



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 15th January 2017 – Second Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 15 Jan	8.30 a.m. Mass: Seamus Doherty (RIP) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL St. Peter's, Gloucester
Mon. 16 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tues. 17 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vera Gweaney (RIP) Followed by Coffee Club	Memorial of St. Anthony
Wed. 18 Jan	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass for World Peace	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thur. 19 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Private Intention	Memorial of St. Wulstan
Fri. 20 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Tommy Neely (RIP)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sat. 21 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Phil Scully (Ints) 9.45 a.m. Confessions until 10.15 a.m. or on request	Memorial of St. Agnes
Sun 22 Jan	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Private Intention COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Aldo Chetcuti (16th), Aaron Flaherty (18th), Kath Mannion (17th), Aiden Cushion (19th), Mona Walsh (19th), Patrick Gribbon (19th), Albert Nutting (20th), Annie Wise (20th), Nancy Duffy (21st), Anthony Chesson (21st) and Howard Morgan (22nd)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS: Pat Crompton, Consolacion De Dios Blanco, Carol Benson, Wynne McGhee, Terry Poole, Ian Vilanueva, Vicky Dunn, Natalie Edwards, Nigel Lamb, Doreen Baker, Anna Ryder, Keian Andersonn, Brian Phillips, Maria Kent, Edith Cull, Christopher Brown, Thomas Jayaseelan, Gordon Palmer, Michelle Cooke, Caitlin Godden, Jo Beamish, Alex Geddes, Maggie Hansell, Joan Geraghty, Bernadette Metcalf, Martin Thomas, Judi Figgures, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, and Peter Kost.



We welcome everyone who is joining us today, and hope that you find it helpful to spend five minutes of silence and reflection before Mass. We pray together...

Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen



WORLD PEACE SUNDAY: We have a vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Pax Christi works for:

Peace – based on justice. A world where human rights are respected, basic needs are met and people feel safe and valued in their communities.

Reconciliation – a process which begins when people try to mend relationships – between individuals or whole countries after times of violence or dispute.

Nonviolence – a way of living and making choices that respects others and offers alternatives to violence and war.

Let us pray, every day, for World Peace:

one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be or one Decade of the Rosary.

Let us offer up this small sacrifice together each day.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 8th January 2017 amounted to £422 +£350 = £772

Thank you so much for your generosity

TODAY our Second Collection is for the White Flower Appeal (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that **"they may be one so that the world may believe"** (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special celebrations and prayer services. Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. **The theme for the week of prayer in 2017 is "Crossing Barriers".**
Please see: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2017/>

THERE WILL BE A CHURCH SECURITY TRAINING SESSION at 10am on Wednesday 18th January in the church to update all volunteers and staff about the new security arrangements and alarm system. Please attend if possible.

SINGING THE PSALM AT MASS is an important part of the liturgy. The Book of Psalms is the only book of the Bible that is used in every Mass. The psalms are songs and need singing. We need new voices to take a turn leading the psalm. If you can consider learning how to go about it, you will receive full support and coaching in singing with confidence. You would not be expected to make a long commitment to choir practices. Tuition could be one to one or in a small group. You would learn your psalm from a recording, so that you can sing along for your own practice. **Veronica Lowe, 856093, veronica@ark-lowe.fsnet.co.uk**

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal TODAY. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: Every year, **from 18th January until 25th January**, the Catholic Church, in conjunction with the World Council of Churches, celebrates the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Churches Together in Churchdown and Innsworth invite you to the following services.

Date	Time	Location	Service/event
Thursday 19 January 2017	10am	Our Lady's	With St Mary's School
Saturday 21 January 2017	9am	Methodist church	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 22 January 2017	5pm	St Johns	Service

Churches Together in Gloucester: There will be a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at **6pm on Sunday 22 January** at *St Augustine of Canterbury RC Church, Matson Lane, Matson, GL4 6DT*. The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017 is Crossing Barriers.

THE NEW PRINKNASH ABBEY PROGRAMME FOR 2017 has opportunities for retreat days at the Abbey every month and a new monthly series of meetings throughout 2017 to explore the history of Christianity in the British Isles, from Roman times to the present. The January dates are as follows: **Retreat day Saturday January 14th 10.30am - 3pm** -theme: following on from the Jubilee Year of Mercy, **"What does the Lord ask of you?"**. **Talk-Exploring the history of Christianity in Britain Sat Jan 21st 10.30-12pm**-**The first Christians in Britain. Exploring faith group Sat Jan 21st 2-4pm:** Exploring the earliest saints of the British Isles ,starting with St Alban and others in Roman Britain. Meetings all start in the meeting room near the cafe. all welcome.

PRAYER & PRAISE Meeting at St. Peters Gloucester: On the **19th January 2017** at 7i.30 p.m. we will be having our monthly Prayer & Praise meeting at St. Peter's church and our guest speaker will be **Sharon Carr** who will be talking on 'I know the plans you have for me'. All welcome.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE – 11 February at 12 noon: Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate Marriage. All are welcome If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married or looking forward to marriage in 2017, then please contact our Marriage and Family Life Coordinator: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or tel 0117 902 5595.

FLAME 2017: As a follow-on to NYS, young people aged 14+ are invited to attend Flame, the largest gathering of Catholic Young people in the UK. Flame takes place on **11th March 2017** in Wembley Arena. To book your place as an individual or as a parish group visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/flame Tickets are selling fast so don't delay!

NIBBLERS GROUP - Whether you're 15 or 50+, ask yourself: Is priesthood on your mind? Want to know a little more about it? Am I being called? We are offering four very relaxed one-off 'nibblers' session around the Diocese for any men interested to know more about priesthood. These will be **19th February** at Holy Rood, Swindon; **5th March** at St Osmond's, Salisbury; **19th March** at St Bonaventure's, Bristol and **2nd April at St Peter's, Gloucester**. The one hour session may give the opportunity for someone to get over the threshold and start to ask the question about priesthood. The emphasis here is just starting a conversation. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex or email vocations@cliftondiocese.com

THE VIANNEY GROUP is a discernment group for men who want to explore more deeply a call to the priesthood alongside other likeminded men. The group meets once a month on a Tuesday evening from 7.15pm to 9.15pm, restarting in February at St Bernadette's Church, 731 Wells Road, Bristol BS14 9HU. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex or email vocations@cliftondiocese.com

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you spare some time to volunteer with **CAFOD and help children and young people** learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for **volunteers in the Bristol Diocese** to visit Catholic schools and parish groups. For further information please contact **Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton on 01179 428 328 or email clifton@cafod.org.uk**

PARTIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS: Our excellent internship scheme provides recently graduated Catholics with an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. This year we're looking to offer up to eight internships, including placements with Christian MPs at Westminster; a parliamentary support role and a media and communications internship both based within the Bishops' Conference Secretariat; and positions with the Catholic Agencies CAFOD and CSAN in social action and public policy roles. All internships run from September 2017 - July 2018 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an [application form](#) can be found on our website: faithinpolitics.org.uk **The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 10 February 2017; the Assessment Days will be 14 and 15 March 2017.** If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND for Young People (18-30ish). **21st - 30th July 2017.** Cost no more than £900. Organised by Downside Abbey and led by Fr Anselm Brumwell OSB. Fr Matt Anscombe will be travelling as Spiritual Director to the pilgrimage. Details can be found at www.downside.co.uk/shop/events/monastery-events/pilgrimage-holy-land/ The full itinerary is here: www.downside.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Itinerary.pdf Spaces are limited and we need to book flights very soon. Bookings can be made on the Downside website.

