom with Forest Parishes. Ask Mary Francis for the link.

Taize Chants: Watch this space for Information about the Taize Community, its chants and the dates for the evening gatherings at OLL for the rest of 2024



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

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

A VERY IMPORTANT REQUEST!!!

IF YOU ARE AMONG THE LAST PARISHIONERS TO SHUT THE CHURCH PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE KITCHEN DOOR IS LOCKED. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT THE HEATING IS OFF JENNY HESELTINE WILL BE HAPPY TO EXPLAIN CORRECT PROCEDURE IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT ANYTHING.

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. Please contact **Mary Francis** who will be delighted to show you what is needed.

Education Sunday is on 8th September and is when we celebrate and give thanks to all involved in Catholic education. We commemorate our predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom were living in poverty, who paid for our schools to be built. Their sacrifices helped re-establish the 2,175 Catholic schools, that continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, as throughout history, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. **You can do this by becoming a school Foundation Governor or Trust Director.** Please contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com if you would like to be a governor or director. In this way, we can hand on to the next generation the great legacy of those poor and immigrant Catholic communities of the Victorian era who built our schools.

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

[Ecumenical Vespers at Tintern Abbey](#) - 3pm Sunday 8th September 2024

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

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

Masses/Adoration/Prayer

Weekend

- Saturday 31st August - 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Father Gary Brassington
Sunday 1st September - 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Father Gary Brassington - *live streamed*
- 11.00am Mass in Lydney - Father Gary Brassington
- 11.00am Mass in Newent - Monsignor Liam Slattery or
Father Stephen Corrigan

Weekdays

- Tuesday 3rd September - 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford
Wednesday 4th September - 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent
Thursday 5th September - 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney
Friday 6th September - 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.