



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 30th April 2017 – Third Week of Easter

Sun 30 April	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Laurence Montagu (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: Sacred Heart, Tisbury with Wardour
Mon. 1 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations for the Priesthood and Religious Life	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Tues. 2 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Nora Weatherspoon (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after Mass	<i>Memorial of St. Athanasius</i>
Wed. 3 May	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. Mass: Cecilia Burke (Ints)	<i>Feast of Saints Philip and James</i>
Thur. 4 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	<i>Feast of English Martyrs</i>
Fri. 5 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Kim and Ian Wright (Ints)	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Sat. 6 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Private intention Confessions: 9.445 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>

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

Christopher Weir (1st May), Charles Vane (1st), John Swann (2nd), James Coughlan (2nd), David Croft (2nd), Susan Godfrey (3rd), Margaret Shaw (3rd), Angela Cosh (4th), Julia Poole (4th), Paul Pinnington (4th), Joseph Searls (6th), Kathleen Clapton (6th) Dominic Cullen (6th) and Leslie Hughes (6th)

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:

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. **Amen**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 23rd April 2017 amounted to £502 + £350 = £852

Thank you for your generosity

NEXT WEEK there will be a Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Gift Aid - Increase of Personal Tax Allowance from 6th April 2017

The income tax threshold has been increased this year to £11,500. This may mean that some existing Gift Aid donors will fall below this threshold and will not be paying tax and therefore will not be eligible to Gift Aid their donations. If this should apply to anyone in the Parish who is currently making Gift Aid Donations, could you please contact me. Thank you. Carol Magill (Parish Gift Aid Administrator) cazzamagill@live.co.uk 01452-714461 07793110284



Through Baptism we welcome Isabel McMahon and Starla Moran into the Church last week and pray that they and their families will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 7th is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. To mark this, we are inviting you to engage in 24 Hours for Vocations, also known as 24H4V. 24H4V is an opportunity for the diocese to storm Heaven with our prayers and offerings for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, as well as supporting our seminarians and all who are discerning their call in life. 24H4V is not all about sitting and praying! Perhaps you might offer 24 hours of work or some activity for these 24 intentions. For more information visit <http://www.cliftdioecese.com/departments/vocations-2/24-hours-vocations/>

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: If Your child has not yet attended a Reconciliation Practice Session, he/she will need to attend in the Presbytery at 5.00 p.m. on **Tuesday 2nd May**. Please contact the parish office to inform us. Email: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftdioecese.com

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 2 May at 7.45pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Mr John Huntriss will speak to us on Contradictions in the Bible. Please bring a Bible with you.** All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

STROUD CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: A reminder that Stroud Prayer Group is meeting on **Wednesday 3rd May!** Please note the change of day! We will begin an evening of Praise and Worship at 7.30 p.m. We will have praise and worship and sharing of all the wonderful things the risen Lord is doing in our lives! Please come along, it would be great to see YOU!

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.cliftdioecese.com or on 01452 713254 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com **NEXT MEETING SUNDAY (7th May)**



IGNITE: Praise and worship evening at St. Peter's R.C. High School on **Friday 5th May** at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 50p (pay on the door). Students will be sharing their experiences of going to Flame and Kintbury Retreat Centre also. We will hear the video testimony of Lacrae an American Rapper – an inspirational story for all! Everyone is welcome.

A DAY WITH MARY: Cathedral Church of SS Peter & Paul, Bristol, **Saturday 6th May 2017** starting at 10am (please bring a packed lunch). Please see poster in the Narthex for more information or visit www.adaywithmary.org

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE: Come and celebrate Christian Aid Week at St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street, Gloucester on **Friday 19 May 2017. 1.00 pm** (40 minute service). Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. **Adele Owen**, Director of GARAS, will speak about the challenges faced by refugees today, alongside recent refugees who will share their own stories.
Organised by Gloucester Christian Aid Group

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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.

DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY – including formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 1st July at St Brendan's college, Brislington, Bristol. **FREE. The day seeks to draw a diocesan family (not just families) together** in prayer, in formation and reflections. Keynote speakers, workshops and sessions for all ages. The day begins at 10.15am and concludes with Mass at 4pm. Please see the posters and leaflets available in the Narthex or visit www.cliftondiocese.com

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

YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 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. Visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry

PRINKNASH ABBEY –MAY EVENTS: Saturday 6th May: 10.30am-3pm: Retreat Day: The Story and Message of Fatima. **Saturday 13th May:** 10.30am--2.45pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Day - 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the Fatima Apparitions (10.30am-11.30am: Talk. 12noon: Mass in the Chapel. 2.30pm: Chaplet at the Grotto). **Saturday 20th May:** 10.30am-12noon: History of Christianity in Britain - The Conversion of the Anglo-Saxons. 2pm-4pm: Exploring Faith-St.Augustine of Canterbury, St.Thomas a Becket; History of Canterbury. Further Information at www.prinknashabbey.org Meetings all start in the Meeting Room next to the Cafe.

INNSWORTH SUMMER CLUB - Organised by Churches Together in Churchdown and Innsworth on Monday 21st to Friday 25th August, Innsworth Community Hall: Following the success of the 2016 Summer Club, we are beginning to plan an event for 2017. We will need lots of volunteers, so please put the dates in your diary if you might be able to help. **How can you help?** By praying... By volunteering to help at the Club - with the children, in the kitchen, or clearing up after sessions... By offering to help with the preparation... By making a donation – last year's event cost a total of £1,130 to run. Donations from Innsworth Infant and Junior Schools, Innsworth Parish Council, and Tesco were important, but the Club would not have been possible without donations from individuals and fundraising events at each of the four local churches



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.**



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.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com

OUR LADY'S PARISH CRAFT GROUP 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).
Dates: 8th May and 22nd May. Natalie Edwards.



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



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.

A big Thank You to everyone involved in the preparations throughout the Lent and Easter season – without the growing number of volunteers we are blessed with in this parish, much would be left undone.

Fr Kevin would like to say a **special Thank You** for the lovely Easter greetings and very generous offerings he received this year.



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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.

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