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January 20th 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Craig Grewcock & Una Inwood

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Maria Coleman, Mary Francis & Kevin Gilligan

PRAYER MINISTRY: Jen Mason and Mo Blinman

Second Collection Pax Christi

**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, Clare Duncanson
Lou Whitton, Ann Kelly and Honoria Houghton**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PRAY FOR US

THIS WEEK

Sunday 20 th January	9am 11am 6pm	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Collection: Pax Christi Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent – Fr Sean Murray Mass and Receive Mike Poole	Christian Unity Week: 'Charity is no substitute for justice withheld'
Monday 21 st January	12noon 2.30pm	Funeral of Mike Poole at St Mary's Church Newent. Bible Study – Watery Lane Newent	'Let me boldly be good news'
Tuesday 22 nd January	9.30am 11.15am 10am	Eucharistic Adoration - Coleford Eucharistic Adoration – Coleford Mass - Newent	'Where do you see God's grace and mercy in action'
Wednesday 23 rd January	10am 7pm	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Mass with Coffee and Chat to follow United Churches Prayer and Praise Kate Wyatt from Viney Hill Christian Centre to speak. Please support this event here at Our Lady of Lourdes	'What do you find the most difficult thing to share?'
Thursday 24 th January	10am 10.30am	Unity Service - Lydney Aston Ingham Bible Study	'What can we do to bring the good news to both the powerful and the poor?'
Friday 25 th January		FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL	'Where can we make a difference?'
Saturday 26 th January	9.30am – 3.30pm 6pm	Prinknash Retreat Day Praying with Jesus or you could go just for the talk. Mass - Lydney	Think of a person of great faith? How would you describe them?
Sunday 27 th January	9am 11am 6pm	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent Taize	God our hope we praise you for your loving kindness.

PAX CHRISTI – this week's second collection

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Changes to the 200 club

As we thought might happen, we have seen a reduction in the number of parishioners taking up 200 club numbers this year. Currently only 156 numbers are now allocated, and with less income we have to reduce the number of prizes from 5 to 3. However, they will still be very attractive at £50, £30 and £15

The change of bank account for the club has caused problems for standing order payers ; our apologies again for this. If anyone needs a new standing order form to forward to their bank please contact me. Alternatively you can simply go back to paying in cash this year if you prefer. Many thanks - and good luck.

The three 200 club winners for January are:

January 2019			
	PRIZE	NUMBER	NAME OF WINNER
1	50	15	Diane Malone
2	30	128	Derek Gavin
3	15	118	Kay Swan

FROM THE PC

Dear Fellow Parishioners

Thank you for your comments and suggestions of issues for discussion by the PPC last night.

Much routine work was carried out: details of which, will be in the upcoming minutes.

Concerning issues raised by the Congregation:the Council approved improvements to the Church heating; will arrange a second information meeting for us and our neighbours with GARAS, concerning the refugee family; and a group will be investigating a strategy to invigorate our Church prayer life.

Mo Blinman's CAFOD stall raised £90 last year! Well done, Mo. The Council approved a proposal that the stall run in May and October this year, and be situated in the front porch.

Every year we tithe our income, donating to two charities. This year the Council approved funding to, 'Smiles' - a charity run by our friends at Gorsley Baptist Church that serves impoverished communities in Romania, and CBM (Christian Blind Mission) a charity that restores sight to the blind in the third world.

May I take this opportunity to thank those of you that picked up cards from the 'Job Centre' at the back of the church? Please, everyone, consider how you may contribute your time. The lack of volunteers in some areas is an increasingly serious problem.

Keep your comments and suggestions coming! The next meeting will be on 25th February 2019.

