



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 4th February 2018 – Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

DPL: Dulverton St Stanislaus Minehead Sacred Heart with Watchet

	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 4 Feb <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am Mass: Private Int 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish First Holy Communion 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. 5 Feb <i>Memorial of St Agatha</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Int	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
Tues. 6 Feb <i>Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: John Morrissey RIP	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 7 Feb <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30 pm Exposition & Rosary 7.00 pm Mass: William Gordon Ints	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. 8 Feb <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Joan Byrne RIP	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
Fri. 9 Feb <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: John & Selina Culligan Ints	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 10 Feb <i>Memorial of St Scholastica</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. 11 Feb <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am Mass: Andy Kinsella (Anniv) 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 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: Leonard Pullen (4th), Mary Dennis (5th), Danis Westrup (5th), Anielka Jennings (5th), Margaret Goodburn (6th), Kathleen Lambert (6th), Ronald Davies (8th), Martin Lally (9th), Gordon Ryland (9th), John McKay (9th), Basil Tennant (10th), Alfred Whalley (11th), Mel McGhee (11th), John Overall (11th) and Andy Kinsella (11th)

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 on this Racial Justice Sunday*

O God, who created all people in your image, who loves the stranger, who cares for the downtrodden, walk with those who face discrimination, protect them from harm and open our hearts that we might better help them belong. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 28th January 2018 amounted to £402 + £398 = £800

Thank you for your generosity ~ TODAY there will be a Second Collection for Our Lady's SVP Group

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS ****

PARISH VOLUNTEERS WHO VISIT PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES: There is a diocesan guide for you to read – there are a few copies available in the Narthex or please email the office for a copy: churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

The 'first full day' of Jesus' ministry is a full one! You really get a sense that preaching and proclaiming the kingdom needs so much energy and enthusiasm. This Sunday's gospel takes us to a home – the home of Simon and Andrew. It's here that Jesus reaches out to the mother-in-law. He reaches out and he touches her just as he reaches out and touches so many in his ministry. Jesus isn't frightened or constrained by those barriers which might have prevented him from touching. There is no one who is excluded now from the touch of God in their lives. Having been healed, Simon's mother-in-law gets up and waits on them – that encounter with Jesus leads to discipleship. There will be opportunities during this week for each of us to have a *touching* impact on those around us; someone may come to encounter Christ in us which may well lead them to discipleship. In this *Year of Mission*, let's not be afraid to be the very touch of God in the lives of others.

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)

TODAY there is a second collection after both Masses for our parish St Vincent De Paul Society.

Our bishop has declared this year a year of Mission. As Pope Francis tells us, our first direction of mission is always towards the poor. As he says:

"If the whole Church takes up this missionary impulse, she has to go forth to everyone without exception. But to whom should she go first? When we read the Gospel we find a clear indication: not so much our friends and wealthy neighbours, but above all the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, "those who cannot repay you" (Luke 14:14) " "

The aim of our St Vincent De Paul Society is to tackle poverty, in all its forms, through provision of practical assistance to those in need. We, in Our Lady's SVP Group, visit the sick, befriend the lonely, welcome the strange, feed the hungry and comfort the bereaved. We do this with a sense of service and love on behalf of all our Parishioners.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month, at 6.30 in the Church Hall. Our next meeting is on February 7th. We would love to welcome new members. We would love to hear from you if you know of anybody you think we may be able to help. Either talk to me or Fr Paul or put a note into the presbytery.

We welcome your financial support at the second collection TODAY. We are your parish SVP Group and we are here for you. *Anne Jewell*

FAITH AND LIGHT GLOUCESTERSHIRE: TODAY at 3pm. 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 heart boxes. 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

R I P



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

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

This year hosted by us at Our Lady's church – We need your help – please see below

**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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Our Lady's is hosting this event after Mass on 2nd March, and we need volunteers to help with the following:

- Setting up the church early (at about 8.30am before Mass)
- Getting the church ready before hand – cleaning etc.
- Final preparations/set up between Mass and the start of the service
- Meet and greet visitors
- Prepare and provide refreshments

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

HELPERS MEETING: Tuesday 6th February after morning Mass

REHEARSAL: Friday 23rd February 2018 after morning Mass

PRINKNASH ABBEY EVENTS: February 10th: Mary, Mother of Mercy – Divine Mercy Retreat Day led by Father Martin McLaughlin OSB. 11.00 – 2.30pm. 11.00 am – Mass in Meeting Room. Break for lunch – either own packed lunch or purchase from Monastery Cafe. 1pm – Talk and Prayers. Everyone most welcome.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 6 February at 2.30 pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Dr Gordon Wenham, will speak to us on New Light on Old Psalms.** All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.



MONTHLY 200 CLUB DRAW - 2018



Just to let you know that I plan to hold the first two draws in February 2018.

It is not possible to hold it in January as I have not yet had a definitive number of signed up members.

If you wish to remain a member but have not yet got round to signing the cheque could I ask you to do so if you don't want to miss out!!!! Each number is £60 per year. To those members who have already confirmed their membership for 2018, I would like to thank you. You can contact me on 01452 309004 or e-mail patrickanderson1947@yahoo.com

Regards, Paddy

200 CLUB: If you would like to join please contact Paddy on 01452 309004 or e-mail the parish office churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE – CELEBRATING OUR SPIRITUALITY THROUGH LENT: Saturdays 10.30am – 12 pm (and then a soup lunch) at St John's church, Churchdown. **17th February** – Celebrating our own spirituality. **3rd March** – Celebrating the Spirituality of the bible. **10th March** – Celebrating a childlike spirituality. **17th March** – Celebrating Julian's hazelnut. **24th March** – Celebrating a shared silence. For further details please see poster in the Narthex or contact Revd Simon Monk 07757 391837 revdsimon@talktalk.net

REVIVE YOUTH DAY: 10.30am – 8.30pm on 17th February at St Andrews Church, Station Road, Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 2JT, 7.30pm – 9.30pm on 28th April at St Matthews Church, Clarence Street, Cheltenham GL50 3PL. 7.30pm – 9.30pm on 7th July at Hillview, 26 Colwell Avenue, Hucclecote, Gloucester GL3 3LX. See Facebook 'ReviveYouthDay', Twitter @ReviveYouthDay or Instagram @revive_youth_day for more information.

PREPARING FOR MISSION – LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS: Tuesday evenings during Lent. Clifton Cathedral is hosting Life in the Spirit seminars for five Tuesday evenings in Lent **starting on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm**. This is a great way to help us all prepare for mission. The speakers are Mgr David Oakley of Oscott Seminary, David Payne and Jenny Baker of Café, Fr Richard McKay from our diocese and Fr Chris Thomas from the Archdiocese of Liverpool. For more information, email renewal@cliftondiocese.com or call 07815 751 556.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE: EXPLORING SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS THROUGH LENT Thursdays 7pm starting at St John's Church, Churchdown. **22nd February** – What are the Spiritual Traditions that sustain you? **1st March** – Julian of Norwich. **8th March** – The Jesus Prayer. **15th March** – Spirituality for Extraverts. **22nd March** – Developing a rule of life. For further details please see poster in the Narthex or contact Revd Simon Monk 07757 391837 revdsimon@talktalk.net

CARE ADVICE LINE: An information and advice service for adults and their carers in Gloucestershire. Our aim is to help individuals and their families make informed decisions about their care and support and how they pay for it. Call our helpline on 014542 222200. www.thecareadvice.org

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.**



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

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