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**Please Pray for the Welfare of our Sick People  
and tho 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**

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**9<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

The Gospel begins: *'Tiberius was Emperor, Pontius Pilate was Governor, Caiaphas was High Priest.'* God did not speak to any of these important people. The word of God came to John in the wilderness. God spoke to someone on the edge, in the desert. God wants to speak his word to every person but if we are to hear the word of God we need to clear a way so that we can hear. John the Baptist proclaims: 'Prepare a way for the Lord – make his paths straight.' Most of us are not called to go into the wilderness but each of us can make time for silence to listen to God's word. Advent is a time to realise that God is constantly speaking his word to us. We are called to make the time to listen.

## THIS WEEK

**Ministers of the Word:** Julian and Tessa Dowle

**Ministers of Communion:** Gail and Steve Ebsworth with Mary Francis

**Prayer Minister:** Mary F & Silvana W

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10am 6.00pm 7.30pm	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>The Advent Retreat – Belmont Abbey</b> <b>‘One Who is to Come’ See notice board</b> Mass Coleford with Teas & Coffees Newent Choral Society Musical Extravaganza – See Poster £12 per ticket.	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am 11.00am  2.30pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent Straight after Mass – Parish Meeting : Follow up on Adele Owen’s visit, and a final opportunity to ask questions or comment, after which, Fr Barnabas will ask for God’s blessing on this project. Film Afternoon ‘A Wrinkle in Time’ or ‘The Showman come and help us choose from two great movies.	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm 7.00pm	Bible Study - Watery Lane – the Big Picture Prayer Group – The Lord’s Prayer	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Mass – Newent Christmas Cards to neighbours this week, Chris Roy needs your help please speak to her if you can help. 01989 720190	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	<b>Mass with Coffee and Chat</b>	Intention : Honorina H
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December			
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm	<b>Services of Reconciliation</b>	Joan Lumb Office

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	Mass- Lydney	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent Christmas Party with Lyn Heron Taize Blaisdon Christmas Carol Service in the Parish Church joining the Anglican Community	

**National Conference for Rural Catholics,  
February 25-27, 2019**

This annual conference in 2019 returns to the comfort of Sarum College, Salisbury. The clergy and laity who attend come from around England and Wales. Many Catholic parishes have within their boundaries large rural areas. The conference looks at the sort of things that go on in those areas, often unseen. The MP who chairs the EFRA Parliamentary Committee will **CRIB**machinery, your local Post Office, local poet George Herbert - and more. Those who come tend to come back next year. For programme and booking form contact Fr Robert Miller, 01747 870228 ([rwhm274@btinternet.com](mailto:rwhm274@btinternet.com))

**MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE**

**(Julian has asked me to pass this warning on to our parishioners)**

We have had reports of scam phone calls across the Forest of Dean where callers are purporting to be from the crime prevention team and that they will be attending the home address to conduct a crime survey. We have received a number of calls where an organisation is offering this service to people aged 80 - 85. We, the police are able to conduct crime prevention surveys but only at the owners request. We do not use external companies to contact residents on our behalf. Please be aware that you should never give out personal details to any company or organisation contacting you over the phone or internet. Please pass on this information to elderly relatives and neighbours.

Message Sent By  
George Jayne (Police, PCSO, Forest of Dean)

**NEXT PC MEETING**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm please send agenda item requests to the parish office email address or speak to Gail

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**16<sup>TH</sup> 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@btoopenworld.com](mailto:lynne.heron@btoopenworld.com)

## **COME AND SEE – WITH LUKE WATHEN**

**3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 7.30pm**

This time a young man who was brought up locally and is now a missionary in Romania and works for a charity who helps with children called SMILE.

## **FILM AFTERNOON** 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 2.30pm

You decide what we are going to watch on the day. We have two interesting movies to see. 'A Wrinkle in Time' or 'the Showman' there will be a democratic vote on the day. Don't just come for the movie come for the fellowship. We will definitely have coffee and tea. The next one will be on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## **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**

After Mass today Pat Milsom will be collecting names of people who are willing to make ready the Presbytery for our guests.

## **CRIB BLESSING – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Parishioners are requested to bring in their Christmas cribs for a general Blessing before they take them home and set them up ready for Christmas Day.