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PARISH UPDATES

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 20th October

Please use this link to enable you to access all Live or Recorded videos from our **YouTube Channel:** <https://youtube.com/@romancatholicchurchforesto5675>

Sunday 20 October – Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Safeguarding Awareness for all

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency level 1 leaflet is available in each Parish (a copy is also attached to this Parish Newsletter). It is important that each parishioner reads this leaflet to help understand Safeguarding and the work that the Diocese does in relation to it. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility so please do take the time to read the leaflet. If you would like to discuss any related issues to this notice please contact Fiona Mills (FoD Safeguarding rep) via the parish office 01594 833173

Zoom Prayer Opportunities

October is traditionally the month of the Rosary... why not join the Forest of Dean and Newent Rosary Group? We meet on Zoom every Friday at 4.30pm for approximately 20 minutes. Everybody is welcome, we have members from each of the churches, join every week or as and when you can. We pray for the needs of all our parishes. If you have personal prayer intentions you would like us to pray for or to join please contact Fiona via the parish office 01594 833173

Lectio Divina every Friday at 11am we meet on Zoom for approximately one hour, our group is made up of members from every church in the Forest of Dean and Newent Parishes. We prayerfully read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel. As well as being an excellent preparation for Sunday Mass it is a wonderful way of praying with scripture together with other parishioners. Everyone is welcome - if you are not used to this way of praying why not give it a try? Please contact Fiona via the parish office 01594 833173.



St Wulstan Pastoral Area Jubilee Event

At this year's Diocesan Day, it was announced that each Pastoral Area in the Diocese will be coming together to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' - as announced by Pope Francis. Early initial work was done by attendees on the day and now the Pastoral Area is intending to meet in person in October to flesh out the ideas and put concrete plans in place. To this end, volunteers are needed from each parish (4 from the Forest parishes and 2 from the Newent parish) to represent us at the Pastoral Area planning meetings. If you can volunteer for this good work please contact Sam in the parish office: forestrcchurches@cliftdioocese.com or 01594 833173. Thank you.

Parishioners attending Our Lady of Victories at Cinderford

Would all parishioners who attend the Cinderford Church please ensure that they park considerately so as not to upset our neighbours and according to the Highway Code. A local resident has complained regarding parking issues. Please therefore do not park in front of people's driveways or drive up onto the pavement to park.

Fun Bingo

Our Fun Monthly Bingo Evening supported by our Saint Vincent de

Paul Conference will commence on **Friday 6th December** please save this date. It will be held monthly in our Church Hall at St Margaret Mary Church in Coleford from 8.30pm on the first Friday in the month. Everyone will be welcome, children accompanied by an adult. Further details to follow.



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

Mags Oke, Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, Pat Milsom and Aroon Spencer. Val Young is very unwell and currently in Tewkesbury Community Hospital. Prayers are also urgently asked for Pat Milsom's brother Tim, who has severe heart problems and for Pat herself whose operation has been deferred until 22nd October.

TAIZE EVENING PRAYER Last Sunday 13th October at 6pm marked the new season for Taizé prayer. It was a chance for quiet reflection helped by singing, a scripture reading, a time of silence and intercessory prayer. The tradition comes from the monks of the abbey of Taizé in France and is ecumenical and international. The service lasted around 40 minutes and was followed by refreshments. As usual we were joined by members of other local churches. All are welcome, of any denomination or none. Thank you, Martin, for giving us this opportunity to praise our God through chant and music.

Below are the dates up to Christmas. All services will start at 6pm and will be followed by refreshments: 17th November; 8th December

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION 20TH OCTOBER World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love to, and solidarity with, our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers we join with missionaries everywhere in concern and compassion. We support them in spreading the Good News of Christ and, by giving a donation, we respond to His call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Envelopes will be available next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS BANNER MAKING -12TH OCTOBER Mary Francis and Ann Hay have created a banner/ back drop for our Christmas Nativity Scene.

