



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 12th February 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun 12 Feb	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Mel McGhee (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: St. Thomas More, Marlborough with Pewsey/St. Joseph, Wroughton
Mon. 13 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tues. 14 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Jozef and Maria Lesniak (RIP) Coffee Club after Mass	Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius
Wed. 15 Feb	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass for World Peace	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thur. 16 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Michael Kielty (RIP)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Fri. 17 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Margaret West-Sadler (Ints)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sat. 18 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion NO CONFESSIONS TODAY	Our Lady on Saturday
Sun 19 Feb	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Peter Smyth (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Bernard Oram (12th), Ernest Carroll (12th), Rory O'Connor (12th), Chris Morris (12th), Eileen Mantle (12th), Edward Mudway (12th), Norah Ryan (13th), Kathleen Morgan (13th), Bill Whelan (13th), Marilyn Gummer (14th), Joe Cookson (15th), Norah Trenam (17th), Archie Heaton (18th), Hugh Dutton (18th), Josephine Williams (18th), Peter Smyth (18th), Leslie Nash (18th), Thomas Walsh (19th), Brian Tippetts (19th), Fr. Pat Walsh (19th) and Peter Davies (19th)

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, Maggie Hansell, Joan Geraghty, Bernadette Metcalf, Martin Thomas, Judi Figures, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost and Margaret West-Sadler

WELCOME

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 Jesus Christ, You sanctified family life by Your virtues. Grant that with the help of Mary and Joseph, we may be taught by the example of Your holy family, and may after death, enjoy its everlasting companionship. **Amen**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 5th February 2017 amounted to £444 + £350 = £794

Thank you so much for your generosity

Second Collection TODAY for Our Lady's SVP



Let us pray, every day, for World Peace:

One Our Father, One Hail Mary and One Glory Be or One Decade of the Rosary.

Let us offer up this small sacrifice together each day.

RIP

Please keep in your prayers **Joseph Collinson** who died recently. Please remember too, his family and friends
Joseph's Funeral Service will take place on Monday 13th February 2017
at 11.30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester.
"May He Rest In Peace"

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Keith Gooding** who died recently.
Please remember too his family and friends at this difficult time.
Keith's Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's at 2.00 p.m. on 23rd February 2017
"May He Rest In Peace"

200 CLUB DRAW: The first draw of 2017 (Jan. draw) took place on Sunday 5 February



PRIZE	AMOUNT	WINNER	TICKET NO
1 ST	£230	Julie McKeown	150
2 ND	£120	Frank Morris	138
3 RD	£60	Tina Walsh	73



The February draw will take place **Sunday 19th February 2017.**
After that the monthly draws will take place on the **3rd Sunday of the month.**

PARISH DBS CHECKS / SAFEGUARDING:

Would those people who require their DBS documentation updated please collect their envelope
from the Narthex and return to Paddy ASAP. **Thank you.**

CLIFTON CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (CCS): If you, your family or friends are interested in adoption, Clifton Children's Society would love to hear from you. Visit the CCS website www.ccsadoption.org, email info@ccsadoption.org or call 0117 935 0005 for an informal discussion. Thank you.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES AT PRINKNASH ABBEY: (www.prinknashabbey.org). **Thursday Feb 16th** Book club meeting 10.30-12.00-discussion of "Jonah and the Whale" by Dennis Mc Bride. **History of Christianity in Britain series: Sat 18th Feb:** talk 10.30-12 "the Celtic Church after the Romans"-2-4pm Exploring Faith session -"Exploring St Columba and St Ninian, missionaries to Scotland" All welcome.

EYE-WITNESS STORIES FROM THE WEST BANK OF ISRAEL: Thursday 16th February, 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church Hall, Brockworth. Come and hear first-hand from Paul Clark who has recently returned from the West Bank. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information email eappi@quaker.ork.uk or visit www.eappi.org

Saturday 18th February 10.30am Clifton Cathedral: All are welcome on **18th February** at Clifton Cathedral for a day of renewal reflecting on 50 years of charismatic renewal in the Catholic Church. Mass at 10.30 am followed talks by Fr Richard McKay and Kevin Loud. There will be a time of adoration and healing prayer ministry. For more information and timings email renewal@cliftondiocese.com or call 07815 751 556.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 3rd March 2017, 10.30am at St Andrew's, Churchdown. Refreshments from 9.45 – 10.15am. Service at 10.30am. **REHEARSAL on 24th Feb.** at 10.30a.m. at St Andrew's Church, Churchdown. If you would like to be involved please come along to the rehearsal or contact Our Lady's Parish Representative for WWDP, Maria Gibbins on 01452 865332. The Women's World Day of Prayer is not just for women - ALL WELCOME. For this year's WWDP the women of the Philippines have composed the prayers and content we will be using during the service and we invite anyone with Filipino connections to join us in this celebration. Also, St Andrew's have very kindly made a crèche available.

