



## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 29th January 2017 - Fourth Week of Ordinary Time		
Sun 29 Jan	<b>8.30 a.m. Mass:</b> Pat and Emma Gribbon (Anniv) <b>10.30 a.m. Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<b>DPL</b> <b>St. Benet, Kemerton/St. Joseph,</b> Tewkesbury/ <b>St. Nicholas with</b> <b>Bishop's Cleeve, Winchombe</b>
Mon. 30 Jan	<b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 a.m. Mass:</b> Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 31 Jan	<b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</b> <b>Coffee Club</b> after Mass	<i>Memorial of St. John Bosco</i>
Wed. 1 Feb	<b>7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary</b> <b>7.30 p.m. Mass:</b> Michael Costello and family (Ints)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thur. 2 Feb	<b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion preceded</b> <b>by a Candle Service</b>	<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>
Fri. 3 Feb	<b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 a.m. Mass with blessing of St. Blaise:</b> Rory Lewis (Anniv)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sat. 4 Feb	<b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 a.m. Mass:</b> Michael Kielty (RIP) <b>9.45 a.m. Confessions until 10.15 a.m. or on request</b>	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
Sun 5 Feb	<b>8.30 a.m. Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>10.30 a.m. Mass:</b> Tony Chesson (Anniv) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

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

Michael Sheehy (31<sup>st</sup>), Mary Armitage (31<sup>st</sup>), Bridget & Richie Nolan (1<sup>st</sup> Feb), Rory Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup>), Leonard Pullen (4<sup>th</sup>), Mary Dennis (5<sup>th</sup>), Denis Westrup (5<sup>th</sup>) and Anielka Jennings (5<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 Figures, 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...**

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 22ND January 2017 amounted to £468 + £350 = £818**

*Thank you so much for your generosity*

There will be a second collection **TODAY** for the Clifton Children's Society

**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. Enquiries are welcome from anyone who can provide these children with the stability and unconditional love they need. You may be single or a couple, with or without children, a homeowner or in rented accommodation. Age is not a barrier – many adopters are in their 40's and 50's. For more information 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.

**THERE ARE THANK YOU LETTERS ON THE NOTICEBOARD IN THE NARTHEX** from:

**CAFOD** – Thank you to parishioners at Our Lady’s for your generous support for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Amount received £809.22. **MISSIO** – Your kind gift of £166.01 will help with the crucial work of priests in Rwanda.

**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> February, 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). Tel 0800 389 3801 or 01159 934 255.

**VOLUNTEER WITH MARRIAGE CARE:** Would you like to make a difference? Do you believe healthy relationships can lead to a better society? Would you like to gain skills and experience whilst helping others to build stronger relationships? Volunteering with Marriage Care could be for you. ***“I have gained experience and skills that I would never have learned in my day job”***. – **MC Volunteer**. Catholic Marriage Care has grown out of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council. It draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. In addition to relationship counselling, we provide marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. The team in Cheltenham would love to welcome new volunteers to train with us to work with engaged couples as they start out on their married lives. To find out more information with no commitment, please email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) or call 0800 389 3801.

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES AT PRINKNASH ABBEY:** (see website for full details, [www.prinknashabbey.org](http://www.prinknashabbey.org))

**Divine Mercy prayer :** **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: 12-1.30pm**. Mass and rosary in Abbey chapel , chaplet in the grotto.

**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.

**WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is taking place on **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** all around the world with a service prepared by the people of the Philippines. This year, in Churchdown, it is being held at St Andrew’s Church at 10.30 a.m. and all are very welcome. As part of the service, Filipino clothes are required for some of the ladies to wear and we wondered if anyone could help with this. We are not looking for full National costume but are led to believe it would be a linen type blouse with full colourful skirt. We would be very grateful for clothes to borrow or indeed advice. If you are able to help please phone Edna on [01452 855033](tel:01452855033).

**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)

**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](http://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 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)

**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](http://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.

**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.** Please see poster in the Narthex for more information 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: Thursday 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/ltinerary.pdf](http://www.downside.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/ltinerary.pdf) Spaces are limited and we need to book flights very soon. Bookings can be made on the Downside website.

**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. Please see 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:veronica@ark-lowef.net)**

**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:**  
\* Sunday 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](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

**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 5<sup>th</sup> February 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. 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](mailto:natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk) Details to be found on Our Lady's Parish website.



### 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The 200 club has been a massive success since its inception in April 2013. As we approach our 5<sup>th</sup> year we can confirm that to date we have given out a total of £26,000 in prizes and a further £26,000 has been given to the Parish.

As a result of the money received by the Parish, a number of upgrades to the infrastructure of the Church and other improvements has been possible. This could not have been achieved without the support of "YOU", our 200 club members, and I should like to thank you personally. Please continue to support the 200 club. *Fr Kevin*

If you wish to become a member please call **Paddy on Glos 309004** for further information. You can pay annually, monthly by Standing order, or cash. Each ticket number is £5 per month or £60 for the year. Currently we have a monthly draw consisting of 3 draws; £230, £120 and £60. In addition we have a summer draw and a Christmas draw each approx. £1000 total. The saying goes *if you aint in it, YOU cannot win IT. Paddy*



### 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](mailto:the.parish.office)

### 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.**



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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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