

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday (Year C) - Sunday 11th May

Prayers during Conclave and in preparation for the Election of a Pope can be found using this link:
<https://cbcew.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/05/GoS-Conclave.pdf>

The Collect Prayer for the Election of a Pope

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Merger of the Forest of Dean Parishes

All parishioners are invited to the next meeting in the Parish Hall at St Margaret Mary, Coleford at **11am -12 noon on Saturday 10th May** where the Parish Pastoral Council will explain the process of merging our two parishes. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions at this meeting and the opportunity to voice any concerns.

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

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

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.

Pray and Walk from Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent to Saint Peter's Gloucester - Saturday 24th May

Come and join the perpetual pilgrims as they walk from Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent to Saint Peter's, Gloucester, to include a Mass at 6pm in St Peter's. There will be **morning prayer at 8.30am in Newent** and pilgrims will start walking at 9am. For more information: **<https://saintwulstan.org.uk/pilgrimage/pilgrimage-day-3/>** and to sign up: **<https://saintwulstan.org.uk/pilgrimage/day-walkers/>**

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

The missionary appeal for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ raised the following amounts : Total for Forest churches £507.50, Newent church £135.50.

The Holy Places collection that took place during Holy Week raised £140 in the Forest Churches.

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)

Please note there will be a retiring collection this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund.

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES

Tuesday 13th May 10am – St Margaret Mary, Coleford - **NO** Adoration due to a funeral

Wednesday 14th May 10am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

Thursday 15th May 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 16th May 10am - preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

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

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