



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 2 nd April 2017 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT		
Sun 2 April	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Frederick James Stokes (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction	DPL: Swindon, St. Mary with Highworth
Mon. 3 April	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Tues. 4 April	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Ludovit Farula (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after Mass	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Wed. 5 April	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. Mass: Gloucestershire SVP Groups	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Thur. 6 April	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass with St. Mary's School: Margaret West-Sadler (Ints)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Fri. 7 April	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Angela Ryan (RIP) 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Sat.8 April	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Denis Edmonds (Anniv) CONFESSIONS: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Sun 9 April	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Jonny Connors (RIP) and wife Bridey and family (Ints) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

Irene Murphy (2nd), David O'Mahoney (2nd), William Woods (3rd), Richard Lynn (4th), Ian Collinson (4th), Ludovit Farula (4th), Lawrence Montagu (5th), John O'Connor (7th), Josephine Mullaney (7th), Jean Kirk (7th), Eric Creasey (7th), John Lewis (8th) and Kathleen Phethean (9th)

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, Peter Kost and Margaret West-Sadler



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...**

God of power and mercy, bless us with a spirit of prayer and repentance this Lent. Help us to work with You in making all things new in Christ. Amen

WELCOME...

Today we welcome Br Eddie Slawinski MHM to our parish who will talk to us about **APF-Mill Hill** and their Missionary work. **This is a 'thank you'; not an appeal for money.** Parishioners can find out more about APF-Mill Hill and the Red Mission Box next Sunday or visit www.mission.org.uk or www.millhillmissionaries.com



Through Baptism we welcomed **Rex Gill** into the Church last week and pray that he and his family will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.

R.I.P.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Yolanda Chetcuti who died recently.
Please remember too, her family and friends at this difficult time.
There will be a Funeral Service (not Mass) for Yolanda on Thursday 6th April 2017
at 1.30 p.m. here at Our Lady's
"May She Rest In Peace"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 26th March 2017 amounted to £567 + £350 = £917

Our Easter Flowers collection amounted to £117

CAFOD Fast Day collection amounted to £822

CAFOD East Africa Collection amounted to £83 + £200 from our parish crisis fund = £283

Thank you for your generosity

200 CLUB DRAW: The March draw took place on **Sunday 19 March** and the lucky winners were:



PRIZE	AMOUNT	WINNER	TICKET NO
1 ST	£230	Margaret West- Sadler	5
2 ND	£120	Gary Nute	27
3 RD	£60	David Holtham	120

EASTER LITURGIES: If you are willing to take part as a Reader or as a Collector, or help with the Offertory at any of our Easter Liturgies on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or the Easter Vigil, and are willing to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday, **please sign up on the sheets available on the Narthex table** or email the parish office to let us know which services you will be attending. Thank you. Email: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com



RECONCILIATION: Celebrating the Father's Mercy		
Wednesday 5 th April	St. Peter's, Gloucester	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 11th April	Our Lady's, Churchdown	7.00 p.m.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT OUR LADY'S 2017

Stations of the Cross will be at 7.00 p.m. on Fridays.

On Sundays during Lent there will be Evening Prayer & Benediction at 4.00 pm

IN LENT: the word *Alleluia* is not used in the Church's liturgy but is 'saved' for the great Easter Vigil where it is sung again with joy. The *Gloria* is not said during Lent (except on certain Feasts e.g. The Annunciation). There are no flowers in Church during Lent and from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil statues and pictures are covered in the Church. The liturgical colour for Lent is Purple or Violet.

PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE OF BULLETIN FOR SERVICE AND TIMES



SERVING AT EASTER: I would like to ask that as many servers as possible to think about assisting at the main services of the Triduum - Maundy Thursday - **13th April**, Good Friday - **14th April** and the Easter Vigil on Saturday - **15th April**. Each of these services is very special and it is great when we have a good number of servers on the sanctuary. Before each service there will be a practice: Please let Fr. Kevin or Elizabeth in the parish office know if you intend to be serving. Many thanks – **Peter Walsh**

Day/date	Practice time	Service time
Maundy Thursday: 13 th April	10.30am Thursday	7.30pm Thursday
Good Friday: 14 th April	2.45pm Friday	3pm Friday
Holy Saturday: 15 th April	10.30am THURSDAY	8pm Saturday

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: Talk on **Tuesday 4 April at 7.45pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Chelt., GL53 9AU. **Fr. David Mills, Parish Priest of St Gregory's will speak to us on The Church of the Holy Sepulchre & the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.** All welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

CHRISM MASS ON WEDNESDAY 12th April – Coach details; Approx 48 seat coach picking up at **8.30 a.m.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown, **8.45 a.m.** at St Peter's, London Rd, Glos GL1 3EX - **(Please pick up in the lay-by opposite outside the old Courts building)** and **9.00 a.m.** at English Martyrs, Tuffley GL4 0NX and transfer the party to SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Clifton Park, Bristol BS8 3BX. **Return journey at 12.45pm approx.** £5 per adult, children free. To reserve a seat on the coach please either add your name and contact details to the list in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office on 01452 713254 or email churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

TAIZE BIRMINGHAM: Hidden Treasure – Inner Life and Solidarity. Full weekend open to 16-35 year olds – **Friday 28 April – Monday 1 May 2017.** One day programme also available and city centre prayers. Please see poster in the Narthex for further details or visit www.taize.fr/birmingham to register.

