

Parishes of Newent and The Forest of Dean

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PARISH UPDATES

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 5th May

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

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

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

On Thursday 9th May Masses for the above Solemnity, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, will be at Our Lady of Lourdes, in Newent at 11.00am and St Joseph, in Lydney at 7pm.

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect Bosco Macdonald

To allow us all to participate in this memorial event 'The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect Bosco Macdonald' the parish will be screening the live-streamed service. This will take place in our Church Hall next to St Margaret Mary Church, Coleford on Wednesday 8th May starting at 12 noon. Please arrive before the service starts.

There will be time for a celebration after the service and where possible we ask for people to bring a plate of food to share.

To enable us to prepare for this event if you are thinking of attending please let a member of the Spiritual and Pastoral Sub-Committee know. Teresa Hault in Cinderford, Beverley Chisholm in Coleford and Fiona Mills in Lydney. Alternatively please email Beverley at beverleychisholm@yahoo.co.uk

Please consider offering lifts to those in need and also consider car sharing.

Thank you.

New Lectionary to be launched in England and Wales for Advent 2024

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the new Lectionary.

The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

Bishop Declan's Retirement Present

If you would like to donate to a retirement present for Bishop Declan you can do so by choosing one of these ways. By using this link: <https://donate.myдона.com/clifton-diocese> and then choose Bishop Declan Gift.

You can also donate by using your phone and the QR code opposite.

There will also be a retiring collection this weekend in our churches for Bishop Declan.



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

[Marriage Celebration](#) - Clifton Cathedral 25th May at 12 noon

[Diocesan Day](#) - St Bernadette's Catholic School, Bristol, 6th July

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

NEWENT NEWS - OUR LADY OF LOURDES



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.

Beans on Toast Club

The Beans on Toast after school club will continue to be run on Tuesdays by Lynne. This enjoyable and novel afternoon needs parish support. Please let Lynne Heron know if you are interested in helping. Dates next week.

REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Churches together - Prayer for Christian Unity: the Churches of Newent and Gorsley meet every quarter. Next date to be advised. A great opportunity to meet and pray with other Christians!

Adoration and Prayer: Every Wednesday in the church at 10.30am followed by coffee in the Parish room.

Bible Study Group: This group is now being restarted and will meet on every third Thursday at 10.30am starting on 16th May. The group will be led by Mary Francis and hosted by Chris Roy at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. Please contact Chris for more details chris.roy1@protonmail.com

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

The Parish Pastoral Council: meets monthly on Wednesdays. Next meeting 15th May at 7pm.

Living Waters Pentecost Retreat, Saturday May 11th at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud

Come to be refreshed and renewed. Further details from Sue Felton. Cost £25 to include lunch. Reserve a place with £5 deposit to: suzannahfelton@gmail.com

Christian Aid Week - 18th May at Clifford's Mesne Village Hall starting 12noon.

Please contact Caroline at: caroline.mesne@gmail.com

Please support this Christian Charity which is raising money for projects in Burundi.

There will be a Ploughman's lunch, film and stalls. Donations welcome!

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - ACTIVITIES FOR OLL 2024/25

June

Sun 2nd Short wreath laying at 11am - 80th anniversary of D-Day

Thurs 6th D-Day events may be seen on TV over the weekend

Nov

Sat 9th Festival of Remembrance on TV - Royal Albert Hall

Sun 10th Remembrance wreath laying Last post 11am
And at The Cenotaph London 11am

Mon 11th National Day of Remembrance in the UK

2025

It is more important than ever to remember THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. Let us all think of how we can commemorate this event. If not for their sacrifice we should not be here today so let's do them proud.

IDEAS

1. Trip to the memorial arboretum
2. Victory party (could the children do a theme?)
3. A special Mass

If you have any other ideas please let me know

Tom

Donations to Missio

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



SCAN ME

There is a table at the back of the church where there are books, talks (on CD) films (on DVD) and music. Please help yourself, donations welcome.

Pentecost Novena for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit

This Novena has been organised by our Parish for the Parishioners of the Forest of Dean and Newent.

Everyone is invited to join this online Pentecost Novena and pray together for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This Novena will begin at 5.30pm on Friday, 10th May for 9 consecutive days concluding on Saturday, 18th May.

Please join on Zoom by clicking on the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82246091630?pwd=Q2NlaUE5emZRUWo4anhacDQxcEFvZz09>

Please feel free to join on one or more of the days whenever you are able to.

The intercessory prayers are as follows:-

Day 1: Friday, 10th May - Intercession for a growth in trust

Day 2: Saturday, 11th May - Intercession for the renewal of the Church

Day 3: Sunday, 12th May - Intercession for the unity of Christianity

Day 4: Monday, 13th May - Intercession for the renewal of society

Day 5: Tuesday, 14th May - Intercession for conversion and holiness

Day 6: Wednesday, 15th May - Intercession for reconciliation and healing

Day 7: Thursday, 16th May - Intercession for empowerment for evangelisation

Day 8: Friday, 17th May - Intercession for the victory of the Holy Cross

Day 9: Saturday, 18th May - Intercession for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts

For a copy of this Novena from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales please go to:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/05/pentecost-novena-booklet.pdf>

Next weekend is the Day of Prayer for World Communications. There will be a second collection for Catholic Communications Network.

Masses/Adoration/Prayer

Weekend

Saturday 4th May

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Father Ian McCarthy

Sunday 5th May

- 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Father Ian McCarthy - *live streamed*

- 11.00am Mass in Lydney - Father Ian McCarthy

- 11.00am Mass in Newent - Monsignor Liam Slattery or
Father Stephen Corrigan

Weekdays

Tuesday 7th May

- 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford

Wednesday 8th May

- 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent

Thursday 9th May

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- 11.00am Mass in Newent - Monsignor Liam Slattery

- 7.00pm Mass in Lydney - Fr Paul Brandon - *live streamed*

Friday 10th May

- 9.00am Rosary Prayer in Cinderford

Live Mass is available from Clifton Diocese with this link:

<https://cliffondiocese.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.