

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 23rd February

Saturday 1st March 10am new prayer group meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent.

World Day of Prayer 2025 services in Lydney and Newent

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women in the Cook Islands and is entitled 'I made you wonderful'. **Friday 7th March at 10.30am in St Joseph, Lydney** - Anyone who would like to help with welcoming, catering after the service or by baking a cake please speak to Fiona. **Friday 7th March at 2.00pm in St Anne's Church, Oxenhall, Newent** - A great opportunity to connect with fellow Christians across the globe - and just a walk away!

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/>

Jubilee Year of hope - Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent are encouraged to make an exciting contribution to evangelisation by witnessing to the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Each is asked to tell his/her personal Faith story. These stories will be gathered for all to read and so testify to God's Love at work in the members of the parish. Please contact Mary Francis or Chris Roy.

Join The Saint Wulstan Southern Way Catholic Pilgrimage: Thursday 22nd to Wednesday 28th May 2025. The route, tracing St. Wulstan's life and legacy, from Worcester Cathedral to Clifton Cathedral is part of the Catholic Church's Year of Jubilee, "Pilgrims of Hope" celebrations. It invites participants to explore their faith while journeying through stunning landscapes and historic locations. All parishioners are invited to join in all, some or part of the walks, talks, prayers and celebrations that take place during the week of the pilgrimage. Visit the website for more details www.saintwulstan.org.uk

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/>

Funerals - Aroon Spencer's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11am on Friday February 28th at Our Lady of Lourdes church on Ross Road. We pray for her soul and also for her husband, Paul, and their family.

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

Mags Oke, Catherine Williams, Tessa and Julian Dowle, Maria and Don Coleman and Brian Harford.

Reconciliation/Confession

Father Martin will be happy to hear individual confession after a weekday Mass.

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

Live Streaming - On Sunday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March, Mass will be live streamed **when possible** from the **11am Mass in Lydney**. Please check Newsletter/Website or FaceBook page.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Wednesday 26th February 10am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

Thursday 27th February 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 28th February **9.30am** - followed by Rosary at 10.00am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Pope Francis - Please continue to pray for the Holy Father who remains in Gemelli Hospital in Rome, with pneumonia and a respiratory tract infection.

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