DIOCESAN EVENTS: Visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry **TAIZE GATHERING** – Hidden Treasure: **Sat. 29th April.** Registrations to be returned by Thurs 30th March 2017. **YOUTH CONGRESS: Saturday 20th May.** Catechists, Youth leaders, clergy, teachers and chaplains and all those interested in Youth Ministry are invited to our Diocesan Youth Congress at St Brendan's College, Bristol BS4 5RG. **YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO LONDON: 17th – 25th Aug 2017.** If you are aged 16+ in August, come and join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a young helper, serving and accompanying the pilgrimage. Cost £490 pp with funding support available.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017: Bishop Declan invites you to join him on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **Friday 18th – 25th August 2017.** Coach and Jumbulance leave from St Teresa's Filton on **Thursday 17th August 2017.** For further information please see poster in the Narthex or contact Pilgrimage Director, Deacon Dave Wakefield, tel 07711834800 or email lourdes@cliftondiocese.com



HOSPITAL STAY:- If you are going in to hospital please let us know. If you are able to see Fr. Kevin and receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to hospital, please do so.



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.**

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** 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



BAPTISM: If you are seeking Baptism for your child, at Our Lady's, we prepare 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. 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 Baptism Courses during 2017:** * 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: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com



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



OUR LADY'S SVP GROUP: Monthly meetings for members will be held in the Church Hall at 6.30 p.m.
on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

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

VOCATION MATTERS: *"People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God" (Romans 8:8)*

"Garbage in, garbage out", refers to how computers, since they work by logical processes, will process flawed input and produce nonsensical output. The spiritual life can make the most of garbage input but, on the whole, we need to sift out those things which don't bring us life. The output we are seeking is a deep sense of connectedness to the Lord and awareness of God's call in our lives. If this is what we want, let us ditch the dross and focus on quality input – the Word of God, the Sacraments and faithfulness to prayer.



OUR LADY'S PARISH CRAFT GROUP is a relaxed and friendly environment. We have decided to support a local charity each year. This year it will be the marvellous charity 'Footsteps' Counselling and Care. Every penny raised by or for 'Footsteps' goes straight back into the provision of free counselling for the people of Gloucestershire who have been affected by any pregnancy related issues: miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death to infertility or ante/post natal depression. All their qualified counsellors are registered with a professional body BACP. They are required to have one and a half hours of professional supervision per month at a cost of £45 per month (reduced rate) per counsellor. They have 6 counsellors and 1 student so quite a monthly bill to meet! They also have a lovely charity shop in Westgate street, Glos. that houses the counselling room and office but the rent however is **HUGE!!** Counsellors give their time voluntarily. I will be in the school playground under the main shelter on **Sunday 9th April and 16th April** to receive any of your unwanted bric-a-brac, adults clothes, good quality baby equipment, handmade or good quality saleable baby/children's clothes, blankets and books etc. We would be so grateful for your generosity and support. Every item will be delivered personally by one of our parishioners and craft member Anna Anderson (Chair of trustees for 'Footsteps'). If interested in coming along to the Craft group, we meet fortnightly on a Monday 9-11am. It is a perfect opportunity for you to have time out in the busy week to either learn a new skill or work on that craft project that you've been meaning to start/finish. It's open to everyone of any age and ability. We have tea, coffee, cake etc. There is no charge for the sessions however donations are very welcome towards refreshments and the up-keep of the hall. Just bring yourselves and any materials you may need (patterns, books/magazines and swap box available).
Up-coming dates: 10th April, 24th April, 8th May and 22nd May. Look forward to seeing you there! Natalie Edwards.

FOODBANK: Everyone in this parish is always very generous with the Gloucester Foodbank. Here is the latest list of items needed – **Tinned rice pudding, packet mash, tinned fruit, packet noodles, jars of jam, tinned cold meat, powdered baby milk (Aptamil or SMA 0-6mths), toilet rolls, shampoo.** – donations of food can be placed in basket/box in Narthex and our parish representative will deliver them to the Foodbank.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: There will be two Reconciliation practice sessions for those children who DO NOT attend St Mary's Primary School. Your child will need to attend ONE of the sessions in the Presbytery at 5pm on **EITHER Wednesday 26th April OR Tuesday 2nd May.** Please contact the parish office to tell us which session you will be attending. Email: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH: Many thanks to everyone who joined us for our Lent Lunch on Saturday 18th March in the Church Hall. We all had a most enjoyable time together with good soup and good company – even some delicious cake! We raised £113.00 in donations for the Church in Need. Thank you for your generosity. J&P Group

[PRINKNASH ABBEY:](http://www.prinknashabbey.org) Information available at www.prinknashabbey.org

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

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@parish.cliftondiocese.com

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9th April

Masses at 8.30am. and 10.30am.

Distribution and Blessing of Palms at both Masses

Evening Prayers & Benediction at 4.00pm

HOLY WEEK

Mon 10th April – Morning Prayer 9.00am, Mass 9.15am

Tue 11th April – Morning Prayer 9.00am, Mass 9.15am

Wed 12th April

CHRISM MASS (at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol) - 11.00am

Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm

followed by Mass at 7.30pm (both at Our Lady's)

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – 13th April

7.30pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WATCHING at the Tabernacle from 9.00 – 10.45pm

Night Prayer at 10.45pm.

Good Friday – 14th April

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Good Friday Walk to St. Bartholomew's on the Hill

starting from outside Innsworth Junior School

& the Innsworth Community Hall, at 9am

due to leave Our Lady's Car Park. at 9.40 am approx

3.00pm – CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Retiring Collection for Lenten Alms and places in the Holy Land

7.00pm - Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday 15th April

8.00pm - MASS OF THE VIGIL OF EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY – 16th April

Masses of Easter Day: - 8.30am and 10.30am