



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 29th April 2018 – Fifth Week of Easter.		
DPL: Immaculate Conception Stroud with Bisley, Brownhill, Painswick and More Hall, Randwick		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 29nd April <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass Baptism Preparation session in St Mary's school following 10:30 am Mass	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 30th April	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mass	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
Tues. 1st May	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mass	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 2nd May <i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	6:30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Mass	Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group All welcome - term time 9am – 11am SVP Group – 1 st Wed of mth at 6.30pm Justice & Peace – 1 st Weds of mth 7.30pm Private Hire – 2 nd Weds of mth 6.30pm
Thur. 3rd May <i>Feast of Saints Philip and James, apostles</i>	9:00 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mass	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please phone the parish office: 01452 713254
Fri. 4th May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	9:00 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mass	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 5th May	9:00 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mass 9:45-10:15am Confessions 12 noon Baptism: Daniel Manka	PRIVATE HIRE 2pm – 4pm
Sun. 6th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass & Baptism Archie Hopson 12 noon Baptism: Thea Saunders	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers
Anniversaries: Anthony Padden (29 th), Christopher John Weir (1 st), Charles Vane (2 nd), John Swann (2 nd), James Coughlan (2 nd), David Croft (2 nd), Susan Godfrey (3 rd), Margaret Swann (3 rd), Angela Cosh (4 th), Julia Poole (4 th), Paul Pinnington (4 th), Joseph Searls (6 th), Kathleen Theresa Veronica Clapton (6 th), Dominic Cullen (6 th), Leslie Hughes (6 th)
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, Anna Ryder, Keian Andersonn, 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, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Nathan Wright, Carol While, Theresa Cooper, Geraldine Armitage and Pat O'Connor.



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 reigns 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 22nd April 2018 amounted to £316+ £489 = £805. Thank you for your generosity. Sunday 13th there will be a Second Collection for the World Communications Sunday. Leaflet available to be collected.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

There's a closeness spoken of in this Sunday's gospel, a closeness that comes from opening oneself to Christ. Christ wants us to be at home with him and to make of ourselves *his* dwelling place. And that can be the challenging thing! We have to be comfortable with him as our guest and we have to be comfortable with having him at the centre of our lives. It may not be an easy thing to make room for Christ and to let him in. When he does make himself at home there is a certain pruning that has to be done. As the divine gardener, Christ prunes us – not to hurt us – but to remove what is dead in us only so that with him at home within us others come to encounter his nearness through us, through our witness, through our love, through our care and compassion...because it is Christ in us reaching out to them.

Please follow the links below to find interesting and useful resources:

Videos – A Year of St Mark: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/future-full-hope/a-year-with-st-mark/>

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

<http://www.cliftondiocese.com/presentation-year-mission-resource-clifton-cathedral-29-november/>

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Year of Mission presentation and reflection planned at 7pm on 17th May.

The Solemnity of Ascension is no longer celebrated on the 7th Sunday OF Easter. It is been moved to the Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter, the 10th of May. This allow us to keep the nine days NOVENA before Pentecost. It remains a Holy Day of obligation. There will be two Masses: Wednesday the 9th at 7pm and Thursday the 10th at 9.15 am.

Pentecost Retreat 'Holiness for Normal People.' Led by Fr. Aidan Murray S.D.B. 18th – 20th May at Brownhill, GL6 8AL
Cost: £85. Please contact : Tom Heseltine 01989 750665 See poster for more details

Network – FOODBANK Thank you to everybody who supports the foodbank. Copies of the current Newsletter are available in the narthex.

Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays in the parish hall. It enables the younger children to hear the Word of God at their level. It is an enjoyable and rewarding ministry. If you would like to join the team and assist with helping the children to understand the Gospel please give your name to Fr. Paul.



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 2018: * 29th April / 6th May / 13th May / 20th May * 9th Sept / 16th Sept / 23rd Sept / 30th Sept * **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@cliftondiocese.com

Would you like to become part of Our Lady's Baptism Preparation team? We are looking for new people to journey alongside the families who are seeking Baptism for their children. It is very relaxed course, giving the parents a chance to think about what being part of the Church means for them and their families.

Our next course starts 29th April. If you think this might be something you would like to get involved in, why not come along and see what it is all about?

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Wadley via the parish office.

