

Parishes of The Forest of Dean and Newent

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Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 28th September

The Clifton Evangelist

The Latest edition of the Clifton Evangelist can be viewed with this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/>

CONFIRMATION Preparation Sessions

Confirmation preparation sessions will begin in the new year. If you are in year 9 or above and would like the opportunity to deepen your understanding of the faith in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please see Fr Martin.

Donations for Lord's Larder from Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

On the 20th of September £40 was sent to St Mary's church in Newent for the Lords Larder.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions

The Pope's monthly prayer intention is a global summons to transform our prayers into "concrete actions"; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world. The intentions can be found on this link: <https://www.popesprayer.va/the-challenges-facing-humanity-and-assists-the-mission-of-the-church/#INTENTIONS>

St. Wulstan's Southern Way Pilgrimage - In May of 2025, some of the parishioners of our Pastoral Area (including our parish) walked the St Wulstan's Southern Way Pilgrimage. You can visit some of the memories of that pilgrimage with this video link: <https://www.youtube.com/@romancatholicchurchforesto5675/videos>

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Saturday 27th September 10am -12 noon

Everyone is invited to a coffee morning to raise funds for Cancer. Please come along to enjoy a fun morning with cake and tea/coffee in the Church Hall at Saint Margaret Mary in Coleford. You are also welcome to take part in our Macmillan Coffee Morning baking competition by submitting one of your bakes, for the chance to win one of three titles 'Best Baker' an award for the best home-baked cake, 'Best Faker' an award for the best shop-bought entry and 'Wooden Spoon' an award for the baker whose cake did not quite turn out as planned! Suggested £2 donation for entry to the competition. Please bring yourselves and all cake donations on the day which will be gratefully received, thank you.

Come and See Bible Timeline Course

If you are interested in understanding the Bible, please use this link for information and to register for a free Bible Timeline Course starting on **Wednesday 1st October at 7pm**: <https://comeandsee.org/>

MASS at 6pm on Friday 3rd October followed by our CAFOD Soup Supper in the Church Hall at St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Everyone is welcome to this year's soup supper where we join together to enjoy a selection of soups and other offerings to raise funds for CAFOD. If you are able to donate soup or other food items please let Beverley know, thank you.

Prayer Group Meeting - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent on Saturday 4th October at 10am

Everyone is welcome.

Rosary for the month of October for 4 weeks, everyone is welcome to join

On Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th October at 9.30am in Saint Margaret Mary, Coleford before Mass.

On Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October at 9.30am in Saint Joseph's, Lydney before Mass.

Tuesday, 7th October, is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary.

October is traditionally the month devoted to praying the Rosary. If you would like to join our Zoom Rosary group in October, we meet on Zoom every Friday at 5pm for approximately 20-30 mins. The Zoom link is open at 4.45pm to allow for joining. If you would like the Rosary Zoom link, please telephone Sam at the office on 01594 833173 or email to forestRCchurches@cliftondiocese.com

Baptism Preparation - Masterclass webinar on **Tuesday 7th October 7:30pm** exploring the Catechetical Institute's Infant Baptism Preparation resource - This Masterclass is for priests, deacons, catechists and baptism preparation volunteers. Registration is £5. Register here – www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation

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The Clifton Diocesan Annual Formation Day will take place on **Saturday 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/>

Mass on the Memorial of Saint Margaret Mary on **Thursday 16th October 10am** in St Margaret Mary, Coleford with tea/coffee after.

Mass with anointing of the sick on **Sunday 19th October 3pm** in St Margaret Mary, Coleford followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited. Please would parishioners kindly offer lifts to those who do not have transport. Thank you.

Advance Notice for Mass on All Souls' Day **Monday 3rd November at 9am** in St Margaret Mary, Coleford followed by tea/coffee in the Church Hall

Christmas Day Dinner - Thursday 25th December at 1pm
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 dinner in the Church Hall at Saint Margaret Mary, in Coleford. Dinners will need to be booked by Sunday 26th October. To book please see Tony or Bev in Coleford, Dorota in Lydney. Or phone 07513587332 or email SecretaryB040416@svp.org.uk.

Poppy request please, Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

If you have made any poppies could you please give to them to Tom or leave at the back of the church, thank you.

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

RIP Maureen (Mo) Blinman, late of Kilcot, who died on Wednesday 10th September. 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 THIS WEEK

Tuesday 30th September - 10am followed by Adoration until 11am - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 1st October - 10am Mass preceded by Adoration at 9.30am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent
(tea/coffee after)

Thursday 2nd October - 10am Mass - St Joseph, Lydney **preceded by Rosary at 9.30am**

Friday 3rd October - 10am Mass preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Second Collection next weekend for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

We are invited to reflect on all people who suffer poverty and injustice and to donate to support the delivery of emergency healthcare, safe shelter, hot meals and mental health support to those in most need.

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