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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR B

18th November 2018

**Please Pray for the Welfare of our Sick People
and those who care for them**

**Ian King, Steve Ebsworth, Bridget Spencer, Marjorie
Beard, Ruth Wolseley, Paddy Arnold, Peter Gibbons,
Joan Lumb and Lou Whitton**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PRAY FOR US

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY

We can begin to tell we are drawing towards the end of the Church's year as our readings begin to draw us to consider the last things and the last times. What characterises the disciple as we await the coming of the Lord? Alertness, that sense of having one's eyes open to seeing where the Lord is near, where he is here with us. We do not know when the Lord will come again – all we know is that he will come for he is faithful to his word. When we look around we can see something of the 'distress' that the prophet Daniel speaks of. It is into the distress of those around us that we can speak of God's presence. We are called to be the nearness of God, the closeness of God, through the way we allow God's word of peace to touch the lives of others. Maybe that's our mission this week: to speak of God's closeness and bring peace where there is distress and dis-ease.

THIS WEEK

Ministers of Communion: Gail Ebsworth – Steve Ebsworth – Debbie Page

Ministers of the Word : Mo Blinman – Chris Roy

Pray Ministry Available: Jenny H & Mo Blinman

Saturday 17 th November	6.00pm	Mass Lydney	
Sunday 18 th November	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent Christmas Tree Decoration Party further information to come https://stmarysnewent.org/christmas-tree-festival-2017/ Taize	Intention: ALL souls in Purgatory, esp. deceased members of FOSS"
Monday 19 th November	2.30pm	Bible Study – Watery Lane- the Big Picture	
Tuesday 20 th November			
Wednesday 21 st November	10am	Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Paul Dekker	
Thursday 22 nd November	9am 10:30am	Mass - Newent Aston Ingham Bible Study	
Friday 23 rd November		Christmas Tree has to be at St Mary's Newent. https://stmarysnewent.org/christmas-tree-festival-2017/	Ann Shaw Office help
Saturday 24 th November	6.00pm	Mass Coleford	
Sunday 25 th November	9.00am 11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Collection Catholic Youth Service Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent - A speaker from GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) will talk to us about their role.	Mass intention – Charles Lumb

		http://www.garas.org.uk/	
Monday 26 th November		Copy date for December Newsletter, can we have as much as possible for the New year also	.

Next Week's readings – see monthly newsletter

Ministers of the Word: Mike Thompson - Joan James– Una Inwood

Ministers of Communion: Kevin Gilligan – Pat Milsom – Rosa Hockley

Looking Forward

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

<https://stmarysnewent.org/christmas-tree-festival-2017/>

We need your help next week 18th November – to put our Christmas tree together for the display in St Mary's Christmas Tree festival. The tree goes up for one week then we bring it back here for display. We thought that we could have a picnic lunch and stay after Mass and share time together. Do you have any spare Christmas Decorations? Know where our tree is? Can you help transport it to St. Mary's at the end of the week?

'Divine Renovation – Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission'.

Our Parish has drawn great guidance and inspiration from Fr James Mallon, author of 'Divine Renovation – Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission'.

He is holding a 2 day conference in Birmingham on 7 – 8 February 2019.

Because some of us have been so inspired by his teaching, we encourage others to attend this event. The cost is £199 reduced to £175 for 'early bird bookings'.

The Parish will pay £50 for up to 6 parishioners who have not already been to hear him.

Please give your name to Gail as soon as possible, together with a deposit of £75, so we can take advantage of the early bird offer.

Be brave; it'll be worth it!

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Chris Roy is hoping to visit our neighbours with a small Christmas gift to thank them for their forbearance and some info about our church. So, she is asking for volunteers to join her in doing this between the 10th and the 15th December. We'll need to visit both in daytime hours and in the evening, to catch everyone. Can you help her? Please speak to her as soon as possible to help with this important outreach.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Put in your diaries Friday 7th December at Jen Mason's house. Anyone with the heart of a mother is welcome.

NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS QUIZ

In the foyer in church there is available a Quiz sheet costing 20p. Join the fun and win yourself a bottle of wine. All monies taken will be spent on prizes so the more who join in the better the prize. Prize draw 2nd December

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict

GREETINGS FROM NEWENT

Brother Loarne has been with his order for 25 years some of us are going to his celebration if you would like to send him greetings there is a card in the foyer of the church for people to sign.

COME AND SEE

Thursday 6th December Monsignor Liam Slattery is coming to speak about his spiritual journey we hope that as many as possible will come and welcome him.

