

## **Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent**

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**PARISH PRIEST FATHER MARTIN QUEENAN**

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 31st August**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE of Sunday 21st September at 4pm for Mass with Anointing of the Sick in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent.**

**Next weekend New Mass times Saturday 6th/Sunday 7th September:**

Cinderford - Saturday evening Mass is discontinued

Newent - Saturday evening at 5pm

Coleford - Sunday 9am

Lydney - Sunday 11am

**Transport for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford to Saint Margaret Mary, Coleford**

A mini-bus is being provided by Belfitt Coaches on Sunday mornings to transport parishioners in Cinderford to the Sunday 9am Mass at St. Margaret Mary in Coleford commencing **Sunday 7th September 2025.**

**Please make a note of the pick up points and times as follows:**

### **Cinderford to Coleford**

Pick up Point 8.15am - Our Lady of Victories, junction of Flaxley Street and Belle Vue Rd, Cinderford.

Pick up Point 8.20am - Junction of St Whites Road and Church Road, Cinderford.

Arrive 8.45am - St. Margaret Mary, Coleford.

### **Coleford to Cinderford**

After refreshments tea/coffee, bacon bap

Start Point 10.30am - St. Margaret Mary, Coleford.

Drop off Point 10.55am - Junction of St. Whites Road and Church Road, Cinderford.

Drop off Point 11am - Our Lady of Victories, junction of Flaxley Street and Belle Vue Rd, Cinderford.

At some point in the future there may be an additional first pick up point and final drop off point of:

Pick up Point 8.10am - Hanover Court, Cinderford, Drop off Point 11.05am.

There may be some Sundays where Belfitt Coaches are unable to provide a PSV qualified driver in which case we will try to make alternative arrangements. Unfortunately, there may be occasions where no alternative transport can be secured and in this instance please would any parishioners travelling to Mass in Coleford in their own vehicles consider offering lifts to parishioners in Cinderford without their own transport.

### **Virtual Pilgrimage of The Clifton Diocesan Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage**

To have a virtual pilgrimage please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes/> This link is updated daily with videos, pictures and homilies from the Masses and you can now see Bishop Bosco's talk Nolite Timere 'Do not be afraid'. Or you can read it on this link: [Bishop Bosco's talk Nolite Timere](#). You can also download the Pilgrimage Booklet here: [Lourdes Pilgrimage Booklet 2025](#)

### **Prayer Group Meeting - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent**

The next prayer group meeting is on Saturday 4th October at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

### **Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury: Sunday 7th September 2025**

This year's pilgrimage will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims 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 all information please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/glastonbury-pilgrimage/>

### **Coach to Glastonbury for the above Pilgrimage**

**PLEASE NOTE A NEW PICK UP TIME OF 8.05am at St Peter's, Gloucester**

Return journey departing Glastonbury 4.45pm approximately. Cost £10 adults, £5 children.

If you would like a place on the coach, please email Beverley at [beverleychisholm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beverleychisholm@yahoo.co.uk). Payment will be taken on the coach, please have exact money.

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**Forest Churches Fete to be held in St Joseph's, Lydney  
on Saturday 13th September 2025 from 11.00am until 2.00pm**

Donations for the fete can now be handed into your church, you can also bring them to St Joseph's church on **THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 11th /12th September between 5.00pm and 7.00pm** which will be open to receive your donations.

Please note we are unable to accept electrical items and bric-a-brac. Items required are bottles of wine, fancy goods, toys, books, monetary donations and cakes (on the day). Any extra help on the day would be appreciated.

**TINTERN SUNG VESPERS at Tintern Abbey on Sunday 14th September at 3.00pm**

An Ecumenical Service on the Feast of The Holy Cross

Speaker: The Rt Revd Brendan Thomas OSB, Abbot of Belmont.

With the monks of Belmont Abbey and the Newport cathedral Choir. Please bring a folding chair and umbrella. Free entry to the Abbey grounds and car parking

Friends of Our Lady of Tintern website: <https://www.ourladyoftintern.co.uk/index.php>

**Mission Masses:** To celebrate the overseas mission of the Church and the ongoing work of Missio, during this Jubilee year of Hope, Missio will be celebrating Mass with Bishop Bosco at **7pm on Tuesday 16th September** at Holy Family Catholic Church, Southsea Road, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5DP.

**The Clifton Diocesan Annual Formation Day** will take place on 11th October at St. Brendan's College, Brislington, with 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) as our keynote speaker. There will be several workshop options for people to attend. For more information please use this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/the-clifton-diocesan-annual-formation-day/>

**Fr Liam's Induction as Dean and Parish Priest of Clifton Cathedral will take place on Tuesday October 14th at 6.00pm, to which all are invited.**

**Christmas Day Lunch Thursday 25th December**

**supported by The Forest of Dean Saint Vincent de Paul Conference**

If you are alone this Christmas or in need of company please come along to our Christmas Day lunch in the Church Hall at Saint Margaret Mary, in Coleford. Lunches will need to be booked by Sunday 26th October. To book please see Tony in Cinderford, Dorota in Lydney or Bev in Coleford. Or phone 07513587332 or email [SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk](mailto:SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk). Further details to follow.

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

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

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)

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

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 2nd September - 10am Mass followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 3rd September - 10am Mass preceded by Adoration at 9.30am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

Thursday 4th September - 10am Mass - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 5th September - 10am Mass 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 from 11am -2pm

TINTERN SUNG VESPERS at Tintern Abbey on Sunday 14th September at 3pm

Mass with Anointing of the Sick - **Sunday 21st September 4pm** - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

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

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

Mass on the Memorial of Saint Margaret Mary - Thursday 16th October 10am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford (refreshments after)

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