



# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Second Week of Advent		
DPL: Chipping Camden St Catharine with Moreton-in-Marsh Stow-on-the-Wold Our Lady and St Kenelm with Bourton-on-the-Water		
Services this week		In the Church Hall
<b>Sun. 10 Dec</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>8.30 am</b> Mass: People of the Parish <b>10.30 am</b> Mass: Helen Wilson RIP <b>First Communion Enrolment Mass</b> followed by children's preparation session in St Mary's after (incl. parents/carers).	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Mon. 11 Dec</b> <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am</b> Mass: Private Intention	<b>Craft and Coffee group</b> All Welcome - 9am – 11am term time <b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b> 6pm
<b>Tues. 12 Dec</b> <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am</b> Mass: Emanuelli Family Ints	<b>Coffee Club</b> after Mass
<b>Wed. 13 Dec</b> <i>Memorial of St Lucy</i>	<b>6.30 pm</b> Exposition & Rosary <b>7.00 pm</b> Mass: Denise Barr RIP	<b>Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group</b> All welcome - 9am – 11am term time <b>SVP Group</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Weds of month 6.30pm <b>Justice &amp; Peace Group</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Weds of month 7.30pm <b>Private Hire</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds of month 6.30pm
<b>Thur. 14 Dec</b> <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>	<b>9.15 am</b> Mass: with St Mary's School	<b>HALL HIRE:</b> If you would like to book the church Hall for an event or group please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
<b>Fri. 15 Dec</b> <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am</b> Mass: Holy Souls <b>10.00 am</b> <b>Preschool Nativity</b> in church with refreshments in the Hall afterwards	<b>Meditation Group</b> from 1pm  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Sat. 16 Dec</b> <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am</b> Mass: Private Intention <b>Confessions 9.45am – 10.15am or on request</b>	<b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 2pm – 4pm
<b>Sun. 17 Dec</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</i>	<b>8.30 am</b> Mass: Martin Rafferty RIP <b>10.30 am</b> Mass: People of the Parish	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Michael Ryan (10 <sup>th</sup> ), Tom Morgan (10 <sup>th</sup> ), Helen Bird (10 <sup>th</sup> ), Monica Adams (10 <sup>th</sup> ), Delia Daly (21 <sup>th</sup> ), Julia Coleman (13 <sup>th</sup> ), Philomena Nutting (13 <sup>th</sup> ), Kan Whalley (13 <sup>th</sup> ), Lillian Swan (13 <sup>th</sup> ), Fhelix Skierski (14 <sup>th</sup> ), Barney Regan (14 <sup>th</sup> ), Maureen Pepperell (14 <sup>th</sup> ), Joe Slack (15 <sup>th</sup> ), Margaret Demidecka Demidowicz (15 <sup>th</sup> ), Emma Gribbon (15 <sup>th</sup> ), Sylvia Laverock (16 <sup>th</sup> ), and Tess Kimble (17 <sup>th</sup> ).
<b>Prayers for the sick:</b> 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, Alex Geddes, Maggie Hansell, Joan Geraghty, Bernadette Metcalf, Martin Thomas, Judi Figgures, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Margaret West-Sadler, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Carol While, Theresa Cooper, Geraldine Armitage and Ken Marcus.



**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:**

Lord God, we desire the warmth of Your love and search for Your light in the midst of the darkness,  
Help us to be peacemakers this Advent,  
giving us strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt us. Amen.

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 amounted to £422 + £398 = £820</b> <b>Collection for Poor Missions amounted to £35 - Thank you for your generosity</b> <b>Second Collection NEXT SUNDAY for Christmas Flowers for our church</b>
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**TODAY - SALE OF BETHLEHEM GOODS:** Joanne Moston will again be visiting the area with items suitable for Christmas Gifts from Bethlehem for sale. **SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** after morning Masses at **St Gregory's, Old Priory**.

**200 CLUB:** The December draw will take place on Sunday 10 December 2017 and the Christmas Special draw will take place on Sunday 17 December 2017.

**FOODBANK:** We have had a letter from our local foodbank which tells us that for the first time in their 12 year history they have had to make significant food purchases to feed the families coming to them. Everyone here is always very generous – **the collection point/box can be found in the Narthex by the cupboard**. Current/Christmas shopping list (hard copy available in the narthex): **large tins ham, tinned potatoes, tinned custard, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, packet stuffing, gravy granules/stock cubes, box bird's trifle, long life (UHT) milk, box/tin chocolate biscuits, chocolate selection boxes, box/tin chocolate biscuits, Christmas cake, packet mash, long life fruit juice, mince pies (long shelf life BBE Jan 2018), Christmas puddings (non-alcoholic or festive sponge)**. For more information please see the website [www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/](http://www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/)

## A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

### Advent 2

#### YEAR OF MISSION

Between today and Advent 2018 we will listen to the whole of the Gospel of St Mark. Mark gives his Gospel a title: *'The beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.'* That title is often misunderstood and taken as the first sentence. But for Mark the whole of what he is to write about Jesus - his life, his birth, death and Resurrection - is just the beginning of the Good News, the Gospel. That is very important because when we come to the Resurrection we have just begun to tell the story of Christ. Our mission is to continue the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we do that when we bear witness to our faith in word and in deed.

