



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 26th February 2017 – Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun 26Feb	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	DPL: St. Dunstan, Somerton/St. Joseph, Langport/Holy Ghost with South Petherton
Mon. 27 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tues. 28Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Eileen McCarthy (RIP) Coffee Club after Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed. 1 Mar.	9.15 a.m. Mass with St. Mary's School 7.30 p.m. Mass: Mrs Connors (Ints)	Ash Wednesday Day of Fast and Abstinence
Thur. 2 Mar.	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Joe Smith (Ints)	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Fri. 3 Mar.	2.00 p.m. Funeral Mass for Lillian Collinson 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Sat. 4 Mar.	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Nicholas Barton-Ancliffe (RIP) Confessions: 9.45 a.m. until 10.45 a.m. or on request	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sun 5 Mar.	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Jozef Lesniak (Anniv) and Maria Lesniak (RIP) 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	First Sunday of Lent

PLEASE NOTE: NO MORNING MASS ON FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

Fr David Mills, Parish Priest at St Gregory's in Cheltenham, has been kind enough to arrange for a Mass to be said on Ash Wednesday at 12.30 at St Thomas More's, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham. This will be particularly convenient for Catholics working at GCHQ who will be able to get to Mass during their lunch break.

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

Margaret Thomasson (26th), Ann Pinnock (26th), Hilary Pickering (28th), Maureen Mansell (28th), Wladyslawa Stachy (1 March), Peadal Kelly (1st), Doctor Rabindran (1st), Peter Legge (2nd), Ron Phethean (2nd), James Morrison (3rd), Margaret Goodman (3rd), Maurice Layhe (3rd), Gary Jamieson (4th), Frank Eskins (5th), and James Hanton (5th)

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



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**



R I P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lillian Collinson who died recently.
Please remember too, her family and friends at this difficult time.
Lillian's Funeral Mass will take place here at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 3rd March 2017
"May She Rest In Peace"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 19th February 2017 amounted to £395 + £350 = £745. Thank you .

TODAY there is 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

200 CLUB DRAW: The February draw took place on Sunday 19 February and the lucky winners are:



PRIZE	AMOUNT	WINNER	TICKET NO
1 ST	£230	Tom Anderson	12
2 ND	£120	Mrs J. Robertson	195
3 RD	£60	Mr B. Grayson	124

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.ourlady@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.**

'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

email churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com or tel 713254

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.

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 - 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

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. **Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, Saturday 4th March** * Coach will depart from The Immaculate Conception Church, Beeches Green, Stroud at 7:30am * **Pick up at St Peter's RC High School Gloucester 7:45am.** Please purchase your own event ticket from <http://www.ccr.org.uk/about-ccr/jubilee/> Email Mandy on mandybaker@live.co.uk to book a place on the coach. Coach costs £5 (pay on the day).



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.*

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: Talk on **Tuesday 7 March at 7.45pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Rd, Charlton Kings, Chelt., GL53 9AU. **Bishop Crispian Hollis will speak to us on The Joy of the Gospels, together with Bishop Declan's Letter.** Admission: £3 (members & students free) Stephanie Jamison: 01242 539810.

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. See poster in the Narthex.

8th March at Sacred Hearts, Morrend Road, Cheltenham GL53 9AU. To book your place email youth@cliftondiocese.com or phone 0117 902 5594.

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. See poster or email youth@cliftondiocese.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 help CLOW leaders to 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, Glos. An exciting day 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. See the poster in the Narthex Tickets must be bought in advance. www.buytickets.at/renewingminds or email renewingminds@mail.com

THE BIG PICTURE (A bible study overview course) This is your opportunity to discover more about the bible in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere over a cup of tea or coffee. There will be a 15 minute DVD on the theme for the week. Come and find out more on **Tuesday, 28th February** at 7.30pm in English Martyrs Hall GL4 0NX. The Course is free but you'll need your own journal (cost £9.95, available to buy on the night). If you haven't got your own bible, you can buy one from biblesociety.org.uk (see flyer for more information). Come and join the journey!"

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.

FAMILIAS FRIENDS' EVENTS 2017: FAMILIAS is again hosting a series of 4 events across England and Wales, each one providing an opportunity to explore Amoris Laetitia, THE JOY OF LOVE: The Challenge of Amoris Laetitia in the Home, Parish and School. Entry: £10 for FAMILIAS Members, Associates and Friends; £20 for all others Booking is essential: nearest event is **Bristol - 17 May** Holy Family Church Southsea Road, Patchway BS34 5BP **Contact:** Anne-Marie Sparrow T: 01275 460288 Email: annemarie.sparrow@cliftondiocese.com Events run from 10.00 for 10.30am until 3.00pm & lunch is provided. EVERYBODY'S WELCOME! See poster in the Narthex for more information.



If you would like to make a financial donation directly to the **Foodbank** there are standing order forms available on the table in the Narthex. We can **only collect food donations** here at Church. Please return forms directly to the **Foodbank**.

**We have received a thank you letter from CAFOD for our recent donation of £96.85
Letter available to see on the Narthex noticeboard.**

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.**

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



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 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

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)



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*

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

Lent Fast Day is on Friday 10th March this year – there will be special giving envelopes available nearer the time



LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT OUR LADY'S 2017

Stations of the Cross will be at 7.00 p.m. on Fridays.

On Sundays during Lent there will be Evening Prayer & Benediction at 4.00 pm

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 1st March

6th April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

13th April: Thursday of the Lord's Supper (**Maundy Thursday**)

14th April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (**Good Friday**)

15th April: Holy Saturday with **Easter Vigil: Service of Light** and **First Mass of Easter** in the evening.

16th 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 – 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

