

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 20th July

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - next prayer group is on Saturday 26th July at 10am. Everyone welcome.

The Clifton Diocese Annual Formation Day for all - 11th October at St Brendan's College, Brislington

The keynote speaker will be Mgr John Armitage (Parish Priest, Former Rector of the National Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom). He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'. In addition, there will be several workshop options for people to attend. Save the date in your diary and more information will follow in the Autumn.

Lords Larder Donations - Newent

A donation of £110.00 has been sent to the Lords Larder. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this cause. For information please use this link: <https://thelordslarder.org.uk/>

The Stella Maris collection last weekend in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent raised £143.90.

A one year course in Pastoral Ministry - starting this autumn

This course is for anyone who is or would like to be of service to their parish and wider community. No qualifications are needed for this course, just an openness to learning and growing in your own faith. If you would like to find out more please sign up for an online session, on Wednesday 23rd July, 6.30-7.30pm, which will provide you with all the information you may need to discern if this course is for you. The Eventbrite link to register is: <https://onlinepastoralministrysession.eventbrite.co.uk>

First Holy Communion at St Joseph in Lydney

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, seven of our parish children made their First Holy Communion: Charlie White, Rafael Do Rego, Jolene Hopkins, Ava Loveridge, Jocelyn Campbell Ave Hale and Nathan Katende. Pictures and a video can be found with this link: <https://www.facebook.com/forestrcchurches>

Please note the following dates of Masses/Events:-

Friday 15th August - Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

12 noon - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

6pm - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Sunday 14th September 4pm - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

CAFOD Soup Supper

Friday 3rd October - Church Hall at St Margaret Mary, Coleford (Time to follow)

Mass on the Memorial of Saint Margaret Mary

Thursday 16th October 10am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford (refreshments after)

Please remember in your prayers the house-bound and sick of our parishes, as well as those who have died recently.

Frank Topping sadly passed away on Sunday 6th July. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. May he rest in eternal peace.

Helen Molyneux sadly passed away on Wednesday 2nd July. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. Helen served both the Parish and the community and also supported the Sacred Heart church Sedbury. She will be dearly missed. May she rest in eternal peace

WEEKEND MASSES

On Saturdays - 6pm Vigil Mass in Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

On Sundays - 9am Mass in St Margaret Mary, Coleford - live streamed

(tea/coffee bacon baps after in the church hall)

- 11am Mass in St Joseph, Lydney (tea/coffee after)

- 11am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

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WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES

Tuesday 22nd July 11am - preceded by Adoration at 10.30am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 23rd July 10am - preceded by Adoration at 9.30am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent
(tea/coffee after)

Thursday 24th July 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 25th July 10am - preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Forthcoming dates for your dairy:

Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury - Sunday 7th September 2025 - 'Mary, Woman of Hope.

Forest Churches Fete to be held in St Joseph's, Lydney on Saturday 13th September 2025.

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