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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday of the Word of God

Sunday 23rd January



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<https://vimeo.com/forestrcchurch>

FRIDAY TALK AVAILABLE 21ST JANUARY

Learning to live with it

It's still unclear what the outcome will be with Covid. However, it is clear what is happening to those who are waiting for non-urgent medical treatment. I'm afraid they're just being asked to wait. But how do we live with difficult situations? And how does our Faith help? I'm taking heart from nature at present. Despite the cold, dull days the birds have started to sing. On a day that the sun does come out, they are quite active. I've heard a woodpecker drumming to attract a mate. Where do we look to find encouragement and hope in our lives?

When dealing with family, health, anxiety where does our strength come from? The Lord said 'come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest'. Sometimes we need a helping hand to lead us to Christ. Sometimes we don't feel ready to approach Him ourselves. Because I belong to the Church, the Body of Christ, hopefully when I'm feeling weak I can come and draw strength from others. At these times I 'borrow' other people's Faith. A number of converts have said that their first visit to a Catholic Church felt like coming home.

Every so often I'm asked can someone bring their dog to Church. It will depend upon the circumstances, also some people are allergic to dogs. But years ago there was one dog who appeared to be more attentive than some of the congregation!

Bless you all,
Barnabas

Synod 2021 2023 - now another way to get involved
Forest Parish: online questionnaire now available



We would like to invite you to share your opinions about our Parish and the wider Church. Hopefully you are aware that there is an opportunity to join the last Zoom meeting in the evening on Wednesday 26th January starting at 7pm. To join the Zoom meeting please contact Fiona to request the Zoom invitation link at fionaammills@hotmail.co.uk or phone her on 01594 516175. There is also a paper copy of the questionnaire and responses can be left in the box in the Church porch.

In addition, there is now an online version of this questionnaire too, which you can complete in about 10 minutes from the comfort of your home using a laptop, PC, tablet or mobile phone. Simply click on the link here: [Synod 2021 2023 - parish questions](#), answer as many of the 14 questions as you would like to, then press 'submit'. We look forward to hearing what you think and adding your thoughts and ideas to our Parish Report (all responses remain confidential).

Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent is asking for volunteers please for **Sacristans**. If you are interested in this Ministry and would like to find out more please contact Jenny on 01989 750665 or speak to her after Mass.

The Lord's Larder Food Bank

Thanks to your continued generosity a contribution of £155 has now been donated to the above cause. All donations may be left in the basket as you exit Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent.

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 22 nd January	6pm Coleford - Live streamed
Sunday 23 rd January	9am Cinderford 11am Newent
Tuesday 25 th January	10am Coleford - Live streamed
Private Prayer in the Church after Mass until 12 noon	
Wednesday 26 th January	12 noon Newent
Thursday 27 th January	10am Lydney
Saturday 29 th January	6pm Lydney - Live streamed