



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 22nd January 2017 – Third Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 22 Jan	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Private Intention COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL St. Augustine of Canterbury, Matson/English Martyrs, Tuffley, Glos
Mon. 23 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 24 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Angela Wolfe (Ints) Coffee Club after Mass	<i>Memorial of St. Francis de Sales</i>
Wed. 25 Jan	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: Seamus Doherty (RIP)	<i>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul</i>
Thur. 26 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Bill Cahill (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus</i>
Fri. 27 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sat. 28 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Myrtle Wright (RIP) 9.45 a.m. Confessions until 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
Sun 29 Jan	8.30 a.m. Mass: Pat and Emma Gribbon (Anniv) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

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

Howard Morgan (22nd), Norah Pargeter (23rd), Tracy Isaac (25th), Frank Stafford (25th), Peter Bosworth (25th), Victor Collins (26th), Dermot Stuart (27th) and Christopher Murphy (28th)

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, and Peter Kost.



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



RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **baby Stevie Hickey** who was born sleeping and remember too baby Stevie's family at this very difficult time.

Stevie's Funeral Service will take place at 11.00 a.m.
on Wednesday 25th January at Gloucester Crematorium



BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome **Mikayla Gorman, Esme Maria Rudge** and **Chancelin Agbor, Verrall Ngueyep** and **Ryan Kenga Pamo** into the Church. We pray that they and their families will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GLOUCESTER: There will be a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at **6pm TODAY** at *St Augustine of Canterbury RC Church, Matson Lane, Matson, GL4 6DT*. The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017 is Crossing Barriers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 15th January 2017 amounted to £507 + £350 = £857

White flower appeal (SPUC) amounted to £115

Thank you so much for your generosity

There will be a second collection next week (29th) for the Clifton Children's Society

ST PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL – CHANGE OF HEADTEACHER: The new term is now well under way at St Peter's High School and I would like to notify those parishioners who are not part of the School community of our change of headteacher. Mr Philip Rush retired from teaching at the end of last term having been headteacher since September 2013. However, he had also been the acting head for a prolonged period during and after the long illness of his predecessor, Mr Lawrence Montagu. Philip served the school in total for a little over 33 years and had a hugely beneficial influence upon its wellbeing and success. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude and wish him all the very best for a long and happy retirement. Philip has been succeeded by Mrs Stephanie Layhe and many will know that, until the end of last year, she was one of our deputy heads. Although Mrs Layhe was not selected because she was an internal applicant (the school received very credible applications from external candidates), one of the benefits of her appointment is that we can be certain there will be great continuity for the future of the school. Mrs Layhe is committed to St Peter's and is well equipped to take the school forward to further heights of achievement. Jim Stenson, Chair of Governors

CHRISTIAN UNITY: Every year, **from 18th January until 25th January**, the Catholic Church, in conjunction with the World Council of Churches, celebrates the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Churches Together in Churchdown and Innsworth invite you to St. John's Church for a Service today at 5.00 p.m.

SINGING THE PSALM AT MASS is an important part of the liturgy. The Book of Psalms is the only book of the Bible that is used in every 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-lowef.net**

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE – 11 February at 12 noon: Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate Marriage. All are welcome If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married or looking forward to marriage in 2017, then please contact our Marriage and Family Life Coordinator: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or tel 0117 902 5595.

CELEBRATING LENT AND EASTER: Saturday 18 February, 10am - 3.30pm. Calling together our priests and deacons, our parish pastoral councils, liturgical ministers, parish liturgy groups and parish prayer groups, this day seeks to help us reflect upon the richness of the Lent and Easter Seasons so as to aid our preparation. With keynote speaker, Fr Martin Jakubas, and a variety of workshops. St Brendan's 6th form college, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5RQ. For more information please visit www.cliftondiocese.com

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 **11th March 2017** in Wembley Arena. To book your place as an individual or as a parish group visit: 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. 15th 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

TAIZE BIRMINGHAM: Hidden Treasure – Inner Life and Solidarity. Full weekend open to 16-35 year olds – **Friday 28 April – Monday 1 May 2017**. One day programme also available and city centre prayers. Please see poster in the Narthex for further details or visit www.taize.fr/birmingham to register.

