



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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O, Come let us adore Him



Sunday 25 th December 2016 – SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
Sun. 25 Dec	8.30 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass: Anielka Jennings (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: St Thomas of Canterbury Fairford with Cricklade
Mon. 26 Dec	9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	FEAST OF ST STEPHEN (Boxing Day)
Tues. 27 Dec	9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion Followed by Coffee Club	FEAST OF SAINT JOHN JOHN
Wed. 28 Dec	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: John O'Brien (Ints)	FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Thur. 29 Dec	9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Mass: Tom Stanton (RIP)	FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKET
Fri. 30 Dec	9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Mass: Rob Mackay (RIP)	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Sat. 31 Dec	10.15 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. Mass: Veronica & Mike Lowe (Golden Wedding Anniv)	Seventh Day in the Octave of the Nativity
Sun. 1 Jan	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: John & Rosalie Holmes (50 th Wedding Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Mon. 2 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Weekday of Christmas</i>
Tues. 3 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: John Tummilty (Ints) Followed by Coffee Club	<i>Weekday of Christmas</i>
Wed. 4 Jan	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: Sheila Mitchell (Ints)	<i>Weekday of Christmas</i>
Thur. 5 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Posie Taaffe (Ints)	<i>Weekday of Christmas</i>
Fri. 6 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass with St Mary's School	<i>Weekday of Christmas</i>
Sat. 7 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Tim Smyth (Ints)	<i>Weekday of Christmas</i>
Sun 8 Jan	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Hazel Ponter (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Michael Lowe (25th), Johannah Smith (25th), Bridget Burr ridge (25th), Lillian Bell (26th), Ann Tierney (28th), John King (31st), Leonard Tippetts (1st Jan), Tom Gibson (2nd), Thomas Stenson (2nd), Dorothy Bolton (2nd), Edith Dutton (3rd), Alan Hickox (3rd), Helen Christie (3rd), Margaret Ryan (3rd), Anne Leonard (4th), Sheila Navarro (5th), Bill Leonard (6th), Winnie Callaghan (6th), Bryan Isaac-Harris (6th), Linda Rogers (6th), Kathleen Clark (7th), Jimmy Tierney (7th), Catherine Twohig (8th), Catherine Whyte (8th), Oscar Awino (8th), Julie Doyle (8th)

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 Figures, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Phyllis Shore and Peter Kost



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**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 18 December 2016 amounted to £406 + £350 = £756

And collection for **CAFOD Yemen** amounted to **£357** which will be sent along with **£200** from our CAFOD crisis fund (**£557 TOTAL**) - *Thank you so much for your generosity*

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*



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

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!

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

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 during term time: 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: 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.



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).**

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

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: 25th December – The Nativity of our Lord

"The Word was made flesh, he lived among us" (John 1:14)

Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter, WhatsApp, Instagram. The list of ways we can share news with each other is growing. Communication may be developing but one news story transcends all forms of media. That Christ was born of Mary, and that through Him we find new life and purpose, is news that can and wants to infiltrate all lives. Christ, dwelling in our hearts, wants us to make sure that we share with all our followers, the true reason for this feast, so that they may become his followers, or at least experience his peace at this blessed time. *#share the joy*

SCHOOL TERM DATES:

St Mary's Primary School return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017
St Peter's High School return to School on Thursday 5th January 2017



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.



THANK YOU

We are blessed with a growing number of wonderful volunteers in our parish, without whom, much would be left undone. May God fill you with peace and joy this Christmas. Thank you for all you do for our parish. From all of us at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.



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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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