



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 18th December 2016 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun. 18 Dec	8.30 a.m. Mass: Martin Rafferty (RIP) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction <i>COFFEE CLUB</i> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: St. Dominic, Dursley with St. Joseph, Nympsfield
Mon. 19 Dec	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
Tues. 20 Dec	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Rob Mackay (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
Wed. 21 Dec	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass for World Peace – please join us	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
Thur. 22 Dec	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Alan Churchill (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
Fri. 23 Dec	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Tony de Young (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
Sat. 24 Dec	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Stephen Artus (RIP) 6.30 p.m. Children's Christmas Mass: Connors family (Ints) 11.30 p.m. Carols followed by Midnight Mass: People of the Parish	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
Sun. 25 Dec CHRISTMAS DAY	8.30 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass: Annielka Jennings (RIP)	<i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>

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

Gunner John Gibson (19th), Martin Rafferty (19th), Mary Hanton (19th), Charles Clapston (21st), William Todd (22nd), Violet Vose (23rd), Gregoria Navarro (23rd), Catherine Woodward (23rd), Rachel Gurr (24th) and John Fitchett (24th)



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

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, baby Maggie Hansell, Joan Geraghty, Bernadette Metcalf, Martin Thomas, Judi Figgures, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Phyllis Shore and Peter Kost

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 11 December 2016 amounted to £496 + £350 = £846

Thank you so much for your generosity - TODAY'S second collection is for **Christmas Flowers**

READERS AND HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS:

PLEASE CONTACT FR. KEVIN OR ELIZABETH - THANKS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS: Approximately **10** children will be needed to read at the Children's Mass at 6.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. There will be a short rehearsal at **10am on Friday 23rd December.**

Please let Fr. Kevin know if your child would like to take part.

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 20 th December	St. Augustine, Matson	7.00 p.m.
Thursday 22nd December	Our Lady's, Churchdown	7.00 p.m.

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The 200 club has been a massive success since its inception in April 2013. As we approach our 5th year we can confirm that to date we have given out a total of £26,000 in prizes and a further £26,000 has been given to the Parish.

As a result of the money received by the Parish, a number of upgrades to the infrastructure of the Church and other improvements has been possible.

This could not have been achieved without the support of "YOU", our 200 club members, and I should like to thank you personally. Please continue to support the 200 club. *Fr Kevin*

Anyone wishing to become a member please call **Paddy on Glos 309004** for further information. You can pay annually, monthly by Standing order, or cash. Each ticket number is £5 per month or £60 for the year. Currently we have a monthly draw consisting of 3 draws; £230, £120 and £60. In addition we have a summer draw and a Christmas draw each approx. £1000 total. The saying goes *if you aint in it, YOU cannot win IT. Paddy*

200 CLUB DRAW

The 200 Club Christmas draw took place on Sunday 11th and the lucky winners were:

PRIZE	AMOUNT	WINNER	TICKET NO
1 ST	£350	F.M. Clark	35
2 ND	£200	A.M. Saunders	25
3 RD	£100	k. Lewis	24
4 th	£100	S.Y.Gottardi	81
5 th	£ 75	J. Feher	148
6 th	£ 75	A. Altham	164
7 th	£ 50	I. Hamilton	178
8 th	£50	A. Bottomley	86



Thank you to all our members of Our Lady's 200 Club for your support, without you this club would not be so successful. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017. *Paddy*

JOIN US for a **Children's Christmas story and carols at the Crib at the PRINKNASH ABBEY cafe-TODAY-Sunday 18th December at 3pm.** children are welcome to dress up if they wish and **please bring a torch** for your children to join in with the story! everyone welcome.



FOOTSTEPS CHARITY cinema screening at the Sherbourne Cinema: Disney's Moana, **Friday 30th December** at 3pm. Tickets £3.50 (box office opens 30 mins before) Cash Only. RAFFLE £1 – Fantastic Peppa Pig Prizes, amazing days out including Jumptastic, Cattle Country and Cotswold Farm Park – tickets on sale in the Footsteps shop at 51 Westgate Street, or at the event. Footsteps Counselling and Care provide counselling for anyone affected by pregnancy issues or the loss of a baby and those struggling with infertility. Charity number 1152972

VACANCY – DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH: DIRECTOR OF CARITAS, Location Portsmouth, Salary £45k per annum. This role will be to lead the Caritas work within the diocese with the aim of enabling the Catholic Community of the Diocese to be responsive to those experiencing poverty and social exclusion. Please see www.caritasdioceseofportsmouth for information about the current projects of Caritas. For a full job description or to apply for this role by submitting your CV please contact Jenny Warner, Managing Director, Charisma Recruitment Ltd or email info@charismarecruitment.co.uk quoting reference 1611-13

BAPTISM: If you are seeking Baptism for your child, at Our Lady's, we prepare the 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. The 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 our Baptism Courses during 2017

Sunday 15th January, 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February

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 : ourladys.churchdown@cliftondiocese.com

FLAME 2017: As a follow-on to NYS, young people aged 14+ are invited to attend Flame, the largest gathering of Catholic Young people in the UK. Flame takes place on **11th March 2017** in Wembley Arena. To book your place as an individual or as a parish group visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/flame Tickets are selling fast so don't delay!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND for Young People (18-30ish). **21st - 30th July 2017**. Cost no more than £900. Organised by Downside Abbey and led by Fr Anselm Brumwell OSB. Fr Matt Anscombe will be travelling as Spiritual Director to the pilgrimage. Details can be found at www.downside.co.uk/shop/events/monastery-events/pilgrimage-holy-land/ The full itinerary is here: www.downside.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Itinerary.pdf Spaces are limited and we need to book flights very soon. Bookings can be made on the Downside website.

