

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Solemnity of All Saints (Year C) - Sunday 2nd November

Second Collection this weekend for Clifton Diocese Cathedral Appeal

King Charles attends an ecumenical prayer service in the Sistine Chapel with Pope Leo XIV

To watch the video and for more information please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/king-charles-iii-joins-pope-leo-xiv-for-ecumenical-prayer/>

Children's practice for Carol Service - St Joseph, Lydney

All children who are interested in singing please come along before Mass on Sundays at 10.15am to practice for the Carol Service at Christmas. **The first practice will be this Sunday 2nd November.**

All Souls' Day Envelopes

On 'All Souls' Day' we remember and pray for all our deceased loved ones as well as all the deceased who have no one to pray for them. If you would like your loved ones to be included in this Mass please write their name/names on a piece of paper and place in the envelopes provided, along with any donation, and put them in the basket in front of the Altar in Church.

Fr Matt Anscombe, who is currently serving with the Missionary Society of St James the Apostle in Peru, will share some of his initial experiences in different parishes and communities as he seeks to settle into this new phase of his priestly ministry. To see his report and pictures please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/bienvenido-a-peru-ales-of-padre-mateo-fr-matt-anscombe-in-peru/>

Clifton Diocese Annual Formation Day

On Saturday 11th October just under one hundred priests, deacons and parishioners gathered for our annual formation day at St. Brendan's Sixth Form College. For more information on the day please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/annual-formation-day/>

Safeguarding Sunday - 16th November 2025

For more information please use this link: <https://thirtyoneeight.org/news/safeguarding-sunday-2025-launched>

Essential Training for Catechists

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering Essential Training for Catechists. Join us on Saturdays, 6th, 13th & 20th December, from 9am to 12 noon for a short course of 3 sessions. To sign up for the series, please use this link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/essential-training-for-catechists-2025-12-06-09-00>

For more information on other courses & sessions run by the Sisters please use this link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

Parish Health & Safety Representative - the Forest Parishes need a volunteer to be the Parish Health & Safety Representative. This won't be an onerous or time consuming task. If you have a little bit of time available to support your parish and/or if you have previous experience in an H & S role please contact Peter Chisholm through the Parish Office, thank you.

Next Prayer Group Meeting - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - Saturday 8th November at 10am

Everyone is welcome.

NEWENT Remembrance Service - Sunday 9th November 2025

All are welcome. Service begins at 10am in St Mary's Church, Church Street, Newent GL18 JAB.

Remembrance Day Service - in Coleford on Sunday 9th November 2025

Everyone is invited to join in the parade which assembles at 10.30am outside St Margaret Mary, Coleford, proceeding to the Clock Tower with Laying of Wreaths and a short service and prayer.

Aid to the Church in Need: Red Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians

On **Wednesday 19th November at 6.45pm** in Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Bosco MacDonald as the main celebrant. The default position of 'the world' on the issue of Christian persecution is largely silence. #RedWednesday week offers a chance as Catholics and other Christians to make a stand together in solidarity. Bishop Bosco will be saying this Mass for Persecuted Christians. Please come and unite in prayer with our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. All are welcome.

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Advent Retreat Day at Brownhill - Saturday 13th December

An Advent Retreat Day has been organised at Brownhill to be led by Father Martin. The Parish has agreed to cover the cost of the coach. For the use of the Monastery and grounds, a cooked meal, and a talk by Sister Mary Philippa a voluntary donation of £30 per person is kindly asked for. An inability to pay does not preclude anyone from attending. **Please let Sam know in the Parish Office if you would like to attend and to reserve your seat on the coach, thank you.**

Marriage Mass in the Cathedral - Saturday 14th February 2026 at 12 noon

Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please send names, address and the number of years that is being celebrated to: adult.education@clifondiocese.com to enable a personal invitation to be sent out from the bishop.

Please remember in your prayers the house-bound and sick of our parishes, as well as those who have died recently. Maureen (Mo) Blinman, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

WEEKEND MASSES

On Saturday - 5pm Vigil Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

On Sunday - 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)

MASSES/SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Monday 3rd November - 9am Mass for All Souls' in St Margaret Mary, Coleford
followed by tea/coffee in the Church Hall.**

Tuesday 4th November - 10am Mass followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 5th November - 11am Mass preceded by Adoration at 10.30am - Our Lady of Lourdes,
Newent (tea/coffee after)

Thursday 6th November - 10am Mass - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 7th November - 10am Mass preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

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