

## Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Newsletter for the First Sunday of Advent (Year C) - Sunday 1st December 2024

### Father Martin Queenan

We welcome Father Martin Queenan, as he is now resident in the Presbytery at Coleford. If you would like to contact him please do so by emailing [forestrcchurches@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:forestrcchurches@clifftondiocese.com) or phone 01594 833173.

**Bishop Bosco Macdonald's Pastoral Letter** for the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe can be found on this link: [Pastoral Letter](#)

**2025 Diocesan Liturgical Diaries and directories** are now available from the Church Office. £6.50 please for diaries and £6.00 for directories, please contact Sam.

**The New Translation of the Lectionary comes into use this weekend** to order a **NEW MISSAL** please contact Sam in the church office by [Monday 2nd December](#) at the latest, price £19.95. After this date they can be ordered through CTS on this link: [Missals](#)

**Jubilee Year 2025** the theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope' for more information please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

**Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised by Pope Francis in Rome on 27 April.** Carlo used to describe the Eucharist as a 'highway to heaven'. For more information please use this link: [Blessed Carlo Acutis](#)

### Vatican to install Webcam on St Peter's tomb

Pope Francis will inaugurate the live webcam of the tomb of the apostle and first pope on 2nd December. This will provide 'symbolic access' to those who cannot make the journey to Rome.

**Congratulations to Jessica and Patrick** who were joined in Holy Matrimony at St Joseph's on Friday 29th November.

### Weekday masses will resume from:-

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

Wednesday 4th December 10am – Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

Thursday 5th December 10am – St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 6th December 10am – preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

**There will be an Adoration Service on 3rd and 10th December at 11am in St Margaret Mary, Coleford**

**There will also be a Mass on Monday 9th December at 2.30pm in St Margaret Mary, Coleford**, before the Forest of Dean Parish Pastoral Committee meeting at 3.00pm

### ALL WEEKEND MASSES REMAIN UNCHANGED

**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

**Prayer Tree** - From the beginning of Advent there will be a Prayer tree at the back of the church in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent. You will find a variety of wooden shapes in a basket next to the tree for you to write your intentions to hang on the tree.

**Monthly Bingo Night** supported by the Saint Vincent de Paul Forest of Dean Conference will be held in the Church Hall at Saint Margaret Mary, Coleford on Friday 6th December 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.

**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - Wednesday 25th December** supported by our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference. If you are alone this Christmas or in need of company please come along to our Christmas Day lunch in the Church Hall at Saint Margaret Mary, in Coleford at 12 noon. Lunches need to be booked by **Sunday 8th December**. Please see Tony in Cinderford, Robert in Lydney or Bev in Coleford. Phone 07513587332 or email [SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk](mailto:SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk)

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday 24th December - 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph, Lydney preceded by carols at 5.30pm

Wednesday 25th December - 9.00am Mass St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 25th December - 10.30am Mass Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent awaiting confirmation

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

Mags Oke, Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, and Aaron Spencer.