



# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Second Week of Lent		
DPL: Glastonbury Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury Shepton Mallet St Michael		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
<b>Sun. 25 Feb</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>10.30 am Mass:</b> First Holy Communion Preparation session in St Mary's School following 10.30am Mass	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Mon. 26 Feb</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b>	<b>Craft and Coffee group</b> All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
<b>Tues. 27 Feb</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b>	<b>Coffee Club</b> after Mass
<b>Wed. 28 Feb</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>6.30 pm Exposition</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass:</b> World Peace	<b>Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group</b> All welcome - term time 9am – 11am <b>SVP Group</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of mth 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. 1 Mar</b> <i>Feast of St David</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b> Private Intention	<b>HALL HIRE:</b> If you would like to book the church Hall please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
<b>Fri. 2 Mar</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b> <b>10.30 am Women's World Day of Prayer Service</b> <b>6.00 pm Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Women's World Day of Prayer</b> refreshments from 10am <b>Meditation Group</b> from 1pm <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Sat. 3 Mar</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b> John Morrissey RIP <b>Confessions 9.45 am – 10.15am or on request</b>	<b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 2pm – 4pm
<b>Sun. 4 Mar</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>10.30 am Mass:</b> First Holy Communion Preparation session in St Mary's School following 10.30am Mass	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Mona Manion (25 <sup>th</sup> ), Kamil Ciemniewski (25 <sup>th</sup> ), Margaret Thomasson (26 <sup>th</sup> ), Ann Pinnock (26 <sup>th</sup> ), Hilary Pickering (28 <sup>th</sup> ), Maureen Mansell (28 <sup>th</sup> ), Wladyslawa Stachy (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Peadal Kelly (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Doctor Rabrindran (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Peter Legge (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Ron Phethean (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), James Morrison (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Margaret Goodman (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), Maurice Layhe (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) and Gary Jamieson (4 <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, 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, Nathan 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.**

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 amounted to £409 + £398 = £807</b> Thank you for your generosity <b>Second Collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day TODAY</b> Special Gift Aid giving envelopes are available in the Narthex. CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support those who don't have enough to eat. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound. Visit <a href="http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Lent-Fast-Day">www.cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Lent-Fast-Day</a> for more information or to donate online.
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## A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

There's a theme flowing through the readings for this Season in Year B and it seems to be the theme of *Covenant*. Noah and the rainbow featured in last week's first reading and this Sunday's reading of Abraham's sacrifice speaks to us of God forming a people for himself. This reading anticipates the Covenant God enters into with Abraham. This Lent is a time for renewed relationships – with God and with others. Maybe our focus this second week of Lent rests upon renewing those relationships in our lives that are not quite right! We might have to make a first move but in doing so we truly imitate God who always takes the initiative to enter into love with us. It might be that we take up the opportunity to renew our relationship with the Lord in prayer but also through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God waits for us there! God waits to heal us, to renew us, to strengthen us and to love us. He will not abandon us for through his Son he has entered into an everlasting Covenant with us... and he will not go back on his word.

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Year of Mission presentation and reflections planned at 7pm on 8<sup>th</sup> March and 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> May – 'Mission'** – information to follow.

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

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

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

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

### *Sorry you're leaving...*

**It is with sadness that we announce that Elizabeth Thomas, our Parish Administrator, will soon be leaving us for a new role. Elizabeth has been a friendly and helpful face in our parish for many years and a gifted parish administrator – We will miss her enormously. Her last working day is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**VACANCY: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown to work Tuesday – Friday, 9.30am – 12.30pm (12 hours per week). The position involves all aspects of parish administration which need to be performed with discretion and confidentiality. The successful applicant will be computer literate with a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher systems. The Parish Office is situated in the Presbytery. **For an informal discussion about the role please contact Elizabeth** in the Parish Office. For an Application Form and Job Description telephone the Presbytery on 01452 713254 or e-mail [churchdown.ourladys@cliftdiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@cliftdiocese.com)

### **(WOMEN'S) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**ALL WELCOME**

## RIP



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Adams who died recently.  
Please remember too, his family and friends at this difficult time.  
Bob's Funeral Mass will take place here at 10.30am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
**"May He Rest In Peace"**



Please also pray for the repose of the soul of John Thomas Fitzgerald who died recently. Please remember too, his family and friends at this difficult time.  
John's Funeral Service will take place here at 1pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
**"May He Rest In Peace"**

### IGNITE at St Peter's High School!

You are invited to IGNITE at St Peter's RC High School on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.ignitegloucester.com)

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:admin@asachelt.org) or tel 01242 711200 or visit [www.asachelt.org/beauty-and-the-beast](http://www.asachelt.org/beauty-and-the-beast) for more information. There are some leaflets available in the Narthex.

**FAITH AND LIGHT GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Next meeting Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018.** This is 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, this month decorating crosses. Meetings are at 3pm in English Martyrs Church Hall, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester GL4 0NX. For further details please contact Fr Gerry tel. 01452 412702 or email [gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com). There will be no meeting in April as the First Sunday is Easter Sunday. The next meeting will be in May which will see a larger event with a barbecue (further details to follow).

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION:** There will be a talk on **Tuesday 6 March at 7.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Rev Katie McClure will speak to us on Reimagining faith: how developments in religious art reflect changing perspectives on faith.** All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

**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](mailto:support@standrewschurchdown.org.uk).



**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:** \* 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](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com)



## 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 began with Ash Wednesday on 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**25<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday** of the Passion of the Lord

**29<sup>th</sup> March:** Thursday of the Lord's Supper (**Maundy Thursday**)

**30<sup>th</sup> March:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (**Good Friday**)

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

**1<sup>st</sup> April:** Solemnity of **Easter Sunday** of the Resurrection of the Lord.

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

**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

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 1st July 2018.** £649 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**The annual Clifton Diocese Summer Camps have launched for 2018 and bookings are now being taken.** This year, the camps have moved to a new location at the Viney Hill Adventure Centre in the Forest of Dean and are being held between **13-17 August (ages 7-11)** and **20-24 August (ages 12-16)**. The camps promise to be a week full of fun, faith and friendship. If you are interested in finding out more, or to book a place for your child, please visit <http://livingyourfaith.co.uk> or email [livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk).

**VACANCY: Accounting Officer,** Clifton Diocese, Alexander House, Bristol. Full-time (35 Hours Per Week). Based in the Finance Office within a small and friendly but also very busy team. The key components of this role are purchase ledger, sales ledger and banking administration. Experience of an accounting software package e.g. Sage or working in a charity would be useful, but not essential. Salary £23,500pa depending upon experience. For an informal discussion about this role please contact Janet Parker, Diocesan Financial Administrator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 902 5591. For full details of this vacancy and an application form visit: [www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us) Closing date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**HOSPITAL STAY:** The Hospital Chaplains have no way of checking if a particular person is in hospital. Therefore, it is essential that individuals and families let either the parish or the chaplaincy know if somebody is in hospital and Father Frank can follow it up. To leave a message on the chaplaincy answer phone, kindly call 0300 422 4286 for Cheltenham or 0300422 6200 for Gloucester, stating clearly the name of the Catholic Patient, and, if known, what ward they are on. If you know that you are going in to hospital, please ask one of the Priests to give you the Sacrament of the Sick before going in.



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

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