

**Parishes of Newent and The Forest of Dean**

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**PARISH UPDATES**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**Sunday 29th 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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-100673919302>

**What has Jerusalem to do with Athens?** Catholic Social Teaching as Formation for Mission: Join Jason Charewicz from the Department of Adult Education for an introductory Catholic Social Teaching workshop for our Pastoral Area. Come to learn how Catholic Social Teaching fits within the ancient tradition of Catholic moral theology, serves as a bridge between our faith and our neighbours of other traditions, and how Catholic Social Teaching forms us to be missionary disciples in the 21st century. The evening will begin in prayer, and be a mix of presentation and group-discussion workshops. It will take place on Wednesday 16th October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, from 7:00pm until 9:00pm (refreshments from 6:30pm).

**175th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church at Woodchester:** On Thursday 10th October at 7:00pm Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass celebrating this important anniversary for one of the churches in our Pastoral Area. Everyone is welcome to the Mass (at the Church of the Annunciation, Saint Mary's Hill, Woodchester GL5 5HP) which will be followed by light refreshments.



## **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: [forestrchurches@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:forestrchurches@cliftodiocese.com) or 01594 833173. Thank you.

### **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.



## NEWENT NEWS - OUR LADY OF LOURDES



Please remember in your prayers the house-bound and sick of the parish : Mags Oke, Val Young Mo Blinman, Catherine Williams, Pat Milsom 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 took place in Our Lady of Lourdes church at 11am on Friday 20th September followed by refreshments in the church and parish room. Gina, Paddy's daughter , writes:

I would like to thank all at Our Lady of Lourdes church for their help and support last Friday. It made the funeral so much easier for the family. You helped send her off just as she would have wanted. There was even a huge clap of thunder as she was buried. Once again, many thanks for all you have done for her. Love, Gina

### DON'T 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 us, 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 Father Matt Anscombe and his team on Friday evening 27th September to immerse yourself in God's Presence in the Mass, in praise and worship, in teaching and in the experience of loving and of being loved by the Living God. After the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit there will be Testimony, Teaching, Discussion and Prayer. Please use this link to listen to Fr.Matt explaining his new book Don't Forget the Holy Spirit.

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

This session will be followed by tea and coffee. If you would like to help, please contact Jenny or Mary. Offers of cake would be very helpful.

Saturday the 28th will be a time of fellowship over breakfast, 8.30 -10.00 followed by Worship and the opportunity to encourage one another as we step forward, refreshed by the Spirit, to explore living in the Spirit

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY October 4th 2024

Please remember to pick up your CAFOD envelope beforehand and contribute to CAFOD. the money you've saved through fasting. Envelopes will be collected on Sunday Oct 6th

This year Family Fast Day donations will be used to help young people to acquire skills at training centres run in partnership with CAFOD

### TAIZE EVENING PRAYER

Our monthly services of Taizé Evening Prayer will resume on Sunday 13th October at 6pm. Taizé prayer is a chance for quiet reflection helped by singing, a scripture reading, a time of silence and intercessory prayer. The tradition comes from the monks of the abbey of Taizé in France and is ecumenical and international. The service lasts around 40 minutes and is followed by refreshments. We are usually joined by members of other local churches and all are welcome of any denomination or none.

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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

**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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### **CHRISTMAS BANNER MAKING - 5TH AND 12TH OCTOBER**

Do you love to sew? Join a group of keen needle-people called together to create a Christmas Banner to form a backdrop for a Nativity Scene, Speak to Mary Francis.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting will be at the Church on 2nd October at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend

**On the 22nd of September 2024, £185 was sent to St Mary's church for the Lord's Larder.**

### **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

## **Masses/Adoration/Prayer**

### **Weekend**

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| Saturday 28th September | - 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford - Father Martin Queenan           |
| Sunday 29th September   | - 9.00am Mass in Coleford - Father Ian McCarthy                     |
|                         | - 11.00am Mass in Lydney – Father Ian McCarthy <i>live streamed</i> |
|                         | - 11.00am Mass in Newent - Father Martin Queenan                    |

### **Weekdays**

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| Tuesday 1st October   | - 11.00am Adoration Service in Coleford          |
| Wednesday 2nd October | - 10.30am Adoration and Morning Prayer in Newent |
| Thursday 3rd October  | - 10.00am Adoration and morning Prayer in Lydney |
| Friday 4th October    | - 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.**

