

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (Year C) - Sunday 29th June

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for 'Peter's Pence'.

This collection enables the Holy Father to respond to urgent needs in the Church and the world.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - next prayer group is on Saturday 28th June at 10am. All welcome.

Bishops' Jubilee Celebrations: Parishioners are invited to Clifton Cathedral on **Saturday 28th June at 12 noon** to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Crispian Hollis and the Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Declan Lang. Bishop Crispian is a former priest of our diocese and was Bishop of Portsmouth from 1989 to 2012. Bishop Declan was Bishop of Clifton from 2001 to 2024.

Carlo Acutis canonisation on 7th September 2025

For information please see this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/carlo-acutis-and-pier-giorgio-frassati-to-be-canonised-together/>

Pastoral Ministry Information Sessions around the Diocese - The next Pastoral Ministry Formation course begins in Autumn 2025. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. Information evenings will be taking place around the Diocese in June/July. Please use this link for all information: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/pastoral-ministry-information-sessions-around-the-diocese/>

Red Missio Boxes in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Will all parishioners who have a red box please bring it to church and give it to Jenny to be emptied.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - BEANS ON TOAST CLUB

The Club meets on Tuesday 1st July (first Tuesday of the month). The Club provides an important community outreach and attendance varies from 20 to 45 including adults. More donations of beans are needed. Lynne would appreciate your support.

Lords Larder Donations - Newent

On 22nd June 2025 £50 was sent to St Mary's church in Newent for the Lords Larder.

First Holy Communion Mass Our Lady of Lourdes 15th June 2025

"O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!"

On Trinity Sunday, we rejoiced as three of our parish's young faithful—Ariella, Alexandar, and Raydon—received their First Holy Communion. It was a moment of profound grace and joy, marking the beginning of their deeper participation in the mystery of Christ's love. Please see the report on the Facebook page.

Saint Vincent de Paul - Forest of Dean - Summer Raffle

The raffle tickets are now in all of the forest churches. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. 1st prize £5,000, 2nd prize £1,000 and 15 additional prizes of £100. The proceeds are used to address poverty in all its forms including loneliness and isolation. Please return all ticket stubs and monies to our churches by **Wednesday 20th August** as they need to be returned to the SVP in England and Wales. The draw will take place on Wednesday 10th September. Thank you to everyone who is able to support this cause.

Accommodation needed please

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference has had a request for help for rented accommodation. It is for a working professional who is moving to this area being employed by Five Acres School and has a contract from the beginning of September. It needs to be within 20/30 minutes walking distance of the school. Shared apartment within the price range of £400/£600. If you can help please let Beverley know or ring our SVP number on 07513587332, thank you.

Saint Vincent de Paul - Forest of Dean Conference

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th July at 7pm 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 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.

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**Volunteers are needed please for a Christmas Day Lunch - Thursday 25th December
- supported by our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference**

Plans are being made to hold a Christmas Day Lunch in our Church Hall in Coleford. We are looking for volunteers to help with this initiative. Please if you are able to help in anyway contact Tony in Cinderford, Beverley in Coleford or Dorota in Lydney. Or email our Secretary Tony SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk or phone 07513587332. Thank you.

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

Lizzie Tippins RIP

WEEKEND MASSES

On Saturdays - 6pm Vigil Mass in Cinderford

On Sundays - 9am Mass in Coleford - lived streamed (tea/coffee bacon baps after in the church hall)

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

- 11am Mass in Newent (tea/coffee after)

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES

Tuesday 1st July 10am - followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 2nd July 10am - preceded by Adoration at 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent
(tea/coffee after)

Thursday 3rd July 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 4th 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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