

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN

Solemnity Of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi) (Year C) - Sunday 22nd June

Aid to the Church in Need - Second collection this weekend

We welcome Steve Riedlinger, Community Outreach Representative, for 'Aid to the Church in Need' (ACN) who will be making an appeal this weekend for us to support suffering and persecuted Christians through prayer and giving. For more information please use this link: <https://acnuk.org/about/>

Benediction Service On The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday 27th June at 7pm in St Margaret Mary, Coleford

This will be followed by a light supper in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.

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/>

Mass for the Feast of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

The priests of the Diocese gathered with Bishop Bosco at the Cathedral on Thursday 12th June for a Mass to celebrate the Feast of Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest. For more information and pictures please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/mass-for-the-feast-of-jesus-christ-eternal-high-priest/>

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.

PARISH PICNIC - Saturday 12th July in Beechenhurst at 12 noon

Everyone is invited to our yearly Parish Picnic as we gather in friendship, with fun and games. We will meet up on the grass area in front of the cafe at the far end nearest the exit. If however, heavy rain or thunderstorms are forecasted then the picnic will be postponed to another date. An email will be sent out to everyone who receives the newsletter on the Friday, to confirm whether this event will take place. It will also be posted on FaceBook and on our website. Where possible please bring food to share. You are welcome to bring chairs, blankets to sit on the grass. Tables will be provided for the food.

Parking charges which apply on these dates in Beechenhurst are, for cars up to 2 hours £4.50, 3 hours £5.50, 4 hours £6.50 and all day £8.50. Where possible please consider sharing lifts.

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/>

Jubilee Celebration of Hope

Our Diocesan celebration is on Saturday 19th July, where we will be gathering with Bishop Bosco. To find out more information and to book please use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jubilee-celebration-of-hope-tickets-1249337715739?aff=oddttdtcreator>

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

As well as the usual Rosary Procession around Glastonbury town centre in the afternoon, there will be an additional Procession in the morning to celebrate the Jubilee from the Abbey grounds to the top of Glastonbury Tor. For more information and to see the programme for the day please use this link: <https://cliftodiocese.com/news/glastonbury-pilgrimage-7th-september-2025/>

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.

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

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

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

Please note this weekend live streaming will take place at 11am at St Joseph's in Lydney.

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES

Tuesday 24th June 10am - followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 25th June 10am - preceded by Adoration at 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent
(tea/coffee after)

Thursday 26th June 10am - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 27th June 10am - preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Friday 27th June 7pm - Benediction Service - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Please note there will be a Second Collection next weekend Saturday 28th/Sunday 29th June for 'Peter's Pence'.

Forthcoming dates for your dairy:

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

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