



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 11 th February 2018 – Sixth Week of Ordinary Time		
DPL: Fairford St Thomas of Canterbury with Cricklade		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 11 Feb <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am Mass: Andy Kinsella (Anniv) 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish Meeting with Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at 11.30am in Church with Fr Paul Baptism preparation session in St Mary's school following 10.30am Mass	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 12 Feb <i>Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (transferred from Sunday)</i>	9.45 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass: World Day of the Sick. Sacrament of the Sick will be offered during mass on this day	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
Tues. 13 Feb <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass:	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 14 Feb <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Holy Day of Obligation, Fasting and Abstinence</i> 9.15 am Mass 6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Mass: Clare Ward RIP	Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group All welcome - term time 9am – 11am SVP Group – 1 st Wed of mth at 6.30pm Justice & Peace – 1 st Weds of mth 7.30pm Private Hire – 2 nd Weds of mth 6.30pm
Thur. 15 Feb <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: John Morrissey RIP	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
Fri. 16 Feb <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 17 Feb <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Int Confessions 10.30 am – 10.45am or on request	PRIVATE HIRE 2pm – 4pm
Sun. 18 Feb <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Peter Smyth Anniv Baptism preparation session in St Mary's school following 10.30am Mass	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers
Anniversaries: Alfred Whalley (11 th), Mel McGhee (11 th), John Overall (11 th), Andy Kinsella (11 th), Bernard Oram (12 th), Ernest Carroll (12 th), Rory O'Connor (12 th), Chris Morris (12 th), Eileen Mantle (12 th), Edward Mudway (12 th), Norah Ryan (13 th), Kathleen Morgan (13 th), Bill Whelan (13 th), Marilyn Gummer (14 th), James Cookson (15 th), Norah Trenam (17 th), Archie Heaton (18 th), Hugh Dutton (18 th), Josephine Williams (18 th), Peter Smyth (18 th) and Leslie Nash (18 th)
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, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Margaret West-Sadler, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Carol While, Theresa Cooper, Geraldine Armitage and Pat O'Connor.



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*

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 reigns 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 4th February 2018 amounted to £428 + £398 = £826

The Second Collection for Our Lady's SVP Group amounted to £368 ~ Thank you for your generosity
Lent Fast Day is on Friday 23rd February this year – there will be special giving envelopes available next week

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This Sunday's gospel, like last week's, is a *touching* encounter – the physical touch of a leper... an untouchable. This is a life changing encounter for the leper and a transformation from a nobody into a someone; from being outside to a re-joining of community and society; from a life that is a kind of *half-life* to the gift of re-newed life. 'Of course I want to!' says Jesus. And Jesus risks everything by touching the leper, by reaching out to him. It is amazing how a simple outreach towards others who feel forgotten and ignored can bring them back to life. Pope Francis reminds us that no one is excluded from what the Lord brings but, like Jesus reaching out to the leper, it means taking a risk! Let this coming week be a 'risky' week where you find yourself drawing others into love of God through the outreach you offer.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Year of Mission presentation and reflections planned at 7pm on 8th March and 17th May.

8th March – 'Discipleship' – there will be a short presentation in the church followed by refreshments and discussion in the hall.

17th May – 'Mission' – information to follow.

Please follow the links below to find interesting and useful resources:

Videos – A Year of St Mark: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/future-full-hope/a-year-with-st-mark/>

Daily Lenten reflections: <https://cliftondiocese.com/lent-2018/>

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day.

COFFEE ROTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Could you spare 40 minutes after 10.30am Mass to serve coffee and tea to parishioners? The more helpers we have the less often it comes round. Everything is provided except milk and it is a nice way to meet new people. If you can help please get in touch, I will be in the kitchen the next 2 weeks or email margaret.tonks65@gmail.com or 01452 615496. Thank you.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred Drum who died recently. Please remember too, her family and friends at this difficult time. Winifred's Funeral will take place at Gloucester Crematorium at 11am on Monday 19th February 2018 **"May She Rest In Peace"**

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of John Morrissey who died recently. Please remember too, his family and friends at this difficult time. John's Funeral will take place in Ireland **"May He Rest In Peace"**



BAPTISM: If you are seeking Baptism for your child, at Our Lady's, we prepare 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. 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 Baptism Courses during 2018: * 28th Jan / 4th Feb / 11th Feb / 18th Feb * 29th April / 6th May / 13th May / 20th May * 9th Sept / 16th Sept / 23rd Sept / 30th Sept * **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: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

CATECHISTS FORMATION COURSES: STARTING WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY: The next round of catechists' formation starts this coming February and is designed for the formation of the catechists of our diocese. The course is aimed at forming new catechists as well as supporting and refreshing existing and "well-seasoned" catechists. This next series is to be hosted at **St Patrick's parish hall, Brockworth** and will run on a Wednesday evening, once a month through to March 2019. Starting **Wednesday 28 February**. There's plenty of parking at St Patrick's, sessions start at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7pm. **Please talk to Jackie Bailey or Fr Paul for more information.**



LENT 2017: Bishop Declan invites you to join him during the season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of five venues across the diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. Poster in the Narthex for more details.

Our local service is at Immaculate Conception, Stroud on **Thursday 8th March** at 7pm.

