

Parishes of Newent and The Forest of Dean

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PARISH UPDATES

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th June

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

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

DIOCESAN DAY - FOR ALL

This year's Diocesan Day will take place on Saturday 6 July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol.

The focus of our day will be on Hope – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025.

The day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass as a central part of our day. Please bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so please book early!

To register for the day please click the Eventbrite link:

<https://cliftondiocesanday.eventbrite.co.uk>

NEXT SATURDAY 15TH JUNE IS OUR PARISH PICNIC - EVERYONE WELCOME

Beechenhurst at 12 noon

Everyone is invited to our yearly Parish Picnic to celebrate life as a parish in the Forest of Dean.

Fun and games will be organised and you are welcome to join in. We will meet up on the grass area in front of the cafe at the far end nearest the exit.



The picnic will go ahead if an occasional shower is forecast as shelter is available. If however, heavy rain or thunderstorms are forecasted then the picnic will be postponed to the new date of Saturday 29th June. An email will be sent out to everyone who receives the newsletter before 8am on Saturday morning to confirm whether this event will take place. It will also be posted on FaceBook and our website.

This is a community event and therefore we would like everyone where possible to bring a plate/bowl of food to share.

You are welcome to bring chairs, blankets to sit on the grass. Tables will be provided for the plates/bowls of food.

Parking charges which apply on these dates in Beechenhurst are, for cars up to 2 hours £4, 3 hours £5, 4 hours £6 and all day £8. Where possible consider sharing lifts.

We look forward to gathering in friendship. Come and join the fun!

Everyone is welcome.



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.

RIP Steve Ebsworth

Sadly, on Tuesday 4th June, Steve Ebsworth died. Our condolences go out to Gail and her family. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Steve.

Parish Pastoral Council

For many years the PPC of Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, has adopted the practice of Tithing, that is the donating of one tenth of our income to charity. It is our custom to select two charities, one local and one overseas. This year, those selected are Great Oaks Hospice and the Christian Blind Mission. Each will receive £1372.

The PPC meets every 6 weeks on Wednesdays, the next meeting being the 3rd July.

The D-Day Landings

The D-Day Landings and their role in ending the war were movingly remembered last Sunday 2nd June when Tom Heseltine laid a wreath before the altar on our behalf. His account of the recent death of pilot Squadron Leader Mark Long in a Spitfire crash was very moving. It was ironic that the crash took place during a rehearsal for the Battle of Britain memorial flight near Coningsby in Lincolnshire. We were made aware of the risks run by members of the armed forces even in peace time.

Garden Visit

After our Corpus Christi Mass on Sunday last, Julian Dowle extended an invitation to those present to visit Tessa and him and to enjoy their garden in Kilcot. Some ten of us took up the invitation that afternoon and greatly admired the careful choice of plants and garden features. The view also was stunning. At least one other parishioner is considering opening his/her garden too, so read Newent News carefully in the next few weeks!

REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Churches Together - Prayer for Christian Unity; the churches of Newent and Gorsley meet every quarter for prayer. Next meeting will be at 7.30pm on the **10th July** at the Glebe. A great opportunity to meet and pray with fellow Christians.

Adoration and prayer: every Wednesday in the church at 10.30am followed by coffee in the parish room.

Bible Study Group: this group meets at 10.30am on every third Thursday at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. The next meeting will be on 20th June at 10.30am. Study of St. John's Gospel will usually be led by Mary Francis, coffee and cake by Chris Roy.

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

Taize chants: next opportunity to join in some gentle chants and prayers accompanied by Martin on the organ and other musicians. Next dates are 23rd June and 14th July at 6pm.

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



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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

Red Missio Boxes

There are red Missio boxes at the back of OLL please take one if you would like to support missions.

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.

Retreat Attenders

If you were present at the recent Retreat at Brownhill Monastery please take a copy of the feed-back form, complete it and return it to the box as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Message in a Bottle

The Saint Vincent de Paul Conference now has a new team which are looking at ways to support our church and community.

Next weekend there will be members in Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney who will be distributing 'Message in a Bottle', these are emergency kits provided by the Lions Club to assist the emergency services.

The team are in the process of arranging future events for our community and hope to give you more information on these very soon.

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



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

General Election 2024

The Prime Minister has called a general election for Thursday 4th July. There is a section of resources on the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website offering information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote.

Please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Our Next Pastoral Area Meeting

Our next Pastoral Area Forum will take place on Saturday 8th June from 11:00am until 3:00pm (coffee from 10:30am) at English Martyrs, Tuffley (247 Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX).

This is an opportunity for us to come together as our Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan and look towards the future. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST JOSEPH'S, LYDNEY



Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion on the feast of Corpus Christi, Mia Cook, Finley Smylie-Harte, Zivahnka Dalang, Mary Ervig, and Kyle Cook.

With grateful thanks to Lerma Murray, Fiona Mills and to Canon Alan Finley for celebrating Mass and his memorable homily. To Mia Cook for answering an important question. To Fr Gary Brassington for arranging and hearing first reconciliations. To Dot Lord for the cake and church decoration.

A truly wonderful occasion! Please keep the children in your prayers.



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

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

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

Next weekend there will be a second collection for 'Day for Life'

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

To find out more please use this link:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

Masses/Adoration/Prayer

Weekend

Saturday 8th June

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Fr Tibor Szende

Sunday 9th June

- 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Fr Tibor Szende - *live streamed*

- 11.00am Mass in Lydney - Fr Tibor Szende

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

Weekdays

Tuesday 11th June

- 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford

Wednesday 12th June

- 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent

Thursday 13th June

- 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney

Friday 14th June

- 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.