LENT RETREAT: 3rd – 5th March 2017. St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. Guest Speaker – Fr Peter Hunter OP. Adult full residential weekend £94, Saturday only (lunch included) £30, Saturday only (lunch & supper included) £40. For details please contact Kevin on 01488 658267, email kintbury@aol.com or visit www.thekintburyexperience.com

MARRIAGE CARE CHELTENHAM Is part of a charitable organisation that offers a one day course to help couples planning to marry in a Catholic Church prepare for fulfilled and happy relationships. Next available course dates are: **4th March, 13th May and 7th October 2017.** We also offer a confidential counselling service to support relationships at times of distress or difficulty. The Marriage Care preparation course or counselling service can be accessed through: appointments@marriagecare.org.uk. Tel0800 389 3801 or 01159 934 255.

COURSE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: A Companion's Way. Sponsored by the Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire, a body in association with Gloucestershire churches Together, this two year course starts in Oct. 2017 based at the Marist Centre, Nympsfield, nr Stroud, and is open to clergy and lay people of any denomination. Come to the taster day on **Wed. 15th March 2017** at Nympsfield. Cost £22 including lunch. To book or for more info. see the poster in the Narthex or contact Deborah Curram on gisdcourse@gmail.com

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 St Thomas More, Cheltenham, on **Friday 17th March 2017** at 7pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sat. 18th March, 10am – 1pm at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol BS5 0TX. A morning for those who work to enable the children in our parishes to hear and reflect upon the Word of God through CLOW. David Wills, Advisor for Adult Formation in the diocese of Arundel and Brighton, will spend time with CLOW leaders in helping them understand how and why we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with children. All are welcome.

NIBBLERS GROUP - Whether you're 15 or 50+, ask yourself: Is priesthood on your mind? Want to know a little more about it? Am I being called? We are offering four very relaxed one-off 'nibblers' session around the Diocese for any men interested to know more about priesthood. These will be **19th February** at Holy Rood, Swindon; **5th March** at St Osmond's, Salisbury; **19th March** at St Bonaventure's, Bristol and **2nd April at St Peter's, Gloucester.** The one hour session may give the opportunity for someone to get over the threshold and start to ask the question about priesthood. The emphasis here is just starting a conversation. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex or email vocations@cliftondiocese.com

DOWNSIDE ABBEY EVENTS: DEVOTION OF THE FIRST FIVE SATURDAY'S AND THE BROWN SCAPULAR at 3pm in the Crypt Chapel, **4th March, 1st April, 3rd June and 1st July.** See poster in the Narthex for more info or visit www.downside.co.uk for booking details. **VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Thur. 4th May** at 10am. Booking advised. **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

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.**

SINGING THE PSALM AT MASS: The psalms are songs and need singing. We need new voices to take a turn leading the psalm. If you can consider learning how to go about it, you will receive full support and coaching in singing with confidence. You would not be expected to make a long commitment to choir practices. Tuition could be one to one or in a small group. You would learn your psalm from a recording, so that you can sing along for your own practice. **Veronica Lowe, 856093, veronica@ark-lowe.fsnet.co.uk**

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 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: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com



FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community) – Next Meeting: 5th March. A Christian Association that brings together people with special needs, their families and friends. **Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month** in Our Lady's church hall, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown. Contact Fr. Kevin by email kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com or on 01452 713254 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com



PARISH CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK GROUP - fortnightly 9am-11am. Next date: 13th February. 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 to be found on Our Lady's Parish website.



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)

VOCATION MATTERS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – “All you need say is Yes” if you mean Yes; “No” if you mean No”

“I hear your daughter might have a vocation to religious life”, says one mother to the other. “Which Order is she going to join?” “Well, because of her inability to make her mind up, it looks like it's the Order of Perpetual Discernment”, is the reply. Discerning a vocation can and will take time. It requires patience and the ability to listen carefully. However, there comes a point where we have to step out clearly on a path. Procrastination is to be avoided. Say “yes”, or say “no”. Just don't keep hanging on.



OUR LADY'S SVP GROUP: Monthly meetings for members will be held in the Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH** May we draw your attention to our blue SVP Collection Box for anyone wishing to contribute to the work of the Society. *Thank you most sincerely for your continued very generous donations*



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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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