



## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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<b>Sunday 31st December 2017 – First Week of Christmas</b>		
<b>DPL: Coleford St Margaret Mary / Cinderford Our Lady of Victories / Newent Our Lady of Lourdes with Blaisdon</b>		
	<b>Services this week</b>	<b>In the Church Hall</b>
<b>Sun. 31 Dec</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>10.30 am Mass:</b> Danny & Marie Connors and Family Int.	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Mon. 1 Jan 2018</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	<b>9.45 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> Private Intention	<b>Craft and Coffee group</b> All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
<b>Tues. 2 Jan</b> <i>Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	<b>9.45 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> Joan Byrne RIP	<b>Coffee Club</b> after Mass
<b>Wed. 3 Jan</b> <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	<b>9.45 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> Poor at Home and Abroad	<b>Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group</b> All welcome - term time 9am – 11am <b>SVP Group</b> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan at 6.30pm <b>Justice &amp; Peace</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Weds of mth 7.30pm <b>Private Hire</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds of mth 6.30pm
<b>Thur. 4 Jan</b> <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	<b>9.45 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> Bernard Collard Birthday Int.	<b>HALL HIRE:</b> If you would like to book the church Hall please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
<b>Fri. 5 Jan</b> <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	<b>10:30am Funeral Mass for John McHale RIP</b> <b>1.30pm Funeral Mass for Una Stokes RIP</b>	<b>Meditation Group</b> from 1pm  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Sat. 6 Jan</b> <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	<b>9.45 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> Pr. Int. <b>Confessions 10.30 am – 10.45am or on request</b>	<b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 2pm – 4pm
<b>Sun. 7 Jan</b> <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>10.30 am Mass:</b> Pr. Int.	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm

<b>In our prayers</b>
<p><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 Rogers (6<sup>th</sup>), Baby Stevie Hickey (6<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Clark (7<sup>th</sup>) and Jimmy Tierney (7<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p><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, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Margaret West-Sadler, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Carol While, Theresa Cooper and Geraldine Armitage.</p>



**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:**

### Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of Love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray: *(Pause and remember family members and others by name).*

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. St Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

## 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 Elizabeth 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*



### RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McHale who died recently. Please remember too, his family and friends at this difficult time. John's Funeral Mass will take place here at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 **"May He Rest In Peace"**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Una Stokes who died recently. Please remember too, her family and friends at this difficult time. Una's Funeral Mass will take place here at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 **"May She Rest In Peace"**

## A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

### Holy Family

We can imagine eyes wide opened and hearts beginning to race at the sight of the simple family of Nazareth coming into the Temple. Simeon recognizes God's promise of salvation before him and within his grasp. Anna sees freedom and deliverance in the flesh. They encounter something extraordinary in the ordinariness of a baby and family in their midst. This *Year of Mission* calls us to see God in our midst precisely in the ordinary and everyday, to encounter God in the midst of our own families and, like Anna, to speak of that presence to the world around us... and speak God's love through the lives we lead. Christ is that light to enlighten all men and women. May our mission this week be one to enlighten others with the loving presence of Christ shining through who we are.

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

**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)

**CAFOD: Hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe!**— hear a speaker from CAFOD on **Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.00 – 4.00pm: Gloucester - English Martyrs Church, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4**

### School term dates:

**St Peter's High School:** return on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**St Mary's Primary:** return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018



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

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