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT – AN INVITATION

Come for breakfast Stay to pray 26th October The session last Saturday was inspirational for all of us! (email Mary Francis if you are coming to give her some idea of how many to cater for.)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM This year's PPC meetings concluded on 2nd October. Please note that the AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held on Saturday 2nd November at 10,30 following the 10.00am Mass for All Souls. All parishioners are warmly invited to the AGM.

Fr. MIKE SCHMITZ Fr.Mike offers us a new programme, Face to Face, for Advent, with daily readings. His homilies are highly recommended. More information as we approach the season of Advent.

The total collected for the CAFOD Harvest Collection was £187.15

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REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

The Friendship and Care Group channels assistance to those who need a friendly chat, practical help etc.

Contact numbers: 07291 639375 (Debbie) 01989 750847 or 07505 972 868 (Maria / Don)

Rosary, Adoration and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: every Wednesday in the church starting with the Rosary at 10.15 and followed by silent adoration at 10.30am. and coffee at 11.00

Bible Study Group: this group meets at 10.30 on every third Thursday of each month at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. The last meeting on 17th September gave an insight into the Wedding Feast at Cana as we watched a video talk by a Messianic Jewish Rabbi who enlightened us about the use of Water Jars, Jewish Purification rites and Jesus's words to his mother. The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th October at 10.30

Lectio Divina: every Friday at 11.am via Zoom with Forest Parishes. Ask Mary Francis for the link.

Beans on Toast Club: this After School club is usually run on the first Tuesday of each month by Lynne Heron, who appreciates the support of parishioners in encouraging children to explore the various activities she provides. The next session will be on the 5th November in the afternoon.

Donations to Missio

If you would like to donate to Missio you can do so by using your phone and the QR code



SCAN ME

The Parish Room Regulars will see that the lay-out of the Parish Room has changed. The new format is designed to release more space for sitting and chatting and to offer a more welcoming space for new-comers. Please address your comments to Jeanette, Mary or Chris.

IF YOU ARE AMONG THE LAST TO LEAVE THE BUILDING, DO PLEASE ENSURE THAT BOTH FRONT AND BACK DOORS ARE LOCKED. IF THE HEATING HAS BEEN ON, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW HOW TO TURN IT OFF!

Health and Safety – useful information

Three car parking spaces are reserved for disabled drivers/ passengers. Two are in the front car park at the top of the left hand parking area, the third is close to the rear door in the back car park.

There is now an accident book in the kitchen. Please use it to record all injuries, however slight, and their treatment.

Please park thoughtfully especially when parking outside the church grounds.

Volunteers are still sought to join the Cleaning Rota. Just two hours per month would be a great help in keeping our church clean and bright. Please contact Mary Francis who will be delighted to show you what is needed.

Faith Group

This social group looks at various ways to grow and strengthen our faith. We reflect and share on different aspects of our religion and how God is present and at work in our lives. This group resumes on Wednesday 13th November at 7pm - 8pm in our Church Hall at St Margaret Mary, Coleford. Everyone is welcome to come and participate. At present these sessions consist of watching a short video clip relating to a book from the bible and reflecting on how scripture is relevant and active in our lives today.

[Advance Notice - Dates for your diary](#)

[Advent Retreat Day](#) - Brownhill Monastery Saturday 14th December 2024

[Diocesan Day](#) - Saturday 19th July 2025

Masses/Adoration/Prayer**Weekend**

Saturday 19th October - 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Father Martin Queenan
 Sunday 20th October - 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Father Martin Queenan
 - 11.00am Mass in Lydney – Father Stephen Corrigan - *live streamed*
 - 11.00am Mass in Newent - Father Martin Queenan

Weekdays

Tuesday 22nd October - 11am Adoration Service in Coleford
 Weds 23rd October - 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent
 Thurs 24th October - 10am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Lydney
 Friday 25th October - 9.00am Rosary Prayer in Cinderford

Live Mass is available from Clifton Diocese with this link:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/live-mass/>

Sunday Mass: 9.30 am (Family), 11.15 am (Solemn), 6.00 pm

Please note:

In the absence of a parish priest, should a priest be required urgently please phone St Peter's Gloucester on 01452 523603.

