



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 17th December 2017 – Third Week of Advent

DPL: Cirencester St Peter / Malmsbury St Adhelm / Tetbury St Michael

Services this week		In the Church Hall
Sun. 17 Dec <i>Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</i>	8.30 am Mass: Martin Rafferty RIP 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 18 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - 9am – 11am term time
Tues. 19 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Salvenelli Family Ints 7.00 pm Penitential Service with the opportunity for individual confessions	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 20 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	** Please note no evening Mass this week** 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: World Peace 6.30 pm St Mary's School Carol Service in Church	Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group All welcome - 9am – 11am term time SVP Group - 1 st Weds of month 6.30pm Justice & Peace Group 1 st Weds of month 7.30pm Private Hire – 2 nd Weds of mth 6.30pm
Thur. 21 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.15 am Mass: With St Mary's School	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
Fri. 22 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Jim Holder RIP	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 23 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Rose Taaffe Ints Confessions 9.45am – 10.15am or on request	PRIVATE HIRE 2pm – 4pm
Sun. 24 Dec <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30 am Mass: Martin Rafferty RIP 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 6.30 pm First Mass of Christmas: People of the Parish 9.30 pm Carols followed by Mass of the Nativity of the Lord: Private Intention	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon 25 Dec <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	10.00am Christmas Day Mass: Sheila Mitchel Ints ** Please add your name to the sign-up sheet for ministries at each Christmas Mass if you are available - list is on the Narthex table **	

In our prayers

Anniversaries: Tess Kimble (17th), Gunner John Gibson RA (19th), Mary Hanton (19th), Charles Clapston (21st), William Todd (22nd), Violet Vose (23rd), Gregoria Navarro (23rd), Catherine Woodward (23rd), Rachel Gurr (24th), John Fitchett (25th), Johannah Smith (25th), Bridget Burr ridge (25th) and Phyllis Shore (25th).

Prayers for the sick: 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 10th December 2017 amounted to £332 + £398 = £730 Thank you for your generosity
Second Collection TODAY for Christmas Flowers for our church
Offerings at all the Christmas Masses are for the personal use of Fr Paul.
(Please find envelopes attached for your convenience)

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 into hospital, please do so.

FOODBANK: Everyone here is always very generous – **the collection point/box can be found in the Narthex by the cupboard.** Current/Christmas shopping list: **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/

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

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YEAR OF MISSION

John the Baptist says 'There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me'. Those words of the Baptist ring true even after 2000 years. It is obvious that Jesus is among us and at this time of year his name is everywhere, in carols, on cards and in the very name of Christmas. But it is also true that although his name is everywhere he continues to be unknown. The Gospel of salvation is little known and even less understood. We are called to be like John the Baptist and point to the Lord. This Year of Mission calls us to speak about our Lord so that he and his Gospel may be known in our world today.

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

PRINKNASH EVENTS: 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.

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 or 01452 412702 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com



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

CAFOD: Hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe!—come along and hear from one of the speakers: *Chris Bain, Director of CAFOD, will be speaking at the Bristol event: Wednesday January 31st – Holy Family Church Southsea Road, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5DP 7.00pm-8.30pm* Or hear a speaker from CAFOD at **Saturday February 3rd 2.00 – 4.00pm: Gloucester - English Martyrs Church, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX** Or **Saturday February 10th 2.00 – 4.00pm: Trowbridge – St John the Baptist church, 2 Wingfield Road, Trowbridge BA14 9EA**

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

VOLUNTEER DELEGATES WANTED: Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" - Liverpool 2018, 7TH – 9TH 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

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

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

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.

School term dates:

St Peter's High School: finish for Christmas Wednesday 20th December 2017, return on Thursday 4th January 2018

St Mary's Primary: finish for Christmas on Thursday 21st December 2017, return on Monday 8th January 2018

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 19th December	Our Lady's, Churchdown	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 19 th December	Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 20 th December	St Peter's, Gloucester	7.00 p.m.
Friday 22 nd 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



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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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