



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 14th January 2018 – First Week of Ordinary Time

DPL: Corsham St Patrick / Melksham St Anthony of Padua

	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 14 Jan <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am Mass: John O'Brien Ints 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 15 Jan <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
Tues. 16 Jan <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 17 Jan <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30 pm Exposition & Rosary 7.00 pm Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group All welcome - term time 9am – 11am SVP Group – 24 th Jan at 6.30pm Justice & Peace – 1 st Weds of mth 7.30pm Private Hire – 2 nd Weds of mth 6.30pm
Thur. 18 Jan <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
Fri. 19 Jan <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 20 Jan <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion Confessions 10.30 am – 10.45am or on request	PRIVATE HIRE 2pm – 4pm
Sun. 21 Jan <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am Mass: Doreen Quibell RIP 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish First Communion preparation session in St Mary's School hall following 10.30am Mass	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers

Anniversaries: Raymond Vose (14th), Lily Richardson (14th), Aldo Chetcuti (16th), Kath Mannion (17th), Aaron Flaherty (18th), Aiden Cushion (19th), Mona Walsh (19th), Patrick Gribbon (19th), Albert Nutting (20th), Annie Wise (20th), Nancy Duffy (21st), Anthony Chesson (21st), and Keith Gooding (21st).

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 and Geraldine Armitage.



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:

Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 7th January 2018 amounted to £391 + £398 = £789

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A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

We leave the familiar scenes of Bethlehem behind so quickly. We've skipped through the waters of the Jordan this last week and now we enter into Ordinary Time. But we don't leave the Jordan's banks just yet for John the Baptist is pointing Jesus out to his own disciples. John has to let his own companions go to follow Jesus. John is not the centre of the message... but he discerns that Jesus is. That pointing starts a wonderful journey of people encountering Jesus and bringing others to him. There's something about Jesus and those with him that truly attracts. We evangelise through attraction! The challenge is to allow ourselves to be 'attractive' so that people are drawn to the Lord because of what they see of him in us. May we have eyes to see where we are being led closer to the Lord, but may we also have courage to lead others to Jesus, because it *is* all about him.

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

NEXT WEEK - CHRISTIAN UNITY: 'Week of Prayer' audio series of Personal Reflections

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins next week, eight days of prayer with Christian brothers and sisters across our country and our world. This year as part of our diocesan *Year of Mission* you can listen to a series of personal reflections that allows us to understand *mission* through the lens of other Christian communities. Day by day through the Octave of Prayer we listen to Ecumenical representatives across our diocese who help us ponder mission as Christian churches and mission as something we can 'do' together. Let this Week of Prayer, maybe, allow you to ponder what we can learn from the other churches and how, in your own area, you might work with the other communities of faith to live out the mission of Christ.

You can find the resources for this Week of Prayer from the CTBI website - ctbi.org.uk

All the Reflections will be on www.cliftondiocese.com

ST PETER'S PRAYER AND PRAISE MEETING: 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm, St. Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester. During this month's prayer meeting Tony Wadley will be speaking on his 'Eve of song and story'. All Welcome.

LIVING STONES – RETREAT DAYS FOR CATECHISTS & YOUTH LEADERS (DIOCESAN EVENT): Saturday 20th January 2018 at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud. 10am – 4pm. Youth Leaders, Catechists, teachers, clergy & all interested in Youth Ministry are invited to take time to explore, reflect & pray on our Youth Ministry Retreat. Lunch provided. Cost £20 per person. Booking essential, email: youth@cliftondiocese.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE at 6pm on Sunday 21st January 2018 at Christchurch Abbeydale. Preacher: the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester. All Welcome

SERVICE OF HEALING, HOLY MASS, RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION: 7.30pm, Friday 26th January 2018 at St John the Evangelist Church, South Parade Bath. Owing to on-going work to conserve the parquet flooring in the chancel and side aisles, the service will be held in the Parish Hall beside the Church. It will follow the usual format of Holy Mass with Reconciliation followed by Adoration and Healing. All welcome.



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

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE (DIOCESAN EVENT): Saturday 3rd February 2018 at 12 noon. Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is marriage. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2018, then please contact us: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 9025595.

CAFOD: Hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe!— hear a speaker from CAFOD on **Saturday February 3rd 2pm – 4pm** English Martyrs Church, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4. All Welcome.

GUIDED PILGRIMAGE to Fatima and Santiago de Compostela: Sun 20th May to Fri 25th May 2018 with flights from Heathrow. Cost for twin share or double room £669 per person half board, single supplement £120, deposit £200 balance due 7th March 2018. Aglow Pilgrimages who are organising the pilgrimage for St Augustine's Matson and English Martyrs Tuffley has the ATOL bond so your deposit is secure. Fr Gerry Walsh will be the Chaplain. You can find further details and book on line at <http://www.aglowpilgrimages.com/staugustines> or by contacting Marisa Wood Parish Administrator on 504997

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

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES: Seven nights B&B and airport shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight – any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book dates that suit you. Tel Jackie on 0203 239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com. www.med-irishcentre.com Please see poster in the narthex for further information.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING NEWS: Copies of this diocesan newsletter are available on the Narthex table.

200 CLUB

Dear Member, I would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

It is now time to re-new your membership for 2018.

Members who pay by monthly Standing Order DO NOT need to take any action at this time.

Those who pay by cheque or cash should put their remittance in an envelope addressed as follows:

ATTN: PADDY – 200 CLUB and put on the plate for the normal Sunday collection or alternatively post through the door of the Presbytery.

Hopefully we shall continue to have the same number of members as per the last 5 years and therefore, continue with the same prize money.

Thanking you all,

Paddy

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

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@cliftondiocese.com

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