PRINKNASH EVENTS: April 29th 3pm: **Rosary on the Coast UK.** Come and join us at Prinknash in the Monastery Chapel.
May 5th 11am-2:30 pm: Divine Mercy Retreat Day - Theme: The Power of Prayer - led by Father Abbot Martin McLaughlin O.S.B. 11:00am: Mass in Meeting Room- Break for lunch - either own packed lunch, or purchase from Monastery Cafe. 1.00pm to 2.30pm: Talk and Prayers.

May 12th: The Gospel of John - Father Abbot Martin McLaughlin O.S.B. - 10.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room- 2.00pm-4.00pm "Exploring the Essentials of Catholicism" - Dr. Sarah Richards

A REMINDER FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE: Sunday 6th May, 6pm at St. Bartholomew.

GREEN CRISIS FUND BOXES: On Sunday 6th May the fund boxes will be empty after Mass.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES EVENTS 3rd May 2018- 7.30 pm: Our Lady of Lourdes is starting a monthly evening of music and talk to share faith and encouragement. The first one is on the 3rd May 2018 at 7.30 pm with our own visiting priest FR John Eze, he is going to tell us about his spiritual journey and how prayer is important to him. We have arranged speaker for the first Thursday of each month for the next year. Perhaps you would like to share our journey and see where God take us as we learn of other people's experiences in faith and prayer.

FAITH AND LIGHT (Gloucetershire) 6th May 3pm in English Martyrs Church, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley GL4 0NX. At the following gathering on Sunday 3rd June we will start at 1pm, weather permitting, at The Gloucester Athletic Club, Poplar Cl, Gloucester GL1 5TX for 'Pedal', on disabled cycles and a 'Picnic' before 'Praise' and fun at English Martyrs. It is essential to pre-book the Pedal and Picnic in advance by contacting either Cheri cheri.steele@mail.com or Fr Gerry gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com or 01452 412702. We are in need of a selection of Raffle and Tombola Prizes - toys, gifts, beauty items and eatable items, please leave these in the porch of the Church marked for Faith and Light. (Faith and Light is a Christian Association that brings together people with special needs of all ages, their families and friends for fun, food and faith sharing.)

MICHAEL PERHAM UNIVERSITY CATHEDRAL LECTURE

Church of England Reader, theologian and writer Dr Paula Gooder presents the annual Michael Perham University Cathedral Lecture at **Gloucester Cathedral on 5 June.**

Currently the Director for Mission and Development in the Birmingham Diocese, Dr Gooder is passionate about igniting enthusiasm for reading The Bible today, and making scholarship accessible.

The event starts with refreshments in the Chapter House from 6.15pm, and the lecture starts at 7pm in the Quire.

To book your free place, please visit <https://cathedral-lecture-2018.eventbrite.co.uk> or telephone 01242 714527.

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 Glastonbury and Salisbury areas** 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**

CAFOD school volunteers needed!

Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers in the Glastonbury and Salisbury areas** to give a short presentation or talk about the work of CAFOD and **inspire children and young people** to make a difference. For further information please contact **Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton on 01179 428 328 or email clifton@cafod.org.uk.**

ADVERT FOR CHAIR OF TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION. Due to the retirement of our current Chair of Trustees, Gloucester City Mission is looking for a new Chairperson who has desire to serve Christ in our city and a heart for the lost and hurting. This is an unpaid role that will require overseeing the legalities of running a charitable organisation and facilitating the bi-monthly meetings of the trustee board. Ideally, the right candidates have knowledge and understanding of working with the homeless but essentially, they will have great communication skills, the time to liaise regularly with the GCM manager and other trustees and have the vision to see the work of the mission develop and flourish. If you are interested please send a CV and covering letter of why you would like to be considered for this role, to ollie.bennet@kftseekers.org.uk or post to Ollie Bennett, Gloucester City Mission, The George Whitfield Centre, 107 Great Western Road, Gloucester GL1 3NP.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 1 May at 7.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **John Smith will speak to us on Encounters with Animists.** All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free)

PUBLICATIONS Bible Alive, May issue £2:50, My Day By Day, May edition FREE, Walk With Me

HOSPITAL STAY: The Hospital Chaplains have no way of checking if a particular person is in hospital. Therefore, it is essential that individuals and families let either the parish or the chaplaincy know if somebody is in hospital and Father Frank can follow it up. To leave a message on the chaplaincy answer phone, kindly call 0300 422 4286 for Cheltenham or 0300422 6200 for Gloucester, stating clearly the name of the Catholic Patient, and, if known, what ward they are on. If you know that you are going in to hospital, please ask one of the Priests to give you the Sacrament of the Sick before going in.



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Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please submit items for the Bulletin to the Presbytery by WEDNESDAY.

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