



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 9th April 2017 – Sixth Sunday of Lent		
Sun 9 April	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Jonny Connors (RIP) and wife Bridey & family (Ints) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction	DPL: St. Peter, Swindon and Sacred Heart, Wootton Bassett
Mon. 10 April	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life	Monday of Holy Week
Tues. 11 April	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: William Kinsella (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after Mass	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wed. 12 April	11.00 a.m. CHRISM MASS at Clifton Cathedral 7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. Mass: Lizzy Rayapen (Ints)	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thur. 13 April	7.30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper: Bill Cahill (Anniv) 9.00–10.45 p.m. Watching at the Tabernacle 10.45 p.m. Night Prayer	Thursday of the Lord's Supper Maunder Thursday
Fri. 14 April	9.00 a.m. Good Friday Walk of Witness 3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Friday of the Passion of the Lord Good Friday Day of Fast & Abstinence
Sat.15 April	8.00 p.m. Mass of the Vigil of Easter	Holy Saturday
Sun 16 April	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Bridie Smythe and family (Ints) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday

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

Kathleen Phethean (9th), Ann Oakes (10th), Les Gardiner (10th), George Likely (11th), Walter Kimble (11th), Jean Weir (13th), John O'Dea (13th), Kevin Gorman (14th), Bill Cahill (14th), Billy Dohey (15th), and Joan Overall (16th)

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 Figures, 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...**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness... Come before Him, singing for joy. Amen

RECONCILIATION: Celebrating the Father's Mercy

10 th April	English Martyrs, Tuffley	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 11 th April	Our Lady's, Churchdown	7.00 p.m.



**Paddy Anderson, Parish Safeguarding Rep, will be available TODAY
after both Masses for anyone who wishes to bring their DBS paperwork along.**

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, A big thank you for the response you gave to my APF-Mill Hill appeal last weekend. Twenty-four parishioners joined the Red box scheme and three parishioners signed a direct debit; This response is a reflection of your generosity and of how much you are still prepared to give in spite of the many calls upon your time and resources. If you took a red box I encourage you to nominate a coin to drop into it, as this is by far the easiest way (and fun way) of remembering to donate to it long term. Ms Andrea Warner (your new Red box secretary) and Mary Puddicombe will ensure that your boxes are emptied regularly or that you are given envelopes to empty your box donations into; also, that you receive your free copy of the Mission Today magazine distributed every three months along with a yearly calendar. Please remember that your prayers and small change for APF worldwide will make miracles happen. If you missed the appeal last weekend and would like a Red mission box, please see either of them. Also, please remind your children that the Red box is a wonderful way of encouraging a spirit of generosity and self-sacrifice. I again, express my thanks to all those of you already committed to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith and Mill Hill. I look forward to seeing how you are doing in five years' time. God bless you all. Good Luck! Yours sincerely, **Brother Eddie.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 2nd April 2017 amounted to £486 + £350 = £836
Thank you for your generosity

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHURCHDOWN & INNSWORTH – GOOD FRIDAY ‘WALK OF WITNESS’ Our annual Good Friday Walk of Witness will depart from Innsworth Junior School at 9.00 a.m. and be at Our Lady's at about 9.40. It finishes at St Bartholomew's via St John's, The Methodist Church and St Andrew's. There are prayers and readings along the way. Please join us in this act of witness and you'll probably meet and chat to many you know and many you don't yet know along the way. **We also need people to act as marshals; your help would be gratefully received. If you can do this, even if for only part of the way, please let Ed know on 01452 422588.**

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



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	10.30 am Thursday	7.30 pm Thursday
Good Friday: 14 th April	2.15 pm Friday	3 pm Friday
Holy Saturday: 15 th April	10.30 am THURSDAY	8 pm Saturday

PRINKNASH MONASTERY SHOP & CAFE are proud to present acclaimed author Edoardo Albert on **Tuesday 25th April** at 10:30am. Edoardo will be reading excerpts from his novels *Edwin High King of Britain*, *Oswald Return of the King* & *Oswiu King of Kings*. There will be a Q & A session followed by book signing. All welcome.

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 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.

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.ourlady@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

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CRAFT GROUP have decided to support a local charity each year. This year it will be '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 **TODAY** and **on 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.** 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

PRINKNASH ABBEY: Information available at www.prinknashabbey.org

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD IN THE NARTHEX FOR UPDATED MINISTRY LISTS

VOCATION MATTERS: 9th April – Palm Sunday

"Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path" (Matthew 21:8)

The traditional American ticker tape parade is a way of celebrating victory by creating a snowstorm-like flurry. The waving of palms as Jesus entered Jerusalem had the same intended effect. As we enter Holy Week, how do we celebrate his victory over sin and death in our lives? The greatest offering we can make to Christ is that of giving our lives to Him in service, according to our vocation. If we all do that, we will be a ticker tape parade announcing Him to the world. If we all do that, we will be swaying palms visible to all.



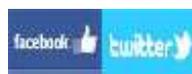
EASTER OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please join us in wishing Fr. Kevin a very happy and holy Easter.
You will find an envelope attached to this week's bulletin,
which may be used for your Easter Offering for Father Kevin's personal use.

Thank you



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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