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 19th February at Holy Rood, Swindon; 5th March at St Osmond's, Salisbury; 19th March at St Bonaventure's, Bristol and 2nd 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

THE VIANNEY GROUP is a discernment group for men who want to explore more deeply a call to the priesthood alongside other likeminded men. The group meets once a month on a Tuesday evening from 7.15pm to 9.15pm, restarting in February at St Bernadette's Church, 731 Wells Road, Bristol BS14 9HU. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex or email vocations@cliftondiocese.com

CAFOD: Hear about CAFOD's work in Zambia this Lent!—come along and hear from one of the Sisters at one of our Lent Events - *Sister Yvonne Mwila Mwalula* who has come to the UK to tell us about the work of our partners, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the way it is changing lives for Zambians. **Tuesday 14th February, 7.00pm-8.30pm: Sr Mwila Mwalula will be the speaker**-venue: Presbytery, St Bonaventure's Parish, Egerton Road, Bristol BS7 8HP. Or **Thursday 16th February, 1.00–2.30pm: CAFOD staffer Liz Baldwin will be the speaker**-venue: English Martyrs Parish, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX. Booking is essential for both events as space is limited – email Liz on ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk or call 01179 428 328

PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS: Our excellent internship scheme provides recently graduated Catholics with an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. This year we're looking to offer 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 September 2017 - July 2018 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an [application](#) form can be found on our website: faithinpolitics.org.uk **The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 10 February 2017; the Assessment Days will be 14 and 15 March 2017.** If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

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/ The full itinerary is here: www.downside.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Itinerary.pdf Spaces are limited and we need to book flights very soon. Bookings can be made on the Downside website.

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:** 22nd January, 29th January, 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.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

COFFEE & CAKE FOR PARENTS/CARERS (babies and toddlers also catered for with snacks and toys) **Every Wednesday during term time: 9am – 10.30am in Church Hall.** Pop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake straight after the morning school run! A chance to meet and catch up with other parents from school in a relaxed and friendly setting. Suggested donation of £1.



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) – 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 Sunday 5th February at 3pm** 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



PARISH CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK GROUP - fortnightly 9am-11am. Upcoming dates: 16th Jan, 30th Jan. 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 Details to be found on Our Lady's Parish website.

VOCATION MATTERS: 15 Jan 2017 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'It's rude to point', say parents to their inquisitive young children. To point to someone is to single them out, so that they stand out from the crowd. As followers of Christ, we are called to point to Him working through us. Whatever our vocation, at its heart is that drive to single Jesus out in the midst of the pain and chaos of the world, as well as within its beauty and joy. It's not rude to point to Jesus. He wants to be singled out as the one who gives us life and meaning.



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



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

Holocaust Memorial Day - 27th January 2017 - "How Can Life Go On?"

"For the survivor death is not the problem. Death was an everyday occurrence.

We learned to live with death. The problem is to adjust to life, to living.

You must teach us about living." (Elie Wiesel - author and survivor of the Holocaust)

Holocaust Memorial Day is our opportunity to stand in solidarity with the victims of genocide and to make a clear statement that genocide is evil and that it should not be tolerated under any circumstances whatsoever. Unfortunately, genocide happens when ordinary people fail to stand up and be counted. On Friday, special commemorative events marking Holocaust Memorial Day will take place all over the UK.

Let us pray for our unique and special relationship with the Jewish People... may Christians everywhere commit themselves to genuine brotherhood with the People of the Covenant. **Let us pray** for an end to genocide, for the purification of our hearts from prejudice and hatred of any kind and for the courage never to stand by in the face of evil... may we keep the memory of the past alive so that the future may be free from the evil of genocide and all other injustice and hate.

FIRST AIDERS:

If you are First Aid trained and would be willing for your details to be held at Our Lady's for events and meetings etc. please could you supply a copy of your First Aid Certificate to the Parish Office. Many thanks.



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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.

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