

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 6th July

Monsignor Canon Liam Slattery VG and Father Gary Brassington STB

After almost 15 years at St Peter's in Gloucester, Monsignor Liam Slattery will be moving at the end of August to become Dean and Parish Priest of the Cathedral Church of St Peter and Paul in Clifton. He is to be replaced at St Peter's by Father Gary Brassington our Pastoral Area Dean, who has served as parish priest in Stroud, Stonehouse and Woodchester for 6 years.

Aid to the Church in Need - Thank You

Steve Riedlinger from Aid to the Church in Need would like to thank all parishioners from Cinderford, Coleford and Newent that were able to donate to this cause. The amount raised was £547.60.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - BEANS ON TOAST CLUB

The Club meets on Tuesday 1st July (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.

Saint Vincent de Paul - Forest of Dean Conference

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th July at 7pm in the Church Hall, Coleford. This conference continues to look at ideas that will benefit our community. We are always open to suggestions which everyone is welcome to bring to this meeting or email our Secretary Tony SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk with your ideas and suggestions. We continue to visit and support anyone in need bringing God's love to all people.

Newent PPC meeting

The next PPC meeting for Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent will be held on Tuesday 15th July at 7.30pm at OLL. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - next prayer group is on Saturday 26th July at 10am. Everyone welcome.

Newent United Charity: Do you know someone who lives in Newent and needs help with Household Items, Utility Bills, Costs arising from any Exceptional circumstances? Let the Trustees of Newent United Charity know by writing to: The Clerk to the Trustees of Newent United Charity, 60 Lakeside, Newent GL18 1SZ or email newentunitedcharity@gmail.com by 12th July 2025. Please include full name and address, a full description of circumstances and details of help required.

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.

Volunteers are needed please for a Christmas Day Lunch - Thursday 25th December - supported by our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference

Plans are being made to hold a Christmas Day Lunch in our Church Hall in Coleford. We are looking for volunteers to help with this initiative. Please if you are able to help in anyway contact Tony in Cinderford, Beverley in Coleford or Dorota in Lydney. Or email our Secretary Tony SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk or phone 07513587332. Thank you.

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

Helen Molyneux sadly passed away on Wednesday 2nd July. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. Helen served both the Parish and the community and also supported the Sacred Heart church Sedbury. She will be dearly missed. May she rest in eternal peace.

Lizzie Tippins RIP

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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

WEEKEND MASSES

On Saturdays - 6pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford

On Sundays - 9am Mass in Coleford - lived 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 8th July 10am - followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 9th July 10am - preceded by Adoration at 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent
(tea/coffee after)

Thursday 10th July 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 11th July 10am - preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Next weekend Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th July there will be a second collection for Sea Sunday.

We give thanks and pray for all Seafarers and fishers who play a vital role in all of our lives, who often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. For more information please use this link: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/>

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.

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