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

**FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS with All Saints' Academy: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at 6pm, St Mary's, Cheltenham 'Cheltenham Minster'. All welcome.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT with St Peter's High School: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**, Immaculate Conception, Stroud. Please join St. Peter's High School Choir at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stroud for Carols by Candlelight. Tickets £3, £1 for Senior Citizens and students under 18, these are available from school reception 01452 520594, or on the door. Everyone welcome.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER: 'Winter Soup Run' information meeting at St Peter's Parish Centre, Gloucester at 10.30am on Saturday 16th December.** Volunteers are always needed. We start in January and finish end of March taking soup out at 9pm for about 1 1/2 hours round the streets of Gloucester. The more volunteers the better. Tel 07933667178 for more information or to volunteer, if you can't make the meeting.

**PRINKNASH EVENTS: Dec. 16th Retreat Day** – The Incarnation: the Real Meaning of Christmas – 10.30am in Meeting Room. 12 noon Mass in Abbey Chapel. 2.30 to 3.00pm Adoration in Chapel. **Dec. 17th 1pm to 4pm AND Dec. 19th 11.30am to 2.00pm** - "Always Room for a little one." Join Sarah, Jane and Ann for **Children's Christmas Stories and Carols** in the Christmas Crib at Prinknash Abbey Cafe.

**DIOCESAN EVENT: LIVING STONES – RETREAT DAYS FOR CATECHISTS & YOUTH LEADERS: Saturday 20th January 2018 at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud. 10am – 4pm.** Youth Leaders, Catechists, teachers, clergy & all interested in Youth Ministry are invited to take time to explore, reflect & pray on our Youth Ministry Retreat. Lunch provided. Cost £20 per person. Booking essential, email: [youth@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:youth@cliftondiocese.com)

**St. Peter's High School, Gloucester – Vacancies:**

**Casual Exam Invigilator:** We are looking to recruit a number of casual Exam Invigilators to oversee and supervise examinations and to ensure that guidelines and regulations for the integrity and security of the examination papers and procedures are followed during examination sessions. Hourly Rate: £8.57 (including holiday pay). Further information available on Eteach or please contact Karen Thompson - [recruitment@sphs.uk.com](mailto:recruitment@sphs.uk.com)

**Cleaner (Permanent Contract):** We are looking to recruit a number of cleaners for the school. £7.50 per hour, Monday to Friday - 4.00 - 6.30pm (flexible days). Also working 1 Week at Easter and 2 weeks during the summer holidays (Flexible hours). If you are interested please contact Karen Thompson - [kthompson@sphs.uk.com](mailto:kthompson@sphs.uk.com) Human Resources Officer, Tel: 01452 520594 (reception)

**Faith and Light (Gloucestershire):** This is a Christian Association that brings together people with special needs of all ages, their families and friends for some worship followed by refreshments and some fun/craft activities. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 3pm in English Martyrs Church Hall, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester GL4 0NX. For further details please contact Fr Gerry [gerry.walsh@priest.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:gerry.walsh@priest.cliftondiocese.com) or 01452 412702 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or [Shelley1270@gmail.com](mailto:Shelley1270@gmail.com)



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: SURINAME 2018** Interdenominational Service **FRIDAY 2 MARCH 10 am** at Our Lady's Church. (about an hour, refreshments to follow). If you would like to take part or can help in any way, particularly if you know Suriname, please contact Elizabeth, Parish Administrator, or Maria Gibbins 07958 631600

**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 to hospital, please do so.

**VOLUNTEER DELEGATES WANTED: Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" - Liverpool 2018, 7<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> September 2018.** Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. On the first day of the Congress, there will be a Theological Symposium, with workshops for parish catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programs), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. **For more information please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018> If you would like to attend please see Fr Paul or contact the parish office.**

**200 CLUB:** If you would like to join please contact Paddy on 01452 309004 or e-mail the parish office [churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com)

**BAPTISM:** If you are seeking Baptism for your child please phone or email the Parish Office to register for the preparation course, to arrange a date for the baptism and to obtain a baptism application form. Tel: 01452 713254 Email: [churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion next June, please contact Elizabeth Thomas at the parish Office for an application form and information on our parish preparation – email: [churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com)

### Message from Bishop Declan regarding Catholic Schools:

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Ask them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

There is an on-line form which can be used to send an email to the Secretary of State, registering your concern and asking the Secretary of State to rethink this anti-Catholic policy.

## ADVENT SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION in GLOUCESTER DEANERY

A short service followed by an opportunity for individual Confession.  
Each Parish will invite additional Priests for Confession.



Date	Parish	Time
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	English Martyrs, Tuffley	7.30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Our Lady's, Churchdown</b>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	St Peter's, Gloucester	7.00 p.m.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent	7.00 p.m.



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – 2017

**CHRISTMAS EVE** Sunday 24th December,  
6.30pm First Mass of Christmas  
9.30pm Carols followed by Mass of the Nativity of the Lord  
**CHRISTMAS DAY** Monday 25th December  
10.00am Christmas Day Mass

### AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

**ADVENT LITERATURE:** Day by Day £1, Bible Alive £2.50, Walk with Me £1, Children's Advent Calendar FREE.

**CHRISTMAS CATALOGUES:** CAFOD World Gifts and CCS Adoption Christmas Catalogues – Please take one

**DIOCESAN DIARIES AND DIRECTORIES 2018:** Directories = £5, Diaries = £6.

**CTS (CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY):** CTS Ebooks are available - For more info. please visit [www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks](http://www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks)



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Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Thomas. Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.15am – 12.30pm.

Please submit items for the Bulletin to the Presbytery by WEDNESDAY.

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