

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 9th February

National Marriage Week 7th - 14th February

For information and resources please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>

Marriage is the key foundation for a happy, healthy society, says Bishop Bosco.

The relic of 15 year-old Carlo Acutis - 11.00 am Saturday 15th February – Belmont Abbey

Blessed Carlo was beatified by Pope Francis on 10th October 2020 and is the first millennial to be declared 'Blessed'. For information and the timetable for the Visitation of the Relic at Belmont Abbey please use this link: <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/visit-of-the-relics-of-blessed-carlo-acutis>

World Day of Prayer 2025 - 10.30am Friday 7th March in St Joseph, Lydney

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women in the Cook Islands and is entitled 'I made you wonderful'. Anyone who would like to help with welcoming, catering after the service or by baking a cake please speak to Fiona. The World Day of Prayer Leaflet is attached with this newsletter.

Rite of Election - Clifton Cathedral 11am Saturday 8th March

This year's Rite of Election takes place in our Cathedral in Bristol at 11am on Saturday 8th March. Please do join our diocesan family as we welcome to our Cathedral both catechumens and candidates. It is also a reminder of our own call to continual conversion of our hearts and our lives. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/rite-of-election/>

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 20th May - 27th May

Fr Matt Anscombe is leading this pilgrimage to Medjugorje. For more information and how to book go to: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/pilgrimage-to-medjugorje/>

NEWENT AND FOREST OF DEAN - First Holy Communion Preparation : sessions will begin on Sunday 23rd February to be ready for the Feast of Corpus Christi on 22nd June 2025. The classes will take place at 9.30am (before the 11am Sunday Mass) at **Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent** and in **St Joseph in Lydney**. Children must be aged 7 years or older in 2025. Parents are asked to register their child or children for this programme with Sam Buchanan at the parish office. Tel: 01594 833173 or email: forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com

Monthly Bingo Night - supported by the Saint Vincent de Paul Forest of Dean Conference

The next monthly Bingo Night will be held in the Church Hall at Saint Margaret Mary on Friday 7th February at 6.30pm to 8pm. £3 entry fee which includes three rounds of Bingo and refreshments. Everyone welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please remember in your prayers the house-bound and sick of the parish:

Mags Oke, Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, Aroon Spencer and Brian Harford.

WEEKEND MASSES

On Saturdays - 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford

On Sundays - 9.00am Mass in Coleford - live streamed

- 11.00am Mass in Lydney

- 11.00am Mass in Newent - **Canon David Ryan**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 11th February 10am – followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 12th February 10am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

Thursday 13th February 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 14th February 10am - preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

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