



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 7th January 2018 – First Week of Ordinary Time

DPL: Corsham St Patrick / Melksham St Anthony of Padua

	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 7 Jan <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Pr. Int.	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 8 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. 9 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. 10 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. 11 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. 12 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. 13 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. 14 Jan <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Pr. Int.	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers

Anniversaries: Kathleen Clark (7th), Jimmy Tierney (7th), Catherine Twohig (8th), Catherine Whyte (8th), Oscar Awino (8th), Julie Doyle (8th), Patrick Duffy (9th), Henri-Etta Montaut (9th), Betty Falconer (9th), Vincent Dennis (10th), Monica Grayston (10th), John Lavin (10th), Eve Whalley (11th), Leonard Cowen (12th), Mario Fierro (12th), Andrew Preece (12th), Annie Arkell (13th), Raymond Vose (14th) and Lily Richardson (14th).

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:

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You.

Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 31st December 2017 amounted to £403 + £398 = £801

Thank you for your generosity

Happy New Year

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and take this opportunity to thank you for all your good wishes. I especially thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts and generous Christmas offering. I must also thank everyone who helps with the smooth running of the parish; especially all who are involved in ministries. Thanks as well go to Elizabeth for all her help in the office. The twelve days of Christmas remind us that the Lord goes with us into the New Year; we take great joy in His love for us all.

Peace and Joy, Fr. Paul

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

EPIPHANY

There are so many images before our eyes at the Epiphany. Wise men and their gifts feed our imaginings as to *who* this child truly is. Herod's curiosity speaks, ironically, of our own desire to *find* the child who holds life's meaning and promise. But it's the light of the star that can be easily overlooked... but not just the fact that its bright: it guides. This New Year and, indeed, this *Year of Mission* invite us to consider how we might be leading others towards Christ. Do we lead people towards him because of *who* we are, because of who we seek to be? In all we do for Christ – in our words and actions – let's seek to satisfy the curiosity of those who are truly searching. Let's allow them to encounter, truly encounter, the Christ in us, the Christ who draws all peoples to the love he reaches out to bring.

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome **Delilah and Sebastian Wynn** into the Church and pray that they and their family will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.

BAPTISM: If you are seeking Baptism for your child please phone or email the Parish Office to register for the preparation course, to arrange a date for the baptism and to obtain a baptism application form. Tel: 01452 713254
Email: churchdown.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com

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

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 22200. www.thecareadvice.org



200 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW- DECEMBER 2017



The draw took place on 17 December and the lucky winners were:

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TICKET NO</u>
1 ST	£400	B. Barton-Ancliffe	200
2 nd	£200	B. Barton-Ancliffe	80
3 RD	£100	P. Bird	8
4 th	£50	E. Samuel	145
5 th	£50	V&J. Roger	89
6 th	£50	M. Strachan	63
7 th	£50	B. Grayson	124
8 th	£50	A. Merritt	238
9 th	£50	B. Burrows	179

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

200 CLUB: If you would like to join please contact Paddy on 01452 309004 or e-mail the parish office churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com



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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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