COFFEE & CAKE FOR PARENTS/CARERS (babies and toddlers also catered for with snacks and toys to play with). **Every Wednesday: 9am – 10.30am in Church Hall.** Pop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake straight after the morning school run! A chance to meet and catch up with other parents from school in a relaxed and friendly setting. Suggested donation of £1.



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 (except January) at 3pm in Our Lady's church hall, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown. Contact Fr. Kevin on 01452 713254 or email kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com

PARISH CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK GROUP - fortnightly 9am-11am.

Upcoming dates - 19th Dec, 2nd Jan 2017, 16th Jan, 30th Jan. Do you like to knit, sew or crochet? Would you like to chat with other likeminded people to share ideas and gain in confidence in any craft? Have you wanted to learn a new craft but not sure where to start or need a little confidence boost? This new group in the parish hall of Our Lady's Churchdown is the perfect place. It has evolved into a relaxed, friendly & supportive group. People of all ages and abilities come for a cuppa & chat whilst working on their own craft. Please bring yourselves, any materials you may need and a suggested £2.50 donation per session (towards refreshments and up keep of hall) Organiser Natalie Edwards 01452 678565 or e-mail natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk Details can also be found on Our Lady's Parish website.



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.**



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](mailto:the.parish.office)

OUR LADY'S SVP GROUP: Members are volunteers who are happy to give their time to serve others wherever possible - visiting the housebound, lonely and sick; offering lifts and helping in a variety of ways.

Our contact number can be found on the SVP leaflets in the Narthex or please contact us on: 01452-713254.



Monthly meetings for members will be held in the Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH starting in January 2017.

May we also draw your attention to our blue SVP Collection Box for anyone wishing to contribute to the work of the Society. *Thank you so much for your generosity so far.*

VOCATION MATTERS: 18th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

“Joseph...took his wife to his home” (Matthew 1:24)

“Marriage is the most beautiful thing God has created”, said Pope Francis earlier this year. Married couples, he said, reflect God’s love and His image because they become one flesh. Marriage is an exalted vocation and one that is to be encouraged as well as protected. Pope Francis offered three golden words for anyone considering marriage, or for those wanting to grow in their vocation. “Can I?” (with regard to asking their spouse’s opinion), “Thank you” and “Forgive me”. Take that advice to heart, and ask Mary and Joseph to pray for you too.

CAFOD – Yemen Crisis: CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) – a coalition of leading aid agencies which has launched an appeal to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. The civil war between the Houthi ethnic group and supporters of Yemen’s government is now into its second year. The UN estimates that the conflict has killed more than 10,000 people, with 6,000 people killed this year alone. The resulting humanitarian crisis is significant. More than 7 million in Yemen do not know where their next meal will come from. CAFOD’s partner in Yemen is providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food, water, medical care and shelter. You can find updates on the situation here: <http://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Yemen-crisis-explained>. **If you would like to donate please visit <http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/yemen-crisis-appeal> or send donations to CAFOD (envelopes available in the Narthex).**



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Father Kevin

Wishes you Peace and Joy

for this Holy Season and the New Year.



Offerings at all the Christmas Day Masses including Children's Mass and Midnight Mass are for the personal use of Fr. Kevin.

(Please find envelopes attached for your convenience)



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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.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com

OUR LADY'S CHURCHDOWN - CHRISTMAS 2016



Weekday of Advent	Monday 19th December
9.00am	Morning Prayer
9.15am	Mass
Weekday of Advent	Tuesday 20th December
9.00am	Morning Prayer
9.15am	Mass
Weekday of Advent	Wednesday 21st December
7.00pm	Exposition & Rosary
7.30pm	Mass
Weekday of Advent	Thursday 22nd December
9.00am	Morning Prayer
9.15am	Mass
Weekday of Advent	Friday 23rd December
9.00am	Morning Prayer
9.15am	Mass
CHRISTMAS EVE	Saturday 24th December,
9.00am	Morning Prayer.
9.15am	Mass
6.30pm	Children's Christmas Mass
11.30pm	Carols followed by Midnight Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
CHRISTMAS DAY	Sunday 25th December
8.30am	Christmas Morning Mass
10.30am	Christmas Day Mass
FEAST OF ST STEPHEN (Boxing Day)	Monday 26th December
9.45am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Mass
FEAST OF SAINT JOHN	Tuesday 27th December
9.45am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS	Wednesday 28th December
7.00pm	Exposition & Rosary
7.30pm	Mass
FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKET	Thursday 29th December
9:45am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Mass
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	Friday 30th December
9:45am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Mass
Seventh Day in the Octave of the Nativity	Saturday 31st December
10.15am	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Mass
JANUARY 2017	
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	Sunday 1st January
8.30am	Mass
10.30am	Mass followed by coffee club
Then Weekdays of Christmas Time (Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri, Sat)	
9:00am	Morning Prayer
9.15am	Mass
And Wednesdays	7.00pm Exposition & Rosary followed by Mass at 7.30pm
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Sunday 8th January
8.30am	Mass
10.30am	Mass followed by coffee club