



## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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### Sunday 21st January 2018 – Third Week of Ordinary Time

DPL: Downside The Abbey Church with Stratton on the Fosse St Benedict

	Services this week	In the Church Hall
<b>Sun. 21 Jan</b> <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass:</b> Doreen Quibell RIP <b>10.30 am Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>First Communion preparation session</b> in St Mary's School hall following 10.30am Mass <b>Party for families who had children baptized in 2017</b> in church hall after 10.30am Mass	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Mon. 22 Jan</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b> Private Int	<b>Craft and Coffee group</b> All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
<b>Tues. 23 Jan</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b> Private Int	<b>Coffee Club</b> after Mass
<b>Wed. 24 Jan</b> <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales</i>	<b>6.30 pm Exposition &amp; Rosary</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass:</b> Dorina Emanuelli Ints	<b>Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group</b> All welcome - term time 9am – 11am <b>SVP Group</b> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 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. 25 Jan</b> <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b> Joan Byrne RIP	<b>HALL HIRE:</b> If you would like to book the church Hall please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
<b>Fri. 26 Jan</b> <i>Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b> Bill Cahill RIP	<b>Meditation Group</b> from 1pm  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Sat. 27 Jan</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass:</b> Private Int <b>Confessions 10.30 am – 10.45am or on request</b>	<b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 2pm – 4pm
<b>Sun. 28 Jan</b> <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass:</b> Emma & Patrick Gribbon RIP <b>10.30 am Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>Baptism preparation session</b> in St Mary's School following 10.30am Mass <b>12.00 pm Baptism</b>	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday  <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm

### In our prayers

**Anniversaries:** Nancy Duffy (21<sup>st</sup>), Anthony Chesson (21<sup>st</sup>), Keith Gooding (21<sup>st</sup>), Howard Morgan (22<sup>nd</sup>), Norah Pargeter (23<sup>rd</sup>), Tracey Isaac (25<sup>th</sup>), Frank Stafford (25<sup>th</sup>), Peter Bosworth (25<sup>th</sup>), Victor Collins (26<sup>th</sup>), Dermot Stuart (27<sup>th</sup>) and Christopher Murphy (28<sup>th</sup>)

**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: *We pray together***

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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 amounted to £407 + £398 = £805**

Thank you for your generosity ~ On 4<sup>th</sup> February 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 Sacristy or please email the office for a copy: [churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com)

## A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Now we start to listen to St Mark's account of Jesus. This is Good News! We hear the first words of Jesus that Mark records: *Repent, and believe the good news*. That simple call is one to reorientation, to a turning back towards God, to seeking him and to finding him. We find that Jesus' mission is to gather disciples who share in the mission of drawing God's people back to him. Their skills are used and transformed. Jesus calls us in the hope that we might respond with that same energy and enthusiasm. Let's use this week to reread Mark's Gospel and encounter once again the Jesus who call us to share in his mission, too. Let's allow the good news he proclaims to touch us, to call us, to transform and renew us first before we set out in proclaiming good news to others.

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – EVENTS AND RESOURCES

### 'Week of Prayer' audio series of Personal Reflections

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this 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](http://ctbi.org.uk) [All the Reflections will be on www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE at 6pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

at Christchurch Abbeydale. Preacher: the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester. All Welcome

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January ECUMENICAL SERVICE

#### ORGANISED BY CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHURCHDOWN AND INNSWORTH:

As part of the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, The service will take place at 5pm on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January** in St John's Church, and Our Lady's has had a great deal of involvement in its organisation. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and it would be great if Our Lady's was well represented at the service to show our commitment to working and worshipping with our fellow Christians in our community.

**COMMEMORATION OF HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2018** will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Promenade, Cheltenham, on **Thursday 25 January, at 6.30pm**. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

**SERVICE OF HEALING, HOLY MASS, RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION: 7.30pm, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TAIZÉ FOR CANDLEMAS: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 7.30pm** St Mary de Lode church, St Mary's Square, Gloucester. Parking is available. All welcome. Visit [www.swithunandmary.org.uk](http://www.swithunandmary.org.uk) or see poster in Narthex for more information.

**CELEBRATING MARRIAGE (DIOCESAN EVENT): Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 9025595.

**CAFOD: Hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe!**— hear a speaker from CAFOD on **Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>** 2pm – 4pm English Martyrs Church, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4. 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](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:renewal@cliftondiocese.com) or call 07815 751 556.

**(WOMEN'S) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2018**  
**Refreshments in the hall from 10am, service starting at 10.30am**

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

**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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Our Lady's is hosting this event after Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com) or Maria Gibbins tel: 07958 631600.

**HELPERS MEETING:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February after morning Mass

**REHEARSAL:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 after morning Mass

**GUIDED PILGRIMAGE to Fatima and Santiago de Compostela: Sun 20<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.thecareadvice.org)

### CATECHISTS FORMATION COURSES: STARTING WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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**, the course includes the diocesan gathering on Saturday 30 June 2018. There are some engaging and stimulating facilitators for each session. The session on 28 February is designed to set the scene for the monthly sessions that follow. There's plenty of parking at St Patrick's, sessions start at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7pm.

**In the first instance please talk to Jackie Bailey or Fr Paul for more information.** Those wishing to take part in the series will need to send their registration details to Alexander House by the end of February. There is a minimal cost to the course which may be subsidised by the parish.

**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](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://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 or email the Parish Office to request a copy [churchdown.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com)



### 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](mailto: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.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com)



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

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