

**Parishes of Newent and The Forest of Dean**

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**PARISH UPDATES**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**Sunday 27th October**

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

**Farewell for Deacon Paul**

**Our much-loved Deacon Paul sadly leaves us in early November to move to Cambridgeshire. There will be a get-together in the Parish Hall, Coleford, to which everyone is invited on Monday 4th November, 6pm-8pm.**

**We would ask for anyone coming to bring a plate of food to share with a drink of their choice.**

**We would encourage any drivers to offer lifts to those who may need one or think of car sharing for car park spaces.**

**Please confirm your attendance and the food that you are bringing with Sam via email - [forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com).**

**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 on 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](mailto: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.



## NEWENT NEWS - OUR LADY OF LOURDES



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 should have taken place last Tuesday 22nd October.

**TAIZE EVENING PRAYER** The next Taize Evening Prayer will be on 17th November starting at 6pm. The last gathering of this year will be on 8th December. Both to be followed by refreshments.

### **DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT – AN INVITATION**

Come for breakfast Stay to pray 26th October

The session two weeks ago was inspirational for all of us! And there is so much work to be done! "The fields are ripe for the Harvest but the labourers are few"

( 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.

**What is a Pastoral Council?** It is a driving force to ensure the success of active and varied Parish initiatives. It also advises and supports the Parish Priest, as well as evangelising and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

**What Parish Activities might support the work of the PPC?** The Welcome Team, The Friendship and Care Group, Instruction for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Sharing our Faith with those who are not Christian or are seeking faith, Taking advantage of Prayer opportunities, or of activities to deepen our knowledge and love of God. **Pastoral Care is the Vocation of the whole People of God**

**CHRISTMAS BANNER** Ann Hay and Mary Francis have started a backdrop to our Nativity Scene. Please contact Ann if you are keen to offer your sewing skills to the project.

**FR. MIKE SCHMITZ** Father 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.

**ALL SAINTS DAY MASS will be held at 11am Friday 2nd November**

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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 21st November at 10.30 in Aston Ingham.

**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



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**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.

## **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**

**All Saints Day Masses will be as follows:**

**Friday 2nd November :**

**9am - Coleford - Father Martin Queenan**

**11am - Cinderford - Father Martin Queenan**

**11am - Newent - Father Liam Slattery**

### **Weekend**

Saturday 26th October

- 6.00pm Mass in Cinderford - Father Martin Queenan

Sunday 27th October

- 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Father Martin Queenan

- 11.00am Mass in Lydney – Father Martin Queenan- *live streamed*

- 11.00am Mass in Newent - Father Liam Slattery

### **Weekdays**

Tuesday 29th October

- 11am Adoration Service in Coleford

Weds 30th October

- 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent

Thurs 31st October

- 10am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Lydney

Friday 1st November

- 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.**

