

## **Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent**

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 19th January  
Peace Sunday 2025

### **Peace Sunday 2025**

Peace Sunday is celebrated this weekend. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'. For more information please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/peace-sunday/>

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from 18th - 25th January – the octave of St Peter and St Paul. The theme is "Do you believe this"? For more information please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/>

### **Feast of Saint Wulstan, our Pastoral Area Saint, and Jubilee Events 'Pilgrims of Hope':**

The 19th January marks the Memorial in England of Saint Wulstan who is the Patron of our Pastoral Area. In setting up the new Pastoral Areas Bishop Declan encouraged everyone in the Diocese to get to know the saint of their area better which we will be doing during this Jubilee year. Saint Wulstan is a great Patron to have - he was the only Bishop in England to remain in place after the Norman Conquest in 1066, being Bishop of Worcester from 1062 to 1095. In Bristol he was also instrumental in abolishing the Bristol slave trade of Angles to Viking Ireland. At the Pastoral Area Forum this weekend the main focus is the Jubilee Year, and how we as a Pastoral Area will celebrate it. Ideas include a Saint Wulstan Southern Way Catholic Jubilee Pilgrimage in May from Worcester to Bristol, and a gathering with children and their families from communities across the Pastoral Area in July. A website is being developed which will have further details of our Jubilee Year events. Further information will also follow in parish newsletters.

**Pastoral Area Forum** on Saturday 18th January from 11:00am until approximately 1:00pm (coffee from 10:30am) at English Martyrs, Tuffley (247 Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX). There will be a particular focus on the Holy Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' and how we will celebrate this within our Pastoral Area. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be available. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch for the end of the session.

### **Come to Walsingham for the Jubilee Year 2025! Welcoming pilgrims since 1061**

A coach will be leaving from Belmont Abbey Hereford on Monday 23rd June and returning Friday 27th June 2025. It will also pick up and drop off in Ledbury. For details of accommodation and cost please contact Audrey Fussell on 07952 993687 or [afussy@mail.com](mailto:afussy@mail.com).

**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 St Joseph's church 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 to: [forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com)

### **Friday Lunch Club**

Our first meeting of the Lunch Club in 2025 will be on Friday 31st January at St Margaret Mary's Hall. Everyone is welcome. For further information please call Dot Lord on 01594560054 or mobile 07494229415.

### **New Weekday Missals and Daily Missals**

These missals can now be pre-ordered online for release at the end of April through CTS. For a weekday missal please use this link: <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/weekday-missal/> For a Daily Missal which includes Sundays please use this link: <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/daily-missal/>

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## **Reconciliation Liturgies**

Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during the season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. Each Liturgy will start at 7pm

Thursday 13th March: Immaculate Conception, Stroud

Thursday 20th March: St Peter, Swindon

Thursday 27th March: St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham

Thursday 3rd April: St George, Taunton

Thursday 10th April: St Francis, Nailsea

There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. You will be most welcome at any of the venues.

## **Funerals**

The funeral of Michelle Bruce will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 21st January at The Forest Of Dean Crematorium.

The funeral of Mary Bolton is at 12.15pm on Wednesday 29th January at St Joseph, Lydney.

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

Mags Oke, Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, and Aroon Spencer. For Brian Harford who is in hospital having recently had a stroke.

## **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

## **NOTICE OF WEEKDAY SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

Tuesday 21st & 28th January 10am - Service of Adoration - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 22nd & 29th January - To be Advised - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Thursday 23rd & 30th January 10am - Morning Prayer - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 24th & 31st January 9.30am - Rosary - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford