



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Churchdown, Gloucester

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Sunday 6 th January 2019 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 6th Jan. The Epiphany of the Lord	8.30 am Mass: Cristina Int. & Bernard Thomas RIP 10.30 am Mass: Pro Populo 12 noon: Baptism	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 7th Jan. <i>Monday after Epiphany</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mass:	Craft and Coffee Group after Mass All welcome
Tues. 8th Jan. Tuesday after Epiphany	9:15 am Mass: John Tumilty Int	Coffee and tea after Mass All welcome
Wed. 9th Jan. <i>Wednesday after Epiphany</i>	6:30 pm: Exposition 7.00 pm Mass: Keyna Ffield RIP	SVP Group – 1 st Wed of mth at 6.30pm Private Hire – 2 nd Weds of mth 6.30pm
Thur. 10th Jan. <i>Thursday after Epiphany</i>	9:00 am: Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mass:	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please contact the office: 01452 713254
Fri. 11th Jan. <i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	9:15 am Mass: St Mary's School Mass	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 12th Jan. <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	9:00am. Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: 9.45 – 10.15 am Confessions	PRIVATE HIRE 1.30pm – 4pm
Sun. 13th Jan. <i>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	8.30 am Mass: 10.30 am Mass: Pro Populo	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers

Anniversaries: Bill Leonard (6th), Winnie Callaghan (6th), Bryan Isaac-Harris (6th), Linda Sylvia Rogers (6th), Baby Stevie Hickey (6th), Kathleen Clark (7th), Jimmy Tierney (7th), Catherine Twohig (8th), Catherine Whyte (8th), Oscar Awino (8th), Julie Anne Doyle (8th), Patric Duffy (9th), Henri-Etta Marian Montaut (9th), Betty Eileen Falconer (9th), Vincent Dennis (10th), Monica Greyston (10th), John Lavine (10th), Eve Whalley (11th), Leonard Cowen (12th), Mario Fierro (12th), Andrew Philip Preece (12th), Annie (Auntie Peg) Arkell (13th), Raymond Vose (14th), Lily Richardson (14th)

Prayers for the sick: Pat Crompton, Consolacion De Dios Blanco, Carol Benson, Wynn McGhee, Terry Poole, Ian Vilanueva, Vicky Dunn, Natalie Edwards, Nigel Lamb, Doreen Baker, Kieran Anderson, Brian Phillips, Maria Kent, Edith Cull, Christopher Brown, Thomas Jayaseelan, Gordon Palmer, Michelle Cooke, Caitlin Godden, Alex Geddes, Maggie Hansell, Joan Geraghty, Bernadette Metcalf, Martin Thomas, Rebecca Lansdown, Peter Long, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Nathan Wright, Carol While, Geraldine Armitage.



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 the Diocesan Prayer together:

God our Father open the horizons of our minds and hearts so that we can see what hope your call holds for us. Pour out the overflowing gifts of your Spirit so that we, your church, may become a people of hope for our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Woman of Hope, pray for us. St. Peter, Rock of Hope, pray for us. St Paul, Apostle of Hope, pray for us.

Epiphany

On this Feast of the Epiphany we hear how king Herod summons the wise men to see him privately ‘and sent them on to Bethlehem.’ Herod points the wise men in the direction of Jesus but he does not go there himself. In celebrating the birth of the Lord we must be careful that our lives are not like that, pointing the way to Christ but not making the journey ourselves. In the Year of Prayer we are called to draw near to Jesus, to make the journey, as the wise men did, which leads us to kneel and adore the Christ child who has himself journeyed from his Father’s side to bring us salvation.

Requiescat in pace: *Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Furphy who has died. Please remember too, his family and friends at this difficult time. His funeral will be on Tuesday 22nd January, at 10.30 am.*

“May He Rest In Peace”

Prinknash Abbey 2019

All are welcome to the 2019 Prinknash Abbey Talks, Retreat Days, Exploring Faith Meetings and the Monthly Year of Prayer Hour led by Father Abbot Martin OSB, which begin in January. See Posters on the Church Notice Board for details of each event.

The History of the Church – This series of talks takes place one Saturday a month from 10:30am – 12:00pm (the same day as Faith Sessions) in the meeting room adjacent to the Abbey Bookshop. The first talk is on The Apostolic Age: The First Century on 12th Jan. In the group Abbot Martin encourages you to broaden and deepen your understanding of the Church by focussing on some of the main aspects of its history. All welcome.

Exploring Faith – The Saturday Group meets once a month (12th Jan.) from 2-4pm in the meeting room adjacent to the Abbey Bookshop. It is led by Abbot Martin and Dr Sarah Richards and is open to anyone interested in exploring aspects of the Catholic Faith through discussion and using art, music, scripture, poetry and prayer. A timetable can be found on the church notice board. The first session explores the origins of the early church. See Posters for Details.

Hospital stay: *It is essential that individuals and families let either the parish or the chaplaincy know if somebody is in hospital. To leave a message on the chaplaincy answer phone, call 0300 422 4286 for Cheltenham or 0300 422 6200 for Gloucester, stating clearly the name of the Catholic Patient, and, if known, what ward they are on. If you are able to see a priest and receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go into hospital, please do so.*

Baptism Preparation 2019: If you are seeking Baptism for your child here at Our Lady's, please phone or email the Parish Office to register for the next preparation course, to arrange a date for the baptism and to obtain a baptism application form. The dates for 2019 are:

13th Jan / 20th Jan / 27th Jan / 3rd Feb

28th April / 5th May / 12th May / 19th May

15th Sept / 22nd Sept / 29th Sept / 6th Oct

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019: If you are in the Y9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next summer, please complete an enrollment form which are available in the Church Narthex. Please complete and return to the Parish Office with the copy of your baptismal certificate (not required if baptised at O.L.O.P.S.) **A meeting for candidates and parents will be arranged in the New Year 2019.**

200 CLUB DRAWS – DECEMBER 2018: The lucky winners in the December draw are;

PRIZE	AMOUNT	WINNER	TICKET NO
1 ST	£230	B. SMYTH	88
2nd	£120	M. STRACHAN	63
3 RD	£60	T. McLOUGHLIN	17

Clifton Diocese – Vocations Ministry: Inviting men of all ages to come and join to the priesthood enquirers’ meetings which will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday 17th February from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm in the Apostle Room. A conversation is an opportunity for any men who wish to find out more about priesthood or encourage in the best way any man wondering whether God is calling him in this direction. The meeting will be straight after the 11.15 am Mass. For more information: vocations@cliftondiocese.com Flyers are available in the Church Narthex.

Gloucestershire City Mission: Out of Ashes Fundraising Concert - Jazz, R&B and Blues with Gospel Roots: Gospel Choir Workshop and a chance to join in at concert on Sat., 19 January from 1pm – 4 pm. Please book your ticket (£20); Sat., 2 February 7.30 pm at Kingfisher Church, Moor St, Gloucester GL1 4 NJ (£5 a ticket)

Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please submit items for the Bulletin to the Presbytery by WEDNESDAY. *If you would like to receive a weekly electronic version of this bulletin, please email: churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com*

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