

## **Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent**

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**Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity (Year C) - Sunday 15th June**

**Day For Life**

### **Day for Life - Sunday 15th June**

This year's theme is Finding meaning in Suffering – Hope does not Disappoint. It is inspired by Romans 5:5-6. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it.

**Bishops' Jubilee Celebrations:** Parishioners are invited to Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 28th June at 12 noon to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Crispian Hollis and the Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Declan Lang. Bishop Crispian is a former priest of our diocese and was Bishop of Portsmouth from 1989 to 2012. Bishop Declan was Bishop of Clifton from 2001 to 2024.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - next prayer group is on Saturday 28th June at 10am. All welcome.**

### **Newent Parishioners Only**

Please note that Newent parishioners who make a bank payment by Standing Order for their Gift Aid Offertory donation will soon receive a letter from Clifton Diocese Finance Office. The letter is a request to instruct their bank to change the account their donation is sent to (presently a central diocesan account) to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish account instead.

As it has been a long time since we have had an appeal for additional funding, please take this opportunity to review the amount of your monthly donation and, if you can, increase the amount of your donation.

Recently donations have been falling while costs continue to rise.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul - Forest of Dean - Summer Raffle**

The raffle tickets are now in all of the forest churches. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. 1st prize £5,000, 2nd prize £1,000 and 15 additional prizes of £100. The proceeds are used to address poverty in all its forms including loneliness and isolation. Please return all ticket stubs and monies to our churches by **Wednesday 20th August** as they need to be returned to the SVP in England and Wales. The draw will take place on Wednesday 10th September. Thank you to everyone who is able to support this cause.

### **PARISH PICNIC - Saturday 12th July in Beechenhurst at 12 noon**

Everyone is invited to our yearly Parish Picnic as we gather in friendship, with fun and games. We will meet up on the grass area in front of the cafe at the far end nearest the exit. If however, heavy rain or thunderstorms are forecasted then the picnic will be postponed to another date. An email will be sent out to everyone who receives the newsletter on the Friday, to confirm whether this event will take place. It will also be posted on FaceBook and on our website. Where possible please bring food to share. You are welcome to bring chairs, blankets to sit on the grass. Tables will be provided for the food.

Parking charges which apply on these dates in Beechenhurst are, for cars up to 2 hours £4.50, 3 hours £5.50, 4 hours £6.50 and all day £8.50. Where possible please consider sharing lifts.

### **Fr Matt Anscombe is to serve as a missionary priest in Peru.**

To read more about his calling or listen to his short video please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/fr-matt/>

**Pastoral Ministry Information Sessions around the Diocese** - The next Pastoral Ministry Formation course begins in Autumn 2025. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. Information evenings will be taking place around the Diocese in June/July. Please use this link for all information: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/pastoral-ministry-information-sessions-around-the-diocese/>

### **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=oddtcreator>

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**Red Missio Boxes in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent**

Will all parishioners who have a red box please bring it to church and give it to Jenny to be emptied.

**The Clifton Evangelist latest newsletter can be found here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/>**

**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.

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

**RIP - Please remember in your prayers Lizzie Tippins (née Hare) of Flaxley Street, Cinderford who died on Wednesday morning (June 11th). May she rest in peace.**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

On Saturdays - 6pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford

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

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

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

***Please note for the next two weekends live streaming will take place at 11am at St Joseph's in Lydney.***

**WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES**

Tuesday 17th June 10am - followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 18th June 10am - preceded by Adoration at 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent  
(tea/coffee after)

**Thursday 19th June 9.30am - St Joseph, Lydney**

Friday 20th June 10am - **followed by Rosary at 10.30am** - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

**Please note Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford will be closed for 'OPEN CHURCH' on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June.**

**Please note there will be a Second Collection this weekend Sunday 15th June for 'Day for Life'.**

**Forthcoming dates for your dairy:**

Forest Churches Fete to be held in St Joseph's, Lydney on Saturday 13th September 2025.

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