(WOMEN'S) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018

This year hosted by us at Our Lady's church

Refreshments in the hall from 10am, service starting at 10.30am

International and interdenominational - All God's creation is very good!

The interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held on Friday 2nd March – we will join an estimated 3 million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this year by one of the women of Suriname in South America.

Starting in Samoa as the sun rises, and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in. We are asked to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, and concerns for the future.

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it.

If you can help with any aspect please contact Elizabeth in the Parish office, tel: 01452 713254 or email: churchdown.ourladys@cliftdioocese.com or Maria Gibbins tel: 07958 631600.

REHEARSAL: Friday 23rd February 2018 after morning Mass

IGNITE at St Peter's High School!

You are invited to IGNITE at St Peter's RC High School on **Friday 2nd March at 6.30pm**. We are delighted to welcome Tom Elliott a magician comedian described by TV's Miranda Hart as 'Such fun!' Tom will amaze us with his trick, delight us with his humour and inspire us with his Christian testimony. The evening would be great for any young people and families! Live praise and worship music too! Only £1. You can also check out our website on www.ignitegloucester.com

ST PETER'S PRAYER GROUP: Thursday 15th February 2018, St Peter's church Gloucester. Church open from 7pm, Mass at 7.30pm. Healing prayer ministry & the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will follow the mass.

THE ROCK: A RECEPTION WITH BISHOP ROBERT Wednesday 21st February at 7pm. The Rock, St Peter's church, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham GL51 9AH. An opportunity to discuss the Rock's vision and development, to hear from The Rock's patron, Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury, and to find out more about how regular individual support makes such a difference to The Rock! The evening will include hot food. Contact Sharon Macaulay to book your place tel 01242 700700 or email sharon@therock.uk.com

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: 1st – 3rd March 2018, 7pm & 12.30pm at All Saints Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham GL51 0WH. Tickets £5. Students from Year 7 – 13 are ready to amaze you as the infamous Beauty and the Beast characters we all know and love. Meet and greet the famous enchanted characters after the matinee show on Saturday 3rd March, 12.30pm – dress up as your favourite character – there is a prize for the best dressed! Book a ticket and grab tea with Mrs Potts! Email admin@asachelt.org or tel 01242 711200 or visit www.asachelt.org/beauty-and-the-beast for more information. There are some leaflets available in the Narthex.

GOSPEL CHOIR WORKSHOP: Singers and non-singers alike are invited to participate in The Beacon Gospel Choir Workshop on **Saturday 3rd March** (1-4pm), and then to perform with the choir at a charity concert at St Andrew's Churchdown on **Saturday 24th March**, 7pm, which will include music by 'Out of the Ashes'. All money raised will go to the St Andrew's mission fund. Tickets for the workshop (£15, includes concert) and concert (£10, includes glass of wine/soft drink) available from St Andrew's Church Office, 01452 712154, support@standrewschurchdown.org.uk.

WINTER SHELTER APPEAL: Gloucester City Mission and Emmaus Gloucester have been working on a project to open a winter shelter in Gloucester based at the George Whitefield Centre on Great Western Road to take in up to 15 rough sleepers each night in the coldest months. The doors opened for the first time on January 5th 2018 and will continue to open at night until the end of March 2018. If you feel able to support this project please contact the mission directly. Cheques can be made payable to Gloucester City Mission (please indicate on the back that it is for the Winter Shelter). Gift aid forms are available from the mission and money can be dropped into their offices. Receipts are available on request. For more information or to contact them please email Dave Kinghorn dave@gloscitymission.org.uk or phone 07725199886. Gloucester City Mission, The George Whitefield Centre, 107 Great Western Road, Gloucester GL1 3NF. www.gloscitymission.org.uk

FAITH AND LIGHT GLOUCESTERSHIRE: 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@cliftondiocese.com or 01452 412702 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com

200 CLUB DRAW - JANUARY 2018



The January 200 Club draw will take place following the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 11 February. I would like to thank all existing and new members for their support. At the moment we have a total of 215 members with the possibility of a few more existing members signing up for 2018. If you wish to become a member, each number is £60 per year. Thank you to those members who have already confirmed their membership for 2018. If you would like to join please contact Paddy on 01452 309004 or e-mail patrickanderson1947@yahoo.com or e-mail the parish office churchdown.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com



THERE ARE A RANGE OF INEXPENSIVE PUBLICATIONS TO HELP WITH OUR LENT PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER

Bible Alive: £2.50 Walk with Me: £1 My Day by Day: £1 Children's Calendar: Free



LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT OUR LADY'S 2018

Stations of the Cross will be at 6.00 p.m. on Fridays



IN LENT: the word **Alleluia** is not used in the Church's liturgy but is 'saved' for the great Easter Vigil where it is sung again with joy. The **Gloria** is not said during Lent (except on certain Feasts e.g. The Annunciation). There are no flowers in Church during Lent and from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil statues and pictures are covered in the Church. The liturgical colour for Lent is Purple or Violet.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14th February

25th March: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

29th March: Thursday of the Lord's Supper (**Maundy Thursday**)

30th March: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (**Good Friday**)

31st March: Holy Saturday with **Easter Vigil: Service of Light** and **First Mass of Easter** in the evening.

1st April: Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.



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

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