

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) - Sunday 23rd March

Free Lenten Series

There is a free online Lenten Series available 'The Seven Last Words' with Scott Hahn. To access please use this link: <https://stpaulcenter.com/lent> and enter your email address to sign up.

Prayer Group - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent on 29th March at 10.00am

Everyone is welcome to attend the next prayer group in Newent, as we intercede for our families our church and our world.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, During Lent - Soup Lunch and Adoration

There will be soup served in the parish room after Mass on Wednesdays in Lent. There will be a collection for a local charity. Please add your name to the soup - making rota. Adoration will take place at 11.15am - 11.45am.

CAFOD Collection - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent has raised £653.60 for this collection.

Food Bank donations in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent have raised £160 for this cause and it has been sent to St Mary's church.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

In need of any help please contact Jenny 07749478340 or email jenny.heseltine@gmail.com

Diocesan Curia Conference Day - Saturday March 29th at St Brendan's Sixth Form College Bristol

The day will be filled with learning, networking, and enjoyment. Doors open from 9:30am with pastries and refreshments and finishes at 2.30pm. The event is for parishes and volunteers to meet with members of the Curial departments and attend a variety of presentations and workshops.

Please book to attend at: [Diocesan Curia Conference Day](#) When registering, please select one workshop in each slot that you wish to attend.

Testimonies to the Holy Spirit in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Have you felt the Holy Spirit working in your life? This is an invitation to share and witness to the Spirit's inspiration in many different ways. Please talk to Mary or Chris.

Diocesan-wide "Encounter" programme, set to begin in Eastertide 2025.

This journey will culminate in a Vigil Mass for Pentecost—a powerful moment of renewal where we come together to strengthen our faith, open our hearts, and unite as a community empowered by the Holy Spirit. The programme will officially begin on Saturday, 3rd May, with a launch event at the Cathedral, open to all ages. For more information: <https://cliftondiocese.com/encounter/>

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass - Saturday 17 May 2025 12 noon

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating this Mass in the Cathedral and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, it will be a celebration for couples who have a significant anniversary this year, and a personal invitation will be sent out from the bishop if you send your names and address to this email address: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com Please include the number of years you will be celebrating.

Diocesan Day - Jubilee Celebration of Hope - Downside School & Abbey

On Saturday 19th July we will be gathering with Bishop Bosco for our Diocesan Jubilee Day of Hope. The day will start at 10.00am with refreshments and Prayer and Talks at 10.30am. Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3pm with the Principal Celebrant Bishop Bosco MacDonald and the Abbot of Downside Dom Nicholas Wetz OSB. For further details please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/jubilee-celebration-of-hope/> To join for the day booking is essential through this link: [Eventbrite](#)

Jubilee visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury

This Shrine is one of two designated pilgrimage churches in the Clifton Diocese for the Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Icon will be touring the country throughout the Jubilee Year and will be at the Shrine from 7th to 9th May. Additionally, the Jubilee Year offers a plenary indulgence for those who make a pilgrimage to this Jubilee church.

Both individuals and groups are welcome to visit the Shrine. To arrange your visit, please either call the Parish Office on 01458 835931 (weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm) or use the enquiry form on the Shrine's webpage: <https://www.glastonburyshrine.co.uk/jubilee>.

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Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury: Sunday 7th September 2025 “Mary, Woman of Hope”

This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 7th September 2025 and will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope."

As well as the usual Rosary Procession around Glastonbury town centre in the afternoon, there will be an additional Procession in the morning to celebrate the Jubilee from the Abbey grounds to the top of Glastonbury Tor. For more information: <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/glastonbury-pilgrimage/>

The National Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope - Walking Pilgrimage for England and Wales 2025

There will be a walking pilgrimage for England & Wales for the 2025 Jubilee with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas in Nottingham on Saturday 13th September 2025 for shared prayer and celebration. For more information please use this link: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-pilgrims-of-hope-walking-pilgrimage>

Saint Wulstan Pastoral Area website

There is now a new website which is dedicated to our new Pastoral Area of St Wulstan. It will enable us to unite as one community of parishes, schools, and religious groups. This website will contain news, events and information in our Pastoral area. To find out more and to join in with our community please use this link: <https://saintwulstan.org.uk/>

Stations of the Cross - During Lent

Tuesdays - 7pm at Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Thursdays - After 10am Mass at St Joseph, Lydney

Fridays - 3pm at St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Sundays - 10.30am before Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Nunn who has recently died.

Her Funeral Mass is at 10.45am on Monday 31st March at St Peter's Church in Gloucester, followed by a committal at Gloucester Crematorium at 12 noon.

WEEKEND MASSES

On Saturdays - 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford

On Sundays - 9.00am Mass in Coleford

- 11.00am Mass in Lydney - **live streamed**

- 11.00am Mass in Newent

Live Streaming - On Sunday 30th March live streaming will resume from the **9am** Mass at St Margaret Mary, Coleford.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 25th March 10am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford - followed by Adoration until 11am

Wednesday 26th March 12 noon - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, preceded by Adoration at 11.15am - 11.45am, followed by a Lent Soup Lunch after Mass

Thursday 27th March 10am - St Joseph, Lydney followed by Stations of the Cross

Friday 28th March 10am - preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Second Collection in all churches - next weekend Sunday 30th March for 'Priests Retirement Fund'.

Pope Francis

Please continue to pray for the Holy Father whose clinical condition is confirmed to be improving. Non-invasive mechanical ventilation has been suspended and also he has less need of high-flow oxygen therapy. Motor and respiratory physiotherapy is continuing to make progress.

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