

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 3rd August

Parish Office Closure

Please note the parish office will be closed due to annual holiday from Monday 11th August until Tuesday 26th August.

New Mass times, changes effective from the first weekend in September

Saturday 6th/Sunday 7th September:

Cinderford - Saturday evening Mass is discontinued

Newent - Saturday evening at 5pm

Coleford - Sunday 9am

Lydney - Sunday 11am

Pope Leo XIV will officially declare Saint John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales, the 38th Doctor of the Church.

A 'Doctor of the Church' is a man or woman of great holiness and learning whose teaching and wisdom not only resonated with their own contemporaries, but still illuminates, instructs and inspires today. For more information please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leo-to-declare-st-john-henry-newman-a-doctor-of-the-church/>

Jubilee as Pilgrims of Hope

On Saturday 19th July nearly 400 people from across the Diocese, gathered in the beautiful and inspiring grounds of Downside Abbey to celebrate our Jubilee as Pilgrims of Hope. To listen to the talks, or to see pictures from the day please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/celebrate-our-jubilee-as-pilgrims-of-hope-day/>

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - BEANS ON TOAST CLUB

The Club will meet on Tuesday 5th August (first Tuesday of the month). The Club provides an important community outreach and attendance varies from 20 to 45 including adults. More donations of beans are needed. Lynne would appreciate your support.

Lords Larder Donations - Newent

On 27th July 2025 £40 was sent to St Mary's church in Newent for the Lords Larder.

Prayer Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

The next prayer group is on 23rd August at 10am in the church, all welcome.

Raffle Tickets - Saint Vincent de Paul

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 supported this cause.

Please note the following dates of Masses/Events:-

Friday 15th August - Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

12 noon - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

6pm - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Sunday 14th September 4pm - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

CAFOD Soup Supper

Friday 3rd October - Church Hall at St Margaret Mary, Coleford (Time to follow)

Mass on the Memorial of Saint Margaret Mary

Thursday 16th October 10am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford (refreshments after)

Please remember in your prayers the house-bound and sick of our parishes, as well as those who have died recently.

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WEEKEND MASSES

On Saturdays - 6pm Vigil Mass in Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

On Sundays - 9am Mass in St Margaret Mary, Coleford - live streamed

(tea/coffee bacon baps after in the church hall)

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

- 11am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

SERVICES THIS WEEK - NO MASSES

Tuesday 5th August - Adoration at 10.00am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 6th August - **No Services today** - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Thursday 7th August - Morning Prayer at 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 8th August - Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Forthcoming dates for your dairy:

Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury - Sunday 7th September 2025 - 'Mary, Woman of Hope'.

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

Clifton Diocese Annual Formation Day - 11th October at St Brendan's College, Brislington

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