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PARISH UPDATES

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 15h September

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

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

Curia Conference

Clifton Diocese will be hosting a Curial Conference in October to provide an opportunity for parish colleagues and volunteers to meet with members of the Curial departments and attend a variety of presentations and workshops. The event will be held on Saturday 5th October at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Bristol from 10.00am to 2.20pm.

The event has been set up on Eventbrite, where you can purchase a free ticket to attend the event and also, book yourself on to one of the workshops. Each Curia department will be holding a workshop on the day, so please feel free to book yourself on to as many as you would like to attend. Details of the workshops are to be found on the Diocese's website – www.cliftondiocese.com

The event will begin with refreshments and pastries. If you are requiring lunch, please bring with you.

To access the event, please follow the link below. Or, if you would prefer, the link will be available on the diocesan website.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/curia-conference-tickets-1006739193027>

Don't Forget the Holy Spirit

On Friday 27th September from 7pm - 9pm Fr Matt Anscombe will be at Our Lady of Lourdes in Ross Road, Newent GL18 1BG, speaking on the topic of the Holy Spirit. 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit' is the title of his recent book. The evening will start with a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, followed by testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer. Please see attached pdf.

Everyone is welcome. Please use this link to listen to Fr Matt explaining his new book:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/news/fr-matt-anscombe-publishes-new-book-dont-forget-the-holy-spirit/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

If you were unable to take part in our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year please use the link below to view the Homilies from the Masses with the Bishops. There is also a daily reflection from one of our Diocesan Seminarians, Nohil, as well as reflections from many of the pilgrims as they journey through their week at Lourdes. There are also pictures to bring alive the Lourdes experience. <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes/>



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@cliftodiocese.com or 01594 833173. Thank you.

Live-streaming of Sunday Mass - Marcel Guadrón has kindly offered to live-stream Mass whenever possible on Sundays starting on 15th September at 11am from St Joseph's. From this date onwards, Marcel will post in the Newsletter if there is to be a live-streamed Mass that weekend or not. Live-streamed Mass will return to normal at 9am from St Margaret Mary's from 10th November.

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 7pm until 8.30pm on the first Friday in the month. Everyone will be welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Further details to follow.



Tintern Vespers

MONKS RETURN TO TINTERN ABBEY On Sunday, 8th January the monks of Belmont Abbey came to Tintern to lead the annual service of Vespers which was attended by Anglican and Catholic bishops, monks, nuns, priests and a congregation of 200 people from local churches who came carrying umbrellas for the open air act of worship. The annual service is organised by the Friends of Our Lady of Tintern and commemorates the birthday of Mary, the mother of Jesus. In his sermon the Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, the Most Revd Mark O'Toole said it was as if the monks of Tintern who left the Abbey five hundred years ago were sitting on the shoulders of the monks from Belmont as the sound of monastic chanting was heard once again. As the Abbey is undergoing major restoration works it was not possible to use the church so the service took place in the grounds and although thunderstorms had been predicted the rain soon stopped. Father Paul Stonham, the former Abbot of Belmont read from the Rule of St Benedict and the Anglican Bishop of Monmouth, the Rt Revd Cherry Vann said the prayer to honour the statue of Our Lady of Tintern. Bishop Dominic Walker, who chairs the Friends said that they seek to ensure that Tintern Abbey is not just a ruin and tourist attraction but a place where people can still find and worship God

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Please remember in your prayers the house-bound and sick of the parish:

Mags Oke, Val Young, Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, and Aroon Spencer.

Prayers are also urgently asked for Pat Milsom's brother Tim, who has severe heart problems and also for Chris Roy's son in law, Phil, who has become subject to Epileptic fits.

The funeral for Paddy Arnold will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes church at 11am on Friday 20th September.

“DONT FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT,” WEEKEND 27th - 28th September “The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.” Rev 22 v 17

Jesus promised we, His disciples, "Living water." Are you thirsty? Is the Holy Spirit drawing you deeper into the heart of God? If the answer to both these questions is, "Yes!" Then join Fr Matt Anscombe and his team on Friday evening 27th September to soak yourself in God's Presence in the Mass, in praise and worship, in teaching, and in the experience of loving and being being Loved by the living God. Saturday 28th will be a time of fellowship over

Sanctuary 7pm-9pm

Saturday 28th will be a time of fellowship over breakfast, then more worship, with the opportunity to encourage one another as we step forward refreshed by the Spirit, to explore living in the Spirit, to worship together, and to pray for one another

Sacristy 8:30am -10:00 am

CAFOD Family Fast Day October 4th 2024

<https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day> Remember to pick up your CAFOD envelope beforehand, and contribute to Cafod the money saved through fasting. Envelopes will be collected on Sunday October 6th, during our Harvest celebration.

IMPORTANT!!! Advance notice for Friday 27th September. Fr. Matt Anscombe will offer OLL and the Forest parish his talk entitled **Don't Forget the Holy Spirit**, also the title of his book. Please make a note of this date. **Flyers will be handed out this week with a link to an on-line talk by Fr Matt. Further information next week.**

We have received an advance notice from **Gloucestershire Highways Authority** for Tuesday 8th October – Thursday 10th October. We are informed that Glebe Road and the lower part of Holt's Road will be completely closed for carriageway resurfacing. Ross Road itself is not affected.

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REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Prayer Group This successful group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, next meeting is on 9th September. Each meeting is led by a different person with a combination of a reading, music, and spoken or silent prayer for the World, the Parish and for deeply felt personal concerns.

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 10.15am and followed by silent adoration at 10.30am. and coffee at 11.00am.

Bible Study Group: this group meets at 10.30am on every third Thursday of each month at 12 Aston Bank, Aston Ingham. The next meeting will be on 19th September. to look more deeply at the Gospel of St. John

Lectio Divina: every Friday at 11.00am via Zoom with Forest Parishes. Ask Mary Francis for the link.

Taize Chants: Watch this space for Information from Martin Mason about the Taize Community, its chants and the dates for the evening gatherings at OLL for the rest of 2024



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.

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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A VERY IMPORTANT REQUEST!!!

IF YOU ARE AMONG THE LAST PARISHIONERS TO SHUT THE CHURCH PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE KITCHEN DOOR IS LOCKED. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT THE HEATING IS OFF.

JENNY HESELTINE WILL BE HAPPY TO EXPLAIN CORRECT PROCEDURE IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT ANYTHING.

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. Please contact **Mary Francis** who will be delighted to show you what is needed.

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

This weekend is **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**

The theme for this year's Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is 'Growing as Missionary Disciples'.

There will be a **second collection** for The Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate

Masses/Adoration/Prayer

Weekend

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| Saturday 14 th September | - 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford – Father Gary Brassington |
| Sunday 15 th September | - 9.00am Mass in Coleford – Father Gary Brassington |
| | - 11.00am Mass in Lydney – Father Gary Brassington- <i>live streamed</i> |
| | - 11.00am Mass in Newent - Monsignor Liam Slattery or
Father Stephen Corrigan |

Weekdays

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| Tuesday 17th September | - 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford |
| Wednesday 18th September | - 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent |
| Thursday 19th September | - 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney |
| Friday 20th September | - 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.

