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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 7th August**

Please use this link to enable you to access all Live or Recorded videos from our Church Website:

<https://vimeo.com/forestrcchurch>  
**FRIDAY TALK AVAILABLE 5TH AUGUST**

**The Potter**

On Retreat we were given a very good talk on God as the Potter. The idea that God is constantly moulding us.

We are the clay in the potter's hands being moulded and formed. God's hand is at work in our lives.

'If, then, you are the work of God, wait patiently for the Hand of your Artist, who does all things at the opportune time... Present him with a malleable and a docile heart, and retain the form the Artist has given you, keeping in yourself the water that comes from him and lacking which you would grow hard and reject the imprint of his fingers. By keeping this shape, you will climb to perfection because the art of God will cover over the clay that is in you. His Hand created your substance; it will clothe you with pure gold inside and out.'

I have only tried pottery once and the shape of the pot I was attempting to make kept changing. The teacher had to come and rescue my effort. However, I was quite pleased with my pot, it was not the best in class by far, but it was my creation. You will have heard the saying that it is cracked pots that let in the light!

Bless you all  
Barnabas

Please use the link below to watch and listen to Father Frank Wainwright as he appears on the Clifton Diocese 'Dare to Dream' series. Scroll down to the 6th Sunday of Eastertide – Bear Fruit, for the week beginning 9th May. Then click on the video on the right hand side of the page.

<https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream-1/>

This was the feast that followed  
Silvana's Funeral in Newent,  
nothing but the best  
as you can imagine!  
May she rest in Peace.



### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES, NEWENT**

#### **Newsletter Forest parishes with New England's Lionesses hunt the trophy and triumph together -**

Could our parish come to resemble a successful Football team? Following a plan? Utilising different skills? Working in groups for the good of the whole family?

The recent Synod, though less dramatic than a football match, has brought this to our attention: a successful community is formed by a number of smaller groups utilising individual skills. This already happens. Take Sunday Mass. One person from our group of Sacristans will open the church, set out the altar, ensure all the Sacred vessels, the hosts and the wine or ready. Two people from the Welcome group greet each parishioner and ensure the procession of gifts. A Reader from her group is prepared to read the lessons of the day reverently and often a small Choral group leads the hymn singing. The Sacristans and Welcomers complete their part by cleansing the vessels, counting the collections and locking the safe. Each specialised group has enough members to ensure that the rota can be fulfilled and usually no member is needed more than once a month.

There are new opportunities to join The Team.

1. Every Sunday refreshments are provided in the Parish Room - an easy way for people to get to know each other - and Suzy Felton would be very happy to receive offers of help.
2. Maybe technology is your passion? We have just installed a new audio-visual system and, to maximise use, we need people to teach us to operate Live Screening, as well as people to operate the over-head projector. This will enable the congregation to read the words of the hymns. Please let Chris Roy know of your interest in this area.
3. The Parish Pastoral Council meets monthly and oversees the smooth running of the parish. It might be likened to Serena Wiegman, super soccer coach! We are looking to extend membership and also to attract new members enthused by the Synod. Do speak to Father Barnabas for information.

Thank you for reading this! Chris Roy

### Lord's Larder Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the above cause. Another contribution of £410 has just been paid to the Lord's Larder Food Bank. Collection baskets can be found at our Lady of Lourdes, Newent. For more information please go to <http://thelordslarder.org.uk>

### Overhead projector operatives required at Our Lady Of Lourdes, Newent,

to project the words to the hymns during Mass.

No previous experience necessary, training will be given.

Please see Pat Milsom, Mary Francis or Sue Felton for more information.

A rota will be established for those who volunteer.



Please pray for:

### FUNERALS

**Daniel Alvisse** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 3.15pm St Mary's, Chepstow

**Pauline Cook** - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 11.30am Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent -  
1.30pm FOD Crematorium

**Christine Palmer** - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2.15pm St Margaret Mary, Coleford -  
3.30pm FOD Crematorium

### PLEASE NOTE DETAILS OF LYDNEY ROAD CLOSURES

**Newerne Street, Hill Street & High Street will be restricted to one way  
from 25th July until the 10th October 2022**

### MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	6pm Lydney
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	9am Cinderford
	11am Newent - <b><i>Live streamed*</i></b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	10am Coleford - <i>Live streamed</i>
	<b>Adoration in the Church after Mass until 12 noon</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	12 noon Newent
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	10am Lydney - <b>Communion Service</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	6pm Coleford - <i>Live streamed</i>

***Please note Mass will be live-streamed on Sunday 7th August at 11am  
from Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent and not from Lydney on Saturday.***