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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Sunday 16th November

World Day of the Poor

Safeguarding Sunday

World Day of the Poor

Pope Leo has declared Sunday 16th November to be the ninth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "You are my hope". In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father urges us to recognise those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation".

Safeguarding Sunday

For more information please use this link: <https://thirtyoneeight.org/news/safeguarding-sunday-2025-launched>. There is also a leaflet attached in a pdf with this newsletter for more information.

This weekend a Celebration Service at 10.30am on Sunday 16th November at St Mary's, Newent

This will be a Morning Worship service led by the Curate, Revd Mark Dunning to mark and celebrate 20 years of ministry of Simon (the Revd Canon Simon Mason). Everyone is welcome to join us for the service and refreshments afterwards.

Children's practice for Carol Service - St Joseph, Lydney

All children who are interested in singing please come along before Mass on Sundays at 10.15am to practice for the Carol Service at Christmas.

Father Matt's latest update on Our Lady of Guadalupe, Carabayllo

Please use this link to be updated on Fr Matt's Mission in Peru: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/our-lady-of-guadalupe-carabayllo-fr-matt-week-three/>

Forest of Dean Parishes - Children, Parents and Parishioners

A new initiative is starting in the parish to bring about change and new life. Our children, with the help of their parents, are being asked to put their suggestions forward to allow our parish to look at ways in which our children can form friendship groups and be accompanied in their relationship with God. A letter will be handed out to all children/parents to enable the parish to proceed with this initiative.

Please would any parents or parishioners who feel called to be a part of this initiative please speak to Beverley.

Mass for Pilgrims Saturday 22nd November, Westminster Cathedral

The Archdiocese of Westminster have arranged a special Mass for Pilgrims at 2pm on Saturday 22nd November at Westminster Cathedral in central London. This Mass will be an opportunity for all those who have taken part in pilgrimages during the Holy Year in any way to gather and pray together.

If you have made a pilgrimage alone or in a group, if you have provided hospitality or support, or prayed for pilgrims you are welcome.

If you would have liked to have gone on a pilgrimage but have not been able to do so, you are welcome.

Westminster Cathedral is a Jubilee Church, so you could make the journey there on 22nd November a pilgrimage in itself!

If you can't attend you can follow on the Cathedral livestream: <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/spiritual-life/watch-a-mass/>

Refreshments will be served after the Mass in the Cathedral Hall to which all are invited.

More details of the Mass can be found here: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/mass-for-pilgrims>

Advent Retreat Day at Brownhill - Saturday 13th December

An Advent Retreat Day has been organised at Brownhill to be led by Father Martin. The Parish has agreed to cover the cost of the coach. For the use of the Monastery and grounds, a cooked meal, and a talk by Sister Mary Philippa a voluntary donation of £30 per person is kindly asked for. An inability to pay does not preclude anyone from attending. **Please let Sam know in the Parish Office if you would like to attend and to reserve your seat on the coach, thank you.**

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Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent - Christmas Social

Everyone is welcome to the Christmas Social on **Sunday 14th December at 2.30pm to 3.30pm** to be held in church.

Next Prayer Group in Our Lady of Lourdes in Newent

Saturday 20th December at 10am, all welcome.

Marriage Mass in the Cathedral - Saturday 14th February 2026 at 12 noon

Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please send names, address and the number of years that is being celebrated to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com to enable a personal invitation to be sent out from the bishop.

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 - 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)

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Catholic Youth

MASSES/SERVICES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 17th November - 10am Mass - St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Wednesday 19th November - 10am Mass preceded by Adoration at 9.30am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent (tea/coffee after)

Thursday 20th November - 10am Mass - St Joseph, Lydney

Friday 21st November - 10am Mass preceded by Rosary at 9.30am - Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Advance Notice of Christmas Mass Times:

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

St. Joseph's, Lydney - Christmas Carols 5pm - 5.45pm, Christmas Vigil Mass 6pm.

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

St. Margaret Mary, Coleford - Christmas Morning Mass 9am

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent - Christmas Morning Mass 11am

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