



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 19th February 2017 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun 19 Feb	8.30 a.m. Mass: Hollie Gazzard (Anniv) 10.30 a.m. Mass: Peter Smyth (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: St Osmund Salisbury / St Gregory & the English Martyrs / Most Holy Redeemer with Downton and Whaddon
Mon. 20 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 21 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Margaret West-Sadler (Ints) Coffee Club after Mass	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed. 22 Feb	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: Jose Rayapan (RIP)	<i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i>
Thur. 23 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Patrick Gillett (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr</i>
Fri. 24 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Anielka Jennings (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sat. 25 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 9.45 a.m. Confessions until 10.45 a.m. or on request	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
Sun 26 Feb	8.30 a.m. Mass: Jaqueline Conroy (RIP) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

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

Thomas Walsh (19th), Brian Tippetts (19th), Fr. Pat Walsh (19th), Peter Davies (19th), Grace Nurse (21st), George Hobbs (22nd), Billy McDaid (22nd), Rosemary Henry (22nd), Michael Power (23rd), Julieta Ramos Chin (23rd), Mary Gleeson (24th), Sheila Mills (24th), Mona Manion (25th), Kamil Ciemniowski (25th), Margaret Thomasson (26th) and Ann Pinnock (26th)

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 Figgures, 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 12th February 2017 amounted to £358 + £350 = £708

Second Collection for Our Lady's SVP amounted to £245 - Thank you so much for your generosity

Next week there will be a Second Collection for The Voluntary Missionary Movement (VMM)

Formed in England in 1969, VMM is an international lay Christian movement which recruits, trains and sends volunteers to share their skills in the developing world. VMM is committed to long-term and sustainable programmes to help communities out of poverty. For more information visit www.vmminternational.org

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"

BAPTISM: We welcome **Porter Brown** and **Henry Stevens** into the Church this weekend and pray that they and their families will find joy and comfort as members of our Christian family.

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.**



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



UNDERSTANDING CAFOD: Saturday 25th February, 10.30am – 4pm, St Vincent's Parish Church, Embleton Road, Bristol BS10 6DS. Who is CAFOD? How did CAFOD get started? How can you get more involved? Come to an excellent day of all things CAFOD. Booking is essential as space is limited. Call Liz Baldwin on 0117 942 8328 or email ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk See poster in the Narthex for more information.

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. Tel 0800 389 3801 or 01159 934 255.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2017: As a Fairtrade parish we will be having a stand with information and Fairtrade goods on **Sunday 5th March and Sunday 12th March** after both Masses. We are concerned that the developing world may struggle in the post-Brexit world and will need our continued support. Thank you. *Our Lady's Justice and Peace Group.*

YOUTH MINISTRY: PARISH TRAINING – Are you a catechists, youth leader or just interested in working with young people in your parish? Come along and engage with our Youth Ministry team to learn more and meet others who are involved. Each evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Refreshments provided. Please see poster in the Narthex for full details of dates available. **The nearest event is on 8th March at Sacred Hearts, Morrend Road, Cheltenham GL53 9AU.** To book your place email youth@cliftondiocese.com or phone 0117 902 5594.

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

CLIFTON YOUTH MINISTRY: LENT REFLECTIONS

“TURNING THE CORNER” – All young people aged 10-18 are invited to join our Youth Ministry team to take time to reflect on Lent and prepare for Easter. **14th March** at St Gregory, Cheltenham, **15th March** at Immaculate Conception, Stroud and **16th March** at St Benet, Kemerton. Each reflection will be from 6.30pm to 8pm, beginning in the church.

“THE COURAGE TO BE AUTHENTIC” – All young adults 18+ are invited to join our youth ministry team to take time to reflect on Lent. Join us for a reflective evening to unpack how we can be truly authentic in our faith as we prepare for Holy week and Easter. **23rd March** at St John, South Parade, Bath and **6th April** at St James Priory, Whitson Street, Bristol. The reflections will start at 6pm in the church.

Please see the posters in the Narthex for more information or email youth@cliftondiocese.com

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

‘CHURCHDOWN FESTIVAL’ RACE NIGHT: Friday 17th March at 7pm at St Mary's primary school. Doors open 7pm. Saddle up and take the reins for an evening of racing, food and fun(d) raising. Tickets £10 adult; £5 child and includes a nosebag of Irish stew! Please bring your own drinks.

Tickets available after both masses or from the Parish Office

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All profits to go towards HCPT the Pilgrimage Trust (Groups 37&78).

If you are not able to come please consider donating a pudding or cake for the event.



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.

MENTAL WELLBEING: AN INTRODUCTION. Saturday 25th March, 10am – 4pm at Roots Coffee and Community, 69 Alvin Street, Gloucester. All are welcome to attend this exciting day seminar where we equip you with knowledge, understanding and some practical skills in the field of mental well-being in a Christian context. £15 earlybird, £20 after 1st March, £12.50 unwaged. Includes lunch. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex Tickets must be bought in advance - visit www.buytickets.at/renewingminds or email renewingminds@mail.com

BORN FOR THIS: THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD. Come and enjoy a powerful Lenten Musical, telling the Easter Story, performed by young people from our Catholic Secondary Schools. **Thursday 30 March** at 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Bath and **Friday 31st March** at 7.30pm, St Peter's Church, Swindon. Admission free – Collection to support Youth Ministry. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information.

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-lowef.net**



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 dates: 27th February, 13th & 27th March. Meet likeminded people in this relaxed, friendly & supportive group to share ideas and gain in confidence in any craft. People of all ages and abilities come for a cuppa & chat whilst working on their own craft. Please bring 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



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: 19th February – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - “You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people” (Leviticus 19:18)

Jill Saward, the heroic campaigner against sexual violence, who died last month, was described as a “warrior for forgiveness”. A fervent Christian, she publicly forgave the perpetrators of horrific sexual violence against her in 1986. Her example to us, as those who seek to follow Jesus more closely, is that we free ourselves and others through forgiveness. If we want to be his disciples, let us allow him to help us to work through unforgiveness in our lives. For, insofar as we hold on to resentments and grudges, it becomes difficult to hear his voice gently calling us forward.



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*

******* IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT HOSPITAL STAYS *******

Due to a new hospital computer system it is no longer possible to trace the religion of a patient. If you are going in to hospital or if you know of any Catholic who is in hospital at Gloucester or Cheltenham **please either drop a note into the Presbytery or email churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com** and Elizabeth Thomas, the Parish Administrator, will forward the information to Fr Frank. If you are able to see Fr Kevin and receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to hospital, please do so. Many thanks.

VACANCY: Families and Community Pioneer – St George’s Gloucester with Whaddon. £22k pa full time (job share welcome). For details and application form please visit www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk or contact the administrator on 01452 307456. Closing date Friday 24th February 2017

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

Bible Alive £2.50. Walk With Me: £1. My Day by Day: £1. Children’s Calendar: Free

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday 23rd February, 3.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

All most welcome and if you feel that you can commit to an hour, please sign the sheet in the narthex.



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.

Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Thomas. Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.15am – 12pm.

Please submit items for the Bulletin to the Presbytery by WEDNESDAY.

If you would like to receive a weekly electronic version of this bulletin please email: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com



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