



# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Churchdown, Gloucester

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Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
<b>Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> December</b> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.	8.30 am Mass: Martin Rafferty R.I.P 10.30 am Mass: Pro Populo	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Mon. 31<sup>st</sup> December</b> <i>Seventh Day of Christmas</i>	9:45am. Morning Prayer 10:00am. Mass: Special Int.	
<b>Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> January</b> Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.	9:45am. Morning Prayer <u>10.00 am</u> Mass: Connors Int.	
<b>Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.</b> <i>Feast of Ss. Basil &amp; Gregory</i>	9:00am. Morning Prayer <u>9:15 am</u> Mass: Private Int. <u>No Exposition or evening Mass.</u>	SVP Group – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of mth at 6.30pm Private Hire – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds of mth 6.30pm
<b>Thur. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.</b> <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9:45am. Morning Prayer <u>10.00 am</u> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	<b>HALL HIRE:</b> If you would like to book the church Hall please contact the office: 01452 713254
<b>Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	9:45am. Morning Prayer <u>10.00 am</u> Mass: Private Int.	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	9:45am. Morning Prayer <u>10.00 am</u> Mass: Jim Smyth Int. <u>10.30 am</u> Confessions	PRIVATE HIRE 1.30pm – 4pm
<b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b> The Epiphany of the Lord	8.30 am Mass: Cristina Int. & Bernard Thomas RIP 10.30 am Mass: Pro Populo 12 noon: Baptism.	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers
<b>Anniversaries:</b> John King (31 <sup>st</sup> ), Leonard Tippetts (1 <sup>st</sup> Jan.), Tom Gibson (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Thomas Stenson (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Dorothy Bolton (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Edith Dutton (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Alan Hickox (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Helen Christie (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Margaret Ryan (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Anne Leonard (4 <sup>th</sup> ), Sheila Navarro (5 <sup>th</sup> ), Bill Leonard (6 <sup>th</sup> ), Winnie Callaghan (6 <sup>th</sup> ), Bryan Isaac-Harris (6 <sup>th</sup> ), Linda Sylvia Rogers (6 <sup>th</sup> ), Baby Stevie Hickey (6 <sup>th</sup> ).
<b>Prayers for the sick:</b> Pat Crompton, Consolacion De Dios Blanco, Carol Benson, Wynn McGhee, Terry Poole, Ian Vilanueva, Vicky Dunn, Natalie Edwards, Nigel Lamb, Doreen Baker, Kieran Anderson, 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, Rebecca Lansdown, Peter Long, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Nathan Wright, Carol While, Geraldine Armitage.



**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 the Diocesan Prayer together:**

God our Father open the horizons of our minds and hearts so that we can see what hope your call holds for us. Pour out the overflowing gifts of your Spirit so that we, your church, may become a people of hope for our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Our Lady, Woman of Hope, pray for us. St. Peter, Rock of Hope, pray for us. St Paul, Apostle of Hope, pray for us.**

**Feast of the Holy family.**

‘Today’s Gospel passage invites families to welcome the light of hope that comes from the home of Nazareth, in which Jesus’ childhood unfolded in joy. Jesus, says St Luke, “increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man” (2:52). The nuclear family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is for each believer and especially for families an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire the fulfilment of the divine plan to make of the family a special community of life and love. Here we learn that every Christian nuclear family is called to be a “domestic church”, to make the Gospel virtues shine and become a leaven of good in society. The classic traits of the Holy Family are: reflection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity.’ (Pope Francis Feast of the Holy family 2015)

Holy Family Prayer Cards and copies of Bishop Declan’s Pastoral Letter are available from the Narthex table.

**Baptism Preparation 2019:** If you are seeking Baptism for your child here at Our Lady's, please phone or email the Parish Office to register for the next preparation course, to arrange a date for the baptism and to obtain a baptism application form. The dates for 2019 are:

**\*13th Jan / 20th Jan / 27th Jan / 3rd Feb\***

**\*28th April / 5th May / 12th May / 19th May\***

**\*15th Sept / 22nd Sept / 29th Sept / 6th Oct\***

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2019:** If you are in the Y9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next summer, please complete an enrollment form which are available in the Church Narthex. Please complete and return to the Parish Office with the copy of your baptismal certificate (not required if baptised at O.L.O.P.S.) **A meeting for candidates and parents will be arranged in the New Year 2019.**

**Prinknash Abbey 2019**

The History of the Church – This series of talks takes place one Saturday a month from 10:30am – 12:00pm (the same day as Faith Sessions) in the meeting room adjacent to the Abbey Bookshop . The first talk is on The Apostolic Age: The First Century on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. In the group Abbot Martin encourages you to broaden and deepen your understanding of the Church by focussing on some of the main aspects of its history. All welcome.

Exploring Faith – The Saturday Group meets once a month (12<sup>th</sup> Jan.) from 2-4pm in the meeting room adjacent to the Abbey Bookshop. It is led by Abbot Martin and Dr. Sarah Richards and is open to anyone interested in exploring aspects of the Catholic Faith through discussion and using art, music, scripture, poetry and prayer. A timetable can be found on the church notice board. The first session explores the origins of the early church. See Posters for Details.

**Missio Today Calendar 2019.** Please take a calendar from the table in the narthex; they're *FREE*.

***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.*

## *Happy New Year*

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and take this opportunity to thank you for all your good wishes. I especially thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts and generous Christmas offering. I must also thank everyone who helps with the smooth running of the parish; especially all who are involved in ministries. Thanks as well go to Lilly for all her help in the office. The twelve days of Christmas remind us that the Lord goes with us into the New Year; we take great joy in His love for us all.

***Peace and Joy, Fr. Paul***

**Parish Office is closed until 9:30am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.**