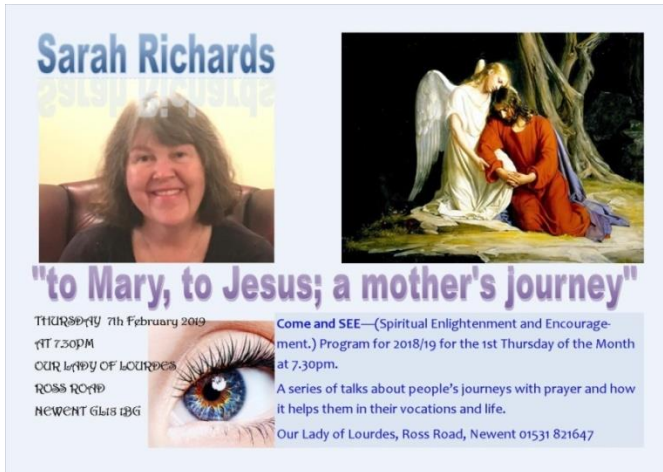
Mary Francis

COLLECTION

23/12/18 £128-11, 30/12/18 £133-40, 6/1/19 £164-90, 13/1/19 £120-96.

Second collection for Society for Protection of Unborn Children £135.

Sale of Christmas cards Total of £320 divided equally between Gloucester City Mission and The Lord's Larder at St Mary's Newent



Sarah Richards

"to Mary, to Jesus; a mother's journey"

THURSDAY 7th February 2019
7.30PM
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ROSS ROAD
NEWENT GL15 4BG

Come and SEE—(Spiritual Enlightenment and Encouragement.) Program for 2018/19 for the 1st Thursday of the Month at 7.30pm.

A series of talks about people's journeys with prayer and how it helps them in their vocations and life.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

United Churches Prayer and Praise

Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 7.30pm

Kate Wyatt from Viney Hill Christian Centre to speak.

Please support this event here at Our Lady of Lourdes

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

1ST MARCH 2PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSS ROAD NEWENT.

Please support this special celebration. You do not have to be female to take part! Come and join in.

CONCERT JONATHAN VEIRA – Songs and Tales

– Newent Community School

Saturday 9th February Tickets £12 adults £8 under 18's

Proceeds go to Smile Foundation

KEYHOLDERS

If you have keys connected with Our Lady of Lourdes we are trying to make sure that we are properly covered by insurance and we need to maintain a key register. At the same time, all keys for the presbytery will need to be returned as soon as possible and before we have tenants in place. Please check that you have no keys for here and, if you have, please let Gail know in the office or return them to her.

Bible Study – Watery Lane Newent 2.30pm approx. February 4th

We start our session 'Let it be' Exploration of Mary, past and present. Deacon David Hebbes is taking the lead. Let Gail know if you are interested. We meet 1st and 3rd Monday of the month

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

The epiphanies carry on... this time at Cana. Here is the first of Jesus' *signs*. They reveal to us who Jesus is. What could be seen as a clear reminder of unworthiness and brokenness (water) is transformed into a symbol of rejoicing and presence (wine). Maybe there's something of a new weddedness that is to take place between God and his people once again... in Jesus. Mary's presence and, indeed, her 'instructions' to the servants give us food for our own prayer: do whatever he tells you. The Lord calls us close to him and as we open ourselves up to him, as we seek to encounter him through prayer, we seek to do his will. Prayer can be an abandonment to the will of God, a letting go so as to let God come flooding into our lives. And as we see from the wine at Cana, God always brings an abundance!

OPAS Support Administrator

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Curial Finance Team!

The Diocese is currently rolling out a new online accounting system (OPAS) for all of its 107 parishes. Additional support is needed in the Finance team over the next twelve months to help train and support parishes with the new system, as well as general administrative support within the Finance team to allow other members of the team to work on this project. Full training on OPAS will be provided.

The role is a full-time, fixed term contract for twelve months, salary up to £22,000 depending on experience. Interviews will take place in late January/ early February. Ideally the successful applicant will be in post by the end of February.

The role is based at Alexander House, Bristol but there may occasionally be a need to travel to parishes throughout the Diocese.

The deadline for applications is Monday 28th January.

**All Christians are invited
to a special service of
Praise and Reconciliation**



Wednesday 23rd January 2019

7.00pm

**Our Lady of Lourdes,
Ross Road, Newent**

Guest Speaker: Kate Wyatt,

plus contributions from churches across the area.

**In this week of prayer for Christian Unity we would like to make this
a special evening to share our faith together.**

May this be a great move towards the unity which Jesus calls us to.