

## Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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Newsletter for the Second Sunday of Advent (Year C) - Sunday 8th December 2024

### Bishop Bosco MacDonald installed as Prebend of Wells Cathedral

On Tuesday 26th November, Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Bishop of Clifton, was Installed as a Prebend of Wells Cathedral during a Service of Choral Evensong, sung by the Vicars Choral of Wells Cathedral Choir. For more information please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/bishop-bosco-installed-as-prebend-of-wells-cathedral/>

### Opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican

To follow the opening of the Holy Door on 24th December at 6:00pm GMT (7.00pm in Rome) and all events of the Holy Year 2025, use this link for Vatican News on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@VaticanNewsEN> or this link for Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/vaticannews>

### 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 Tuesday 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

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASS AT CINDERFORD ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER. THERE WILL BE ROSARY AT 9.30AM ON THIS DAY.**

### 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.

### All Readers

There is a video resource on the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website providing readers with practical tips and information on the New Lectionary. Please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-video-readers/>

### New Lectionary

Video resources on the New Lectionary are available through: [www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-video-resources/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-video-resources/)

### Advent Resources

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-gift-of-your-presence-advent-resource/>

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/advent/>

<https://www.sacredspace.com>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cafod-advent-resources/>

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join> - use this link to register for an Online Retreat, 3 sessions starting on 12th December 2024, time 19:30 – 20:30

**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

Wednesday 25th December - 11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

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

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