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**27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

O Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy name.

**Ministers of the Word** – Joan James – Gillian Johnson

**Ministers of Communion** – Rosa Hockley – Pat Milsom – Debbie Page

No designated Prayer Ministers; but if you have need of Prayer please speak to members of the ministry team.

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

**Steve Ebsworth, Bridget Spencer, Ann Kelly,  
Marjorie Beard, Ruth Wolseley, Paddy Arnold,  
Peter Gibbons, Joan Lumb, Clare Duncanson  
Lou Whitton and Honoria Houghton**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PRAY FOR US**

Please remember the family and friends of Ian King at this time.

## THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIMES

When we come to Mass and gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we come to encounter the Lord who is truly with us, truly among us. In the word that is proclaimed God speaks to his people. The readings are not there just to fill the gaps or stretch out our time together. We truly come to encounter the Lord who reveals himself to us in his word. We find Ezra the priest reading to the people from the book of the Law, reminding God's people that he is with them, he is near to them, close to them, and he loves them. It is Jesus who proclaims God's word to those in the Synagogue at Nazareth. Filled with the Spirit of God, God's very word becomes Jesus' mission – to proclaim Good News, liberty, sight, freedom, God's graciousness. God's still speaks to us in his word. Do we listen? Are we listening? Are we open to what God might be saying to us? Are we open to allowing God to encounter us and draw us into greater friendship with the One who is never far from us?

## THIS WEEK

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am – 3.30pm 6pm	Prinknash Retreat Day Praying with Jesus – you can just go for the talk. Mass - Lydney	Australia Day
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9am 11am	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass - Newent	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	2pm	<b>Faith in Poetry – Good News Bookshop</b>	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	<b>Mass – Coleford followed by Eucharistic Adoration</b>	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	<b>Mass followed by Coffee and Chat</b>	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	10am	<b>Mass Newent</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	9am 9.45am 2pm 7pm	Mass - Sedbury Mother's Prayers at Jen's House Women's World Day of Prayer Preparation Meeting- Una and Tessa Mass - Blaisdon	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	3-4pm 6pm	<b>FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD.</b> Divine Mercy Prayers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Prinknash Abbey Chapel <b>Mass – Coleford (Teas &amp; Coffee)</b>	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9am 11am 2.30pm	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent Film Afternoon - Wonder	

Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19; Ps 70; 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13; Lk 4:21-31

## **PRINKNASH ABBEY**

Divine Mercy Prayers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Prinknash Abbey Chapel 3pm to 4pm. 2nd February

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. We would like a few more and have just finished the Big Picture another CAFÉ bible study. Come and learn more about Mary through the above DVD course.

## **A SNOWDROP STROLL**

### **Ploddy House Farm Newent GL18 1JX**

*The Friends of St Mary's Church Newent*

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 11.30am – 4pm

Admission £5 (to include a cup of soup)

Accompanied children under 12: £3

Please wear suitable footwear.

Well behaved dogs on leads at all times welcome.

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> January.**

## HOSPITALITY ROTA

If you feel you can help with the teas, coffees and cakes on Sundays there is a dated rota on the doors of the kitchen hatch. Please fill it in so that Silvana does not need to worry about this ministry.

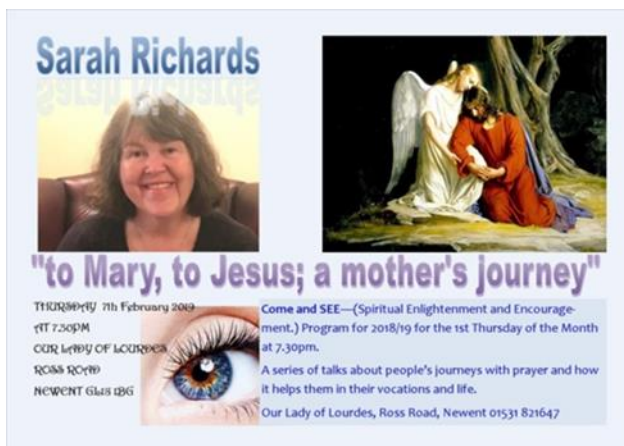
**BANNER GROUP** The banner group met for the first time in January. Whatever we produce it will be produced with prayer. Our idea for our first banner is to express the Love of God for His people and ours for Him. To create this, we would like as many hearts as possible to represent each person in our congregation. So we are asking you to sew, embroider, crochet, knit etc. a heart measuring not less than 4" square (10cm) and not more than 12" (30cm). We hope that you might make use of the cloth from some much-loved item of clothing. We will let you know the closing date, but there is plenty of time for you to create and hand in your heart to: Mary Francis, Chris Roy, Ann Hay or Gail Ebsworth. We are looking forward to receiving your hearts.

## CALL TO PRAYER FESTIVAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday 11<sup>TH</sup> February 2019 at 7pm

We are putting together a prayer and praise we hope that you will be able to come and join us.



The flyer features a portrait of Sarah Richards on the left and a religious painting of the Annunciation on the right. The text includes the name 'Sarah Richards', the title '"to Mary, to Jesus; a mother's journey"', and details about the program: 'THURSDAY 7th February 2019 at 7.30PM OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSS ROAD NEWENT GLAS GBS'. It also mentions 'Come and SEE—(Spiritual Enlightenment and Encouragement.) Program for 2018/19 for the 1st Thursday of the Month at 7.30pm.' and 'A series of talks about people's journeys with prayer and how it helps them in their vocations and life.' The contact information 'Our Lady of Lourdes, Ross Road, Newent 01531 821647' is at the bottom.

## UNITY BREAKFAST AT THE URC ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

Please join the Christians from around this area at the URC for Breakfast. The prices and menu will be available next week but I understand there is a choice of full English or Continental. Numbers are needed so the chefs can supply for everyone. Names needed by 4/02/2019.