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3rd Sunday in Advent, Year C

**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, Mike Poole, Clare Duncanson
Lou Whitton and Honoria Houghton**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PRAY FOR US

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to
the poor. Alleluia

Third Sunday of Advent

‘If you want God, and long for union with him, yet sometimes wonder what that means or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already walking with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary and involved with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want him, yet you are still dissatisfied that you don’t, you are already keeping Advent in your life. If you have ever had an obscure intuition that the truth of things is somehow better, greater, more wonderful than you deserve or desire, that the touch of God in your life stills you by its gentleness, that there is a mercy beyond anything you could ever suspect, you are already drawn into the central mystery of salvation.’ (Maria Boulding)

THIS WEEK

Friday 14 th December	9am 7.00pm	Mass – Sedbury Service of Reconciliation	
Saturday 15 th December	6.00pm	Mass - Lydney	
Sunday 16 th December	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass – Cinderford Meditation on Mary. Mass – Newent Christmas Party with Lyn Heron Taize Blaisdon Christmas Carol Service	
Monday 17 th December	2.30pm 7.30pm	Bible Study – Watery Lane – The Big Picture PC Meeting	
Tuesday 18 th December	9.00am	Mass at Coleford followed by Adoration	
Wednesday 19 th December	10am	Mass with Coffee and Chat Fr Aidan will be visiting and would like to join you all for Coffee and Chat.	
Thursday 20 th December	10am	Mass -Newent	
Friday 21 st December			
Saturday 22 nd December	7.30pm 6.00pm	Carol Singing (United Churches) to meet at Market House. The singers will go round town and end up at the Kings Arms anyone welcome. Mass Coleford	
Sunday 23 rd December	9.00am 11.00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent Crib Blessing	

Minister of the Word: Una Inwood & Joan James

Minister of Communion: Kevin Gilligan, Rosa Hockley & Pat Milsom

Prayer Ministry: Jen M & Gail E

Looking Forward

CHRISTMAS PARTY

16TH December 2018 3pm

The Heron family are putting together our Christmas Party, have you children or grandchildren that may like to come. Can you come and help make tea, coffee and support this great event?

Talk to Lyn or contact her lynne.heron@btopenworld.com

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Silvana is kindly organising the Christmas Raffle again this year and is appealing to people to offer exciting prizes, no matter how big or how small, simply to encourage people to buy tickets. The raffle this year will be sold from the back of the church so you have time to view what's on offer over a cup of tea? Please can you help make this a success!

HOSPITALITY - talking about tea and coffee.....

Every Sunday after Mass, Silvana is in the kitchen making tea and coffee and despite numerous requests for people to commit their names to a rota perhaps just once a month, we have been unsuccessful in getting her help.

Silvana wants to be there for our community and provides tea/coffee, orange juice and also a few volunteers who make cakes and biscuits BUT we need more help. Please put your name on the rota to help in the kitchen every now and again, every little helps!

Our Lady of Lourdes needs you.

VOLUNTEERS

If you feel that you can help with getting the annex more user friendly, painting, collating books or cleaning please let either Maria Coleman or Pat Milsom know so that when we need to get into action they know who to contact.

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2018

£2.00 per pack of 5 cards/ 3 packs for £5

All profits from both sizes of cards will be donated to Local Homeless and Food Banks. Packs of cards will be this year A6.

Parish Christmas Card – Please sign your name on the mount and make a donation if you can.

CAFOD TABLE

Thank you everyone that supported the table for October we raised £80. We thank Michael and Mo for their efforts to raise this fund.

CAFOD Advent Appeal 2018

Bring hope to a refugee this Advent

Your donation this Advent could reach out to people around the world, people who want to give their family a new life, living in peace. You could help to give them counselling to come to terms with the experiences they have faced. And you could give them the skills, tools and knowledge to make a new life for themselves, healthy and free from harm.

Donate online at cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Advent



Bitesize

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

Dalai Lama