

## Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday (Year C) - Sunday 27th April

### **Pope Francis RIP** (21st April 2025)

With deep sorrow and deeper gratitude, we mourn the death of His Holiness Pope Francis. He served as the 265th successor of St Peter. A shepherd whose life radiated humility, compassion, and a joyful faith. As the Church throughout the world reflects on his extraordinary legacy, we give thanks to God for the gift of this remarkable servant of Christ. Please find attached in a pdf a prayer card.

There will be a Mass for Pope Francis this **Friday 25th April** at St Margaret Mary, Coleford at **6pm**.

**Encounter 2025** is an exciting opportunity to come together in the power of the Holy Spirit to grow in faith and hope during this Jubilee Year. Please use this link for more information: <https://cliftondiocese.com/encounter/> Also attached in a pdf is a parishioner's personal testimony.

### **Induction Mass for Father Martin - 7pm Tuesday 6th May at St Margaret Mary, Coleford**

We will be formally welcoming Father Martin to our parishes on this date. There will be a celebration in the church hall after Mass to which everyone is invited. If you are able to prepare a meal that can be safely and easily reheated please let Sam know in the Parish Office, thank you.

**Easter Offerings:** Father Martin is grateful to parishioners for the kind Easter Offerings from envelopes and plate collections: Coleford £722, Lydney £464, Cinderford £228, Newent £457.

### **Lent Lunches - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Lent Lunches. The soups were delicious, and a total of £153.20 was raised for the "Blessing Meals," programme at the Ark Cafe, which feeds vulnerable people who might not otherwise eat.

### **CAFOD Myanmar collection - Lent Soup Lunch in the Forest of Dean**

This event raised £100 for the urgent Myanmar collection. Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend and to those who supported the event with the preparation and the delicious soup.

**Monthly Bingo Night Friday 2nd May** - supported by the Saint Vincent de Paul Forest of Dean Conference Monthly Bingo Night's continue in the Church Hall at Saint Margaret Mary on the first Friday of the month from 6.30pm to 8pm. £3 entry fee which includes three rounds of Bingo and refreshments. Everyone welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul next meeting - Tuesday 20th May at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Coleford.**

This conference continues to look at ideas that will benefit our community. We are always open to suggestions which everyone is welcome to bring to this meeting or email our Secretary, Tony at [SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk](mailto:SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk) with your ideas and suggestions. We continue to visit and support anyone in need bringing God's love to all people. If you are aware of any friends or neighbours who might need outreach help, please let us know on our telephone number 07851390391.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent** - next prayer group meeting is **Saturday 24th May at 10am**.

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

On Saturdays - 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford

On Sundays - 9.00am Mass in Coleford - live streamed (Tea/coffee bacon baps after in the church hall)

- 11.00am Mass in Lydney

- 11.00am Mass in Newent

### **WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES**

Tuesday 29th April 10am Mass - followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 30th April 10am Mass - **preceded by Adoration at 9.30am** - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Thursday 1st May 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 2nd May 10am Mass - **followed by Rosary at 10.30am** - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

*Please note - Open Church in Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford - the church will be **closed** for silent prayer for the next two weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.*

**Please remember in your prayers the house-bound and sick of our parishes.**

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