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PARISH UPDATES - Sunday 3rd December

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)



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

Sunday 3rd December is the First Sunday of Advent

The beginning of Year 2/Cycle B (St Mark). Pope Francis has announced that it will be the first day of the 2024 Year of Prayer. This is a year in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. For more information please use this link: <https://www.iubilaum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/lettera-di-papa-francesco.html>

Opportunities for Advent - online mini retreat

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star - Shafts of Light, Shafts of Hope in Advent.

Advent is a time of light, of waiting and hope, of light and joy. Join us as we reflect on these great themes with music, art, and scripture and to give some focus to this busy time of present buying, food shopping, baking and wrapping of gifts.

The mini retreat will run twice online, just click on your chosen session link below:

Thursday 14th December 7-8pm: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bef05e7a-38d9-4349-8c6c-39c0d79dda93?f10b8f13-604e-4fa2-9e12-04a7fad22e94>

Repeated on:

Tuesday 19th December 3-4pm: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e1cc27ee-0fba-403e-a6a4-86c34a930b1a?f10b8f13-604e-4fa2-9e12-04a7fad22e94>

The Latest copy of the Clifton Evangelist can be found at this link:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/faith-and-formation/>



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

**The Forest of Dean Conference of the SVP
will be distributing 'Vinnie Packs' to all
those in need this Christmas.**

These packs contain essential items eg thermal gloves, thermal hats, thermal socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, recyclable cleaning wipes/soap. If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving these items please contact our Forest of Dean Conference for the SVP on our new telephone number **07851390391** Thank you.

Our next SVP meeting is in the Church Hall at St Margaret Mary, Coleford on Monday 8th January at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring their suggestions.

2024 DIOCESAN LITURGICAL DIARIES AND DIRECTORIES are available to purchase from the parish office £6.50 for a Liturgical Diary and £6 for a Directory. Please contact Sam if you would like a copy, phone 01594 833173 or email forestrcchurches@cliftondiocese.com

NEWENT NEWS



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



Please remember in your prayers those especially in need:

Allan White
Jenny Linsell

Please note:

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

Details will be published in the coming weeks about opportunities to avail of
the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This Sunday 'Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees'

Masses/Adoration/Prayer in the coming week:

Masses/Services

Weekend

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| Saturday 2nd December | - 6 pm Mass in Cinderford - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick |
| Sunday 3rd December | - 9 am Mass in Coleford - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick - live streamed |
| | - 11 am Mass in Lydney - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick |
| | - 11am Mass in Newent - Fr Pat O'Keeffe |

Weekdays

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| Tuesday - 5th December | - 11.00 am Adoration Service in Coleford |
| Wednesday - 6th December | - 11.00 am Adoration and morning Prayer in Newent |
| Thursday - 7th December | - 10.00 am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney |
| Friday - 8th December | - 9 am 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



**Advance notice
CHRISTMAS MASSES 2023**

Christmas begins with Christ

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December - 6 pm Lydney - Priest from St Peter's Gloucester -
Live streamed

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December - 9 am Coleford - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick -
Live streamed

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December - 10.30 am Cinderford - Canon Michael Fitzpatrick

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December - 11 am Newent - Fr Pat O'Keeffe

Please note there will be NO 11 am mass at St Joseph's on the 24th as there is the Christmas vigil mass that evening at 6pm.



There will be a carol service at 5 pm in Lydney
on Sunday 24th December preceding the 6pm Mass.
Everyone welcome.

**Job Opportunity for Clifton Diocese
Safeguarding Officer**

Part-time – 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol. The Safeguarding Officer role supports the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese and the management of cases. The successful applicant will need to have comprehensive knowledge and experience of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Social Work, Policing, Health or Probation.

For further information about this role please visit www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/working-for-us or contact Janice Pearson or Tracey Holford, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 5th January 2024 with the intention of interviewing on Thursday 18th January 2024.