



# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 5 Feb	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Tony Chesson <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: St. Dunstan, Keynsham
Mon. 6 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions
Tues. 7 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Jennifer Emanuelli (Ints) Coffee Club after Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed. 8 Feb	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: Mike Barker (RIP)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thur. 9 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Michael Kielty (RIP)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Fri. 10 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Francis Ayris (RIP)	Memorial of St. Scholastica
Sat. 11 Feb	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Andy Kinsella (Anniv) 9.45 a.m. Confessions until 10.15 a.m. or on request	Our Lady on Saturday
Sun 12 Feb	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Mel McGhee (Anniv) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mary Dennis (5<sup>th</sup>), Denis Westrup (5<sup>th</sup>), Anielka Jennings (5<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Goodburn (6<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Lambert (6<sup>th</sup>), Ronald Davies (8<sup>th</sup>), Martin Lally (9<sup>th</sup>), Gordon Ryland (9<sup>th</sup>), Basil Tennant (10<sup>th</sup>), Alfred Whalley (11<sup>th</sup>), Mel McGhee (11<sup>th</sup>), William Overall (11<sup>th</sup>), Andy Kinsella (11<sup>th</sup>), Bernard Oram (12<sup>th</sup>), Ernest Carroll (12<sup>th</sup>), Rory O'Connor (12<sup>th</sup>), Chris Morris (12<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Mantle (23<sup>th</sup>) and Edward Mudway (12<sup>th</sup>)

**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**

**BAPTISM:** We welcome **Cole Richards** into the Church this weekend and pray that he and his family will find joy and comfort as members of our Christian family.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 11.30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester.

**"May He Rest In Peace"**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 amounted to £439 + £350 = £789**

Clifton Children's Society amounted to £101. CAFOD collection from St Mary's School amounted to £114

*Thank you so much for your generosity  
Second Collection next week for Our Lady's SVP*



**FIRST 200 CLUB DRAW OF 2017:** The first 200 Club draw of the year will be held on Sunday 5th February. Once again a "BIG THANK YOU" to all our members for your excellent support and good luck to you all.

**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](http://www.ccsadoption.org), email [info@ccsadoption.org](mailto:info@ccsadoption.org) or call 0117 935 0005 for an informal discussion. Thank you.

**"SHROUD OF TURIN" AT ST. PETER'S R.C. HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE:** We would like to invite you to an evening talk and photographic exhibition on the *Shroud of Turin* on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. in the Main School Hall, St. Peter's High School, Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL4 0DD. We have a guest speaker, Pam Moon, coming to deliver the talk and the exhibition includes a life-size replica of the Shroud itself. Please join us for this exciting opportunity. Refreshments will also be available.

### **FUTURE FULL OF HOPE**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm in Our Lady's Church Hall**

On New Year's Day the Bishop asked us to consider questions about the Church, the Diocese and it's Future.

New year questions – from Pastoral Letter for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

At the beginning of this new year I would like to invite you to ponder this question:

**What is it to be the Church for our day and our culture?**

To be fruitful in our response we need to do this in the light of the Gospel.

Two further questions for each one of us to ask is:

**What is God asking me to be and do as a member of the Body of Christ, the Church?**

**What is it for me to be a Catholic today?**

Imagine what our Diocese will be like in five to ten years' time.

What do we need to do in order to make our imaginings come true?

You might like to do this individually or as a family or as a group of friends or parishioners.

You might like to do this as a community of Religious or a school community.

You can send your response to me through your Parish Pastoral Councils, Deanery Pastoral Councils, as a group response or individually. Responses should be with me by **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, the First Sunday of Lent.

**As a Parish we will be meeting to discuss these questions and pass our thoughts back to the Bishop.**

**PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS:** Our internship scheme provides recently graduated Catholics with an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. This year we're offering up to eight internships, including placements with Christian MPs at Westminster; a parliamentary support role and a media and communications internship both based within the Bishops' Conference Secretariat; and positions with the Catholic Agencies CAFOD and CSAN in social action and public policy roles. All internships run from Sept. 2017 - July 2018 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Details and application form can be found on our website: [faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://faithinpolitics.org.uk) **Closing date: midday on Fri. 10 Feb. 2017;** Assessment Days: 14 and 15 March 2017. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES AT PRINKNASH ABBEY:** ([www.prinknashabbey.org](http://www.prinknashabbey.org)). **Retreat day: Sat Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30-3pm-** The story and message of Lourdes. Talk in meeting room 10.30, then Mass in Abbey chapel at noon. **Thursday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** Book club meeting 10.30-12.00-discussion of "Jonah and the Whale" by Dennis Mc Bride. **History of Christianity in Britain series: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:eappi@quaker.ork.uk) or visit [www.eappi.org](http://www.eappi.org)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am Clifton Cathedral:** All are welcome on 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:renewal@cliftondiocese.com) or call 07815 751 556.

**LENT RETREAT: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kintbury@aol.com) or visit [www.thekintburyexperience.com](http://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: **4<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk). Tel0800 389 3801 or 01159 934 255.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017,** 10.30am at St Andrew's, Churchdown. Refreshments from 9.45 – 10.15am. Service at 10.30am. **REHEARSAL on 24<sup>th</sup> 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

**FLAME 2017:** As a follow-on to NYS, young people aged 14+ are invited to attend Flame, the largest gathering of Catholic Young people in the UK. Flame takes place on **11<sup>th</sup> March 2017** in Wembley Arena. To book your place as an individual or as a parish group visit: [www.cliftondiocese.com/flame](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/flame) Tickets are selling fast so don't delay!

**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. 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gisdcourse@gmail.com)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> February at Holy Rood, Swindon; **5<sup>th</sup> March** at St Osmond's, Salisbury; **19<sup>th</sup> March** at St Bonaventure's, Bristol and **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:vocations@cliftondiocese.com)

**DOWNSIDE ABBEY EVENTS: DEVOTION OF THE FIRST FIVE SATURDAY'S AND THE BROWN SCAPULAR** at 3pm in the Crypt Chapel, **4<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July.** See poster in the Narthex for more info or visit [www.downside.co.uk](http://www.downside.co.uk) for booking details. **VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Thur. 4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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](http://www.downside.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Itinerary.pdf)

**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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017** at 7pm.

**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](mailto: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:** 5th February \* 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.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com)



**FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community)** – A Christian Association that brings together people with special needs, their families and friends. **Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month – next meeting is TODAY at 3pm** in Our Lady's church hall, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown. Contact Fr. Kevin by email [kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com) or on 01452 713254 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or [Shelley1270@gmail.com](mailto:Shelley1270@gmail.com)

**PARISH CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK GROUP - fortnightly 9am-11am.** 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](mailto: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)



**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**

**VOCATION MATTERS: "In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men" (Matthew 5:16)**

The Gaia space telescope is making the most precise map of the night sky ever assembled. So far, it has plotted one billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy. These sources of light pale into insignificance when we consider that they have come into existence through the Word. That same Word wants us to bring His light to others. Whether it's by being married or being a priest, such faithfulness to the Word's call on our lives will allow us to shine really brightly. Much brighter than if we were to randomly choose our own path.



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