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PARISH UPDATES

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 14th July

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

YouTube Channel: <https://youtube.com/@romancatholicchurchforesto5675>

St Wulstan Pastoral Area Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by Lunch

Please note Fr Gerry will be available for Confessions before Mass from 11.15am to 11.45am.



St Patrick's Catholic Church Brockworth GL3 4HL looks forward to welcoming priests and people from across our Pastoral Area for

Mass during which the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday 27th July at 12 Noon**. Our Dean Fr Gary Brassington will be the principal celebrant and other priests will concelebrate the Mass and administer the Sacrament of the Sick with him. The Mass will be followed by lunch in the Church Hall for the sick and their carers. Please sign up on the list in our Churches by Sunday 21st July if you wish to attend. If you know of Catholics who are sick please ask them if they would like to attend.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

This event is being supported by our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, therefore if you would like to attend but need transport please indicate this on the list.

Reminder to register for our Advent Retreat Day at Brownhill 2024

Due to the success of last year's retreat at Brownhill another Advent retreat day has been booked for this year on Saturday 14th December 2024.

There will be three pick up points starting at 9.00am in Cinderford, then Coleford followed by Lydney.

Please register your interest by putting your name and contact details on the list on your church notice board or email Beverley at beverleychisholm@yahoo.co.uk.



The Parish has agreed to cover the cost of the coach. For the use of the Monastery and grounds, a cooked meal, and a talk by a Sister a voluntary donation of £30 per person is kindly asked for. Thank you. An inability to pay does not preclude anyone from attending.

PARISH FETE - St Joseph, Lydney - is unable to proceed this year.

Unfortunately we have been unable to find a volunteer to co-ordinate this event in September. We are hoping that a volunteer can be found to resume our fete in 2025. Please consider whether you would be willing to help next year. Thank you.



Our congratulations to Jess and Pat

on the birth of their baby daughter Maude who was born on Wednesday, 10th July at 12.35am. Welcome to the world Maude, may your days be filled with God's love and blessings.

NEWENT NEWS - OUR LADY OF LOURDES



Please remember in your prayers the house bound and sick of the parish: Gail Ebsworth, Mags Oke, Val Young, Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, Paddy Arnold and Aroon Spencer.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bring and Share Lunch after Mass at OLL on Sunday 14th July. Come and enjoy the international dishes prepared by the parents of our First Holy Communion group, and bring your own contribution. In the Marquee if weather suitable!

Evensong at Gloucester Cathedral at 5.30pm on Friday 19th July - a Thanksgiving Service for 30 years of TIC (Teens in Crisis) This local charity was started in 1994 as a Christian Charity dedicated to helping children and young people in crisis. Its aims are: to advance the Christian religion by practically demonstrating the Christian Faith; by relieving need, hardship and distress of the young; and by providing education, advice, support and counselling services.

Deanery Mass of Healing on Saturday 27th at Brockworth, followed by lunch. Please tell Mary, Jenny or Chris if you would like to go.

Gorsley Minister Induction Service - Gorsley Baptists' new Minister, Tom Vernon, will be inducted on 31st August at Gorsley chapel at 2.00pm.

REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC meets every 6 weeks on Wednesdays. Details of the last meeting are now available.

Churches Together

Prayer for Christian Unity; the churches of Newent and Gorsley met this week for prayer. A great opportunity to meet and pray with fellow Christians.

Prayer Group

If you feel your prayer-life needs a boost, this group could be for you! You could learn new ways to pray for the world, the parish and for concerns near to your heart. This group meets once a month on the 2nd Monday at 11am with a different format each month as we are led into prayer by different members. You can expect a Bible Reading and some active input from those present. The next meeting will be on 12th August.

Rosary, Adoration and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: every Wednesday in the church at 10.30am followed by coffee in the parish room.

Bible Study Group

This group meets monthly at 10.30am on every third Thursday at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. The next meeting will be on Thursday this coming week. We have started our reading of John's Gospel by comparing its opening with the beginnings of all 4 Gospels. Study of this Gospel will usually be led by Mary Francis. Chris will provide coffee, tea and cakes. Next meeting this Thursday 18th July.

Lectio Divina

Every Friday at 11am via Zoom with Forest Parishes. Ask Mary Francis for the link.

Taize chants

An opportunity to join in some gentle chants and prayers accompanied by Martin on the organ and other musicians. The next date will be 14th July at 6pm.



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Beans on Toast Club: this After School club is run on the first Tuesday of each month by Lynne Heron, who appreciates the support of parishioners in looking after the various activities she provides

Donations to Missio

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



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Health and Safety

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.

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.

Diocesan Day: Hope Does Not Disappoint



On Saturday 6th July at St Bernadette's Secondary School we held our Diocesan Day Hope Does Not Disappoint.

Canon Chris Thomas, the General Secretary for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, was our main speaker, focusing on Hope. Phil McCarthy, a member of our own diocesan family, spoke on pilgrimage – he has developed walking pilgrimages in most of the dioceses of England and Wales, including our own from Clifton Cathedral to Glastonbury <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/>.

In the afternoon the attendees went into groups with other members of their Pastoral Area to plan a Jubilee Celebration in 2025 for their own communities and shared their specific plans during the plenary assembly. These plans are the first steps in celebrating the jubilee in Clifton diocese in our different pastoral area communities.

Bishop Bosco concluded the day with a practical list of ten ways we can all prepare for the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope.

You can view all the video presentations and pictures on our Clifton Diocese website here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/diocesan-day-hope-does-not-disappoint/>

Churches together in Coleford

Geraint Williams the Pastor at Coleford Baptist Church is leaving and we have been cordially invited to his farewell tea. This will be at Coleford Baptist Church Hall on Saturday 20th July at 3pm.

There is a card in the Church Porch at Coleford that everyone is welcome to sign, thank you.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - Forest of Dean Conference



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 15th July at 7.00pm** in the Church Hall, Coleford. This conference continues to look at ideas that will benefit our community. We are always open to suggestions which everyone is welcome to bring to this meeting or email our Secretary, Tony at SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk with your ideas and suggestions. We continue to visit and support anyone in need bringing God's love to all people.

If you are aware of any friends or neighbours who might need outreach help, please let us know on our telephone number 07851390391

This weekend is Sea Sunday there is a second collection for Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea)

Stella Maris is the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church who support seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14th July it is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

For more information please go to: <https://stellamaris.org.uk>

Please note that live streaming will be from St Joseph's this weekend on Sunday at 11am

Masses/Adoration/Prayer

Weekend

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| Saturday 13th July | - 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Father Michael Thomas |
| Sunday 14th July | - 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Father Michael Thomas |
| | - 11.00am Mass in Lydney - Father Michael Thomas - <i>live streamed</i> |
| | - 11.00am Mass in Newent - Monsignor Liam Slattery or
Father Stephen Corrigan |

Weekdays

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| Tuesday 16th July | - 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford |
| Wednesday 17th July | - 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent |
| Thursday 18th July | - 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney |
| Friday 19th July | - 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.