

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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Fifth Sunday of Easter - (Year C) - Sunday 18th May

Pope Leo XIV's Biography can be found on this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leo-xiv-biography/>

A message from Bishop Bosco on the Election of Pope Leo XIV can be seen using this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/a-message-from-bishop-bosco-on-the-election-of-pope-leo-xiv/>

Pope Leo XIV's Coat of Arms and motto—IN ILLO UNO UNUM (“In the One, we are one”)

For more information please use this link:- <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-official-explanation-coat-arms.html>

A volunteer is required from Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent to be a contact for future events for our Saint Wulstan Pastoral Area. - If you are able to assist please let Sam in the office know.

The Loop system which assists with hearing is now working in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

This system transmits audio directly to hearing aids, cutting out background noise and making speech and music clearer.

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse - Tuesday 20th May 2025

This year's focus is on the theme of “The Empty Chair”. For more information please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2025/>

A request for transportation of luggage from Malvern to Newent please

On **Friday 23rd May** the perpetual pilgrims are in great need of assistance to transport their luggage from the Malvern Hills Hotel to Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent (Five bags). Please if anyone can assist could they let Sam know in the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - Friday 23rd May

As part of the Saint Wulstan Pastoral Area Pilgrimage there will be a Mass at 6pm in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent followed by a short talk about St Wulstan. Everyone welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - next prayer group meeting is Saturday 24th May at 10am.

Visit to Clifton Cathedral and St Mary's Hawkesbury - Wednesday 28th May

For the Jubilee Year of Hope

This is part of the Saint Wulstan Pastoral Area Pilgrimage. Transport is being organised to enable parishioners to visit the beautiful rural Church of St Mary's Hawkesbury, which is just outside our pastoral area, and then on to Clifton Cathedral. We will be welcomed at Clifton Cathedral with tea/biscuits. Then we will be able to reflect at the Pilgrim Stations before celebrating a Vigil Mass for the Ascension at 5pm.

There will be pick up points in **Cinderford, Dockham Road** at 12.10pm, **Bruton Way Gloucester** at 12:45pm, **Tuffley Lane** at 13:00pm. The cost of the coach is £8.50 for adults and £3 for children under 16 years. Return journey leaves Clifton Cathedral at 5.45pm. It would be helpful if travellers could please have the correct money for payment which will be collected on the coach on the day £8.50 for adults and £3 for children under 16 years. Please use this link for more information: <https://saintwulstan.org.uk/2025/05/pilgrimage-visit-to-clifton-cathedral-st-marys-hawkesbury/>

Please let Sam know in the office if you would like to attend **before Monday 19th May.**

Encounter 2025 is an inspiring journey that seeks to awaken your soul and empower your walk with Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

To find out more and to watch the sessions that have already taken place, please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/encounter/>

Jubilee Celebration of Hope

Our Diocesan celebration is on Saturday 19th July, where we will be gathering with Bishop Bosco. To find out more information and to book please use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jubilee-celebration-of-hope-tickets-1249337715739?aff=oddttdtcreator>

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Lord's Larder - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

An amount of £140 was sent to St Mary's on 11th May for the Lord's Larder food bank. Thank you for your donations. For more information please use this link: <https://thelordslarder.org.uk/>

Please remember in your prayers the house-bound and sick of our parishes.

RIP

Please pray for Margaret Wardell whose Requiem Mass takes place at Belmont Abbey, Hereford, on Monday 19th May at 2pm.

**MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
THURSDAY 29TH MAY - Holyday of Obligation**

8am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

10am - St Joseph, Lydney

11.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

6.30pm - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

WEEKEND MASSES

On Saturdays - 6pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford

On Sundays - 9am Mass in Coleford - live streamed (tea/coffee bacon baps after in the church hall)

- 11am Mass in Lydney (tea/coffee after)

- 11am Mass in Newent (tea/coffee after)

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES

Tuesday 20th May 10am - followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 21st May 10am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

Thursday 22nd May 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 23rd May 10am - preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

**ADVANCE NOTICE FOR A BENEDICTION SERVICE ON
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
FRIDAY 27TH JUNE AT 7PM at St Margaret Mary, Coleford**

This will be followed by a light supper in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.

If you no longer wish to receive a copy of the newsletter via email please inform our parish administrator, Sam Buchanan, contact details at the top of the newsletter.