



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 28th January 2018 – Fourth Week of Ordinary Time – Racial Justice Sunday

DPL: Dulverton St Stanislaus Minehead Sacred Heart with Watchet

	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 28 Jan <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am Mass: Emma & Patrick Gribbon RIP 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish Baptism preparation session in St Mary's School following 10.30am Mass 12.00 pm Baptism	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 29 Jan <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Int	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
Tues. 30 Jan <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Eric Dick Ints Outing to Prinknash after morning Mass – see notice P2	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 31 Jan <i>Memorial of St John Bosco</i>	6.30 pm Exposition & Rosary 7.00 pm Mass: Margaret West-Sadler 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. 1 Feb <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Sheila Mitchell Ints	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please contact Elizabeth Thomas in the office: 01452 713254
Fri. 2 Feb <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Rory Lewis Anniv	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 3 Feb <i>Our Lady on Saturday</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. 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

In our prayers

Anniversaries: Christopher Murphy (28th), Michael Sheehy (31st), Mary Armitage (31st), Bridget & Richie Nolan (1st), Rory Lewis (2nd) and Leonard Pullen (4th)

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 21st January 2018 amounted to £474 + £398 = £872

Thank you for your generosity ~ NEXT SUNDAY there will be a Second Collection for Our Lady's SVP Group (see P3)

**** 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

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus makes that wonderful impression upon people in this weekend's gospel. He speaks with *authority*. Bishop Declan often links this word with the word *authenticity*. Jesus is authentic in everything he says and everything he does. That authenticity, that authority flows from his nearness to the Father. Jesus is 'plugged in' to the Father and his love so that it really is the Father's love that Jesus proclaims in all he says and does. It's an authority, and authenticity, a closeness that our world longs for and *can* find in us. Let's allow those we encounter this week to see something authentic and real in us. We don't necessarily want people to say, 'Wow!' but to find something of God's nearness to them, of his outreaching in us. Let us be signs that God cares and that God loves.

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome **Darla Barrow** into the Church and pray that she and her family will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.

OUR LADY'S OUTING TO PRINKNASH: Anyone interested in an outing to Prinknash on **Tuesday 30th January**, leaving at 10am after morning Mass, is welcome to join us. We will offer lifts to those who need it, and fill the cars to get there. Hope to see you.

TAIZÉ FOR CANDLEMAS: Wednesday 31st January 7.30pm St Mary de Lode church, St Mary's Square, Gloucester. Parking is available. All welcome. Visit www.swithunandmary.org.uk or see poster in Narthex for more information.

FUNDRAISING EVENT: DEMENTIA & MENTAL ILLNESS CHARITIES Friday 3rd February, 5-8pm at GL3 Community Hub opposite Tesco, Churchdown. Do you have a family member or friend that lives with dementia or a mental illness whatever their age? Want to know more or how to help them? Talks from local experts start at 6pm. Refreshments available. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information. Event arranged by pupils from Chosen Hill school who will share their personal experiences.

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.

FAITH AND LIGHT GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Next meeting Sunday 4th February 2018 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

PRINKNASH ABBEY EVENTS: In 2018 the topics are: The Four Gospels; Divine Mercy Retreat Days; Exploring Faith.
February 3rd: The Gospel of St. Matthew – Father Martin McLaughlin OSB - 10.30 - 12 noon in the Meeting Room. and Exploring the History and Development of the Mass - Dr. Sarah Richards - 2pm – 4pm in the Meeting Room. **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.



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

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)

On February 4th 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 on 4th February. We are your parish SVP Group and we are here for you. *Anne Jewell*

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.

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

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.

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

(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

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.**

LOST ITEMS IN CHURCH HALL: An amount of items have been having a "long holiday" there and are beginning to have a "lost" look about them. There is a beautiful crib & nativity set, a radio player, an urn, a notice board, all keeping each other company. They would all be very grateful to be allowed to go home now! Can anyone help them to do so? Thank you.



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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.

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