BAPTISM: If you are seeking Baptism for your child, at Our Lady's, we prepare the parents and Godparents over four sessions. You will be invited to attend Sunday 10:30 Mass followed by an hour's formation session with other families seeking baptism. The sessions are held at St Mary's Primary school. The course is run by catechists who will journey with you during this formation period. **Details of our Baptism Courses during 2017**

Sunday 15th January, 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February, Sunday 23rd April, 30th April, 7th May, 14th May
Sunday 2nd July, 9th July, 16th July, 23rd July, Sunday 24th September, 1st October, 8th October, 15th October

Please phone or email the Parish Office to register for the course, to arrange a date for the baptism and to obtain a baptism application form. Telephone: 01452 713254 Email: ourladys.churchdown@cliftondiocese.com

COFFEE & CAKE FOR PARENTS/CARERS (babies and toddlers also catered for with snacks and toys)
Every Wednesday during term time: 9am – 10.30am in Church Hall. Pop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake straight after the morning school run! A chance to meet and catch up with other parents from school in a relaxed and friendly setting. Suggested donation of £1.



INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (**RCIA**) is a process which is primarily aimed at people who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith. Please see Fr. Kevin or Jackie Bailey if you would like more information. **Meetings are every Tuesday evening during Term Time.**



PARISH CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK GROUP - fortnightly 9am-11am. Upcoming dates: 16th Jan, 30th Jan.

Do you like to knit, sew or crochet? Would you like to chat with other likeminded people to share ideas and gain in confidence in any craft? Have you wanted to learn a new craft but not sure where to start or need a little confidence boost? This new group in the parish hall of Our Lady's Churchdown is the perfect place. It has evolved into a relaxed, friendly & supportive group. People of all ages and abilities come for a cuppa & chat whilst working on their own craft. Please bring yourselves, any materials you may need and a suggested £2.50 donation per session (towards refreshments and up keep of hall) Organiser Natalie Edwards 01452 678565 or e-mail natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk Details can also be found on Our Lady's Parish website.



FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community) – A Christian Association that brings together people with special needs, their families and friends. **Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month – next meeting Sunday 5th February at 3pm** in Our Lady's church hall, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown. Contact Fr. Kevin by email kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com or on 01452 713254 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com

OUR LADY'S SVP GROUP: Members are volunteers who are happy to give their time to serve others wherever possible - visiting the housebound, lonely and sick; offering lifts and helping in a variety of ways.



Contact number can be found on the SVP leaflets in the Narthex or please contact us on: **01452-713254.**

Monthly meetings for members will be held in the Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH starting in January 2017.

May we draw your attention to our blue SVP Collection Box for anyone wishing to contribute to the work of the Society.

Thank you most sincerely for your continued very generous donations

VOCATION MATTERS: 15 Jan 2017 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'It's rude to point', say parents to their inquisitive young children. To point to someone is to single them out, so that they stand out from the crowd. As followers of Christ, we are called to point to Him working through us. Whatever our vocation, at its heart is that drive to single Jesus out in the midst of the pain and chaos of the world, as well as within its beauty and joy. It's not rude to point to Jesus. He wants to be singled out as the one who gives us life and meaning.



200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP



The 200 club has been a massive success since its inception in April 2013. As we approach our 5th year we can confirm that to date we have given out a total of £26,000 in prizes and a further £26,000 has been given to the Parish.

As a result of the money received by the Parish, a number of upgrades to the infrastructure of the Church and other improvements has been possible. This could not have been achieved without the support of "YOU", our 200 club members, and I should like to thank you personally. Please continue to support the 200 club. *Fr Kevin*

Anyone wishing to become a member please call **Paddy on Glos 309004** for further information. You can pay annually, monthly by Standing order, or cash. Each ticket number is £5 per month or £60 for the year. Currently we have a monthly draw consisting of 3 draws; £230, £120 and £60. In addition we have a summer draw and a Christmas draw each approx. £1000 total. The saying goes *if you aint in it, YOU cannot win IT. Paddy*



MEDITATION GROUP

Friday's at 1.00pm

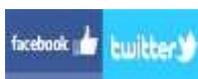
Our Lady's Church Hall. **All welcome**



If you would like to join our **200 CLUB** please contact Paddy on Glos. 309004 or e-mail: the.parish.office



formally recognised as a Fairtrade Parish by CAFOD



'Like' our new page on Facebook ~ Our Lady's Churchdown and follow us on Twitter churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com

Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Thomas. Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.15am – 12pm.

Please submit items for the Bulletin to the Presbytery by WEDNESDAY.

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