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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A2)
Sunday 11th October

SUNDAY MASSES
On Saturdays - 5pm Eve of Sunday Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)
On Sundays - 9am Mass preceded by the Rosary at 8.30am in St Margaret Mary, Coleford - live streamed (tea/coffee bacon baps after in the church hall)
On Sundays - 11am Mass preceded by the Rosary at 10.25am in St Joseph, Lydney (tea/coffee after)

WEEKDAY MASSES/SERVICES
Tuesday 13th October - 10.00am Mass - followed by Adoration - St Margaret Mary, Coleford
Wednesday 14th October - 11am Mass preceded by the Rosary at 10.20am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (refreshments after)
Thursday 15th October - 10am Mass - St Joseph, Lydney
Friday 16th October - 6pm Mass - St Margaret Mary, Coleford - followed by light supper

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO)
The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works in England and Wales with the Mill Hill Missionary Society. In England and Wales funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church. For more information: www.missio.org.uk

POPE LEO HAS RELEASED A VIDEO MESSAGE MARKING THE 100TH WORLD MISSIONARY SUNDAY
In his video, he reflects on the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission" and expresses his gratitude to all those who have supported the annual celebration over the past century. To listen to this short video message please use this link: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-10/pope-leo-videomessage-world-mission-sunday.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsletterVN-EN

POPE LEO XIV URGES CHRISTIANS TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY IN OCTOBER for the intention of peace in the world and an end to conflict. https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-09/pope-leo-xiv-appeal-mass-angelus-prayer-rosary-october.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsletterVN-EN

ROSARY DURING OCTOBER
The Rosary will be recited on Wednesdays in October before Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent at 10.20am.
The Rosary will be recited on Sundays in October before Mass in St Joseph, Lydney at 10.25am.
The Rosary will be recited on Sundays in October before Mass in St Margaret Mary, Coleford at 8.30am.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER
'For mental health ministry' calling on the Church to listen without judging and accompany those who suffer without excluding them. To pray with the Pope please use this link: https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/

DONATIONS FOR LORDS LARDER FROM OUR LADY OF LOURDES, NEWENT
On the 3rd of October £50 was sent to St Mary's church in Newent for the Lords Larder. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause.

CAFOD COLLECTION FROM OUR LADY OF LOURDES, NEWENT
The total donated by parishioners to CAFOD was £376.40.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL LOTTERY TICKET WINNERS
Please will all ticket holders check if they have the following Winning Numbers: £5,000 - 601018, £1,000 - 453036 £100 (x15) 504031, 595895, 478543, 609979, 580493, 509133, 520472, 582943, 539265, 535111, 510788, 540090, 457117, 450007, 458960. The owners are in the process of being contacted.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSIONS will begin on Sunday, 10th January to be ready for the Feast of Corpus Christi on 30th May 2027. The classes will take place at St Joseph in Lydney at 9.15am (before the 11am Sunday Mass). Children must be aged 7 years or older in 2027. Parents wishing to register their child or children for this programme please contact Fiona at St Joseph's or phone Sam Buchanan at the parish office Tel: 01594 833173.

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PARISH REGISTRATION – WE NEED YOUR HELP

As part of the ongoing improvements to our parish website and administration systems, the Forest of Dean Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is inviting all parishioners of St Margaret Mary's, Coleford, and St Joseph's, Lydney to register —or update their existing registration—online.

Keeping your household's registration up to date is an important way of supporting the life of our parish. It helps us plan for the future, prepare budgets, meet insurance and health and safety requirements, and, most importantly, keep you and your family informed about parish news, events, and activities.

Please take a few minutes to register today by visiting our parish website: https://forestrc.co.uk/ or direct to the page using this link: https://forestrc.co.uk/registration

If you have any questions or would like some help with the registration process, please contact Sam at the parish office on 01594 833173, who will be delighted to assist.

Please note there has been some technical problems with the website which have now been rectified, therefore, if you have tried to register and been unable to do so please try again, thank you.

MASS FOR THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARGARET MARY

On Friday 16th October at 6pm there will be a Mass at St Margaret Mary in Coleford. This will be followed by a light supper in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

If you are able to donate soup etc, or help set up/clear up please let Bev know, thank you.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY - THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 7PM

There will be a talk on the Power of the Rosary, in the Apostle Room at Clifton Cathedral, by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP, Promoter General for the Holy Rosary of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). Everyone is welcome, there will be refreshments from 6.15pm.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Magnifica Humanitas is the first encyclical letter of Pope Leo. There will be a day exploring Magnifica Humanitas on 24th October at St Brendan's College, Brislington. Speakers will be Bishop Bosco, Dr Austen Ivereigh and Professor Carmody Grey (tbc). The day starts at 10am (refreshments from 9.30am) and finishes at 4pm - please bring a packed lunch. You can register for the day on this link: https://magnificahumanitas.eventbrite.co.uk

SAINT WULSTAN PASTORAL CELEBRATION - SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 11AM

Oaks of Righteousness, Growing Together in Christ

The Saint Wulstan Pastoral Area invites our schools, parishes and religious communities to come together for a special morning of worship, fellowship and celebration. We will gather at St Patrick's Church, Brockworth, beginning with Mass at 11am. Following Mass, oak saplings and candles will be blessed and presented to participating communities as a sign of our shared life in Christ and our hope for the future. Each community will then take its oak and candle back to its own community, with the hope that the oak can be planted and become a lasting reminder of our growing together in Christ. A bring-and-share lunch will follow at approximately 12.30pm, with the gathering expected to finish in the early afternoon.

https://saintwulstan.org.uk/2026/09/oaks-of-righteousness-growing-together-in-christ/

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FOREST OF DEAN

This meeting will be held in the church hall at St Margaret Mary, Coleford, on Saturday 7th November at 11.00am. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

TOGETHERNESS - SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER AT 11.30AM

Children and their families are invited to this event in the church hall at Saint Margaret Mary, Coleford. There will be time to play and share food as we join as one family united by our faith. This will Include a short video for reflection.

DATE CHANGE FOR CREATIVITY EVENT - CHURCH HALL SAINT MARGARET MARY, COLEFORD

Now taking place on **Saturday 5th December** from 10am - 12noon everyone is welcome to come and make a card of your choice for any occasion.

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

Ted Johnson RIP (Sunday 27th September)
The funeral service for Ted Johnson will be held at the Forest of Dean Crematorium on
Thursday 22nd October at 1.30pm.

If you no longer wish to receive a copy of the newsletter via email please inform our parish administrator, Sam Buchanan, contact details at the top of the newsletter.