



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 8 th January 2017 – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		
Sun 8 Jan	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Hazel Ponter (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury Glastonbury / St Michael Shepton Mallet
Mon. 9 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tues. 10 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Special intention Followed by Coffee Club	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed. 11 Jan	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: Seamus Doherty (RIP) & Deceased members of Doherty family	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thur. 12 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Fr Daly (Ints)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Fri. 13 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Joe & Angela Smith (Ints)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sat. 14 Jan	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Mike Barker (RIP)	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
Sun 15 Jan	8.30 a.m. Mass: Seamus Doherty (RIP) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Catherine Twohig (8th), Catherine Whyte (8th), Oscar Awino (8th), Julie Doyle (8th), Patrick Duffy (9th), Henrietta Montaut (9th), Betty Falconer (10th), Vincent Dennis (10th), Monica Grayston (10th), Eve Whalley (11th), Leonard Cowen (12th), Mario Fierro (12th), Andrew Preece (12th), Annie Arkell (13th), Raymond Vose (14th), and Lily Richardson (14th).

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...

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 1st January 2017 amounted to £561 + £350 = £911

Thank you so much for your generosity

Next week there will be Second Collection for the White Flower Appeal (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

White Flower Appeal (15th January 2017): The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.



BAPTISM: Today through the Sacrament of Baptism, we warmly welcome **Poppy Thomson** into the Church and pray that she and her family will find comfort and joy as members of our Christian family.

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 the following services.

Date	Time	Location	Service/event
Thursday 19 January 2017	10am	Our Lady's	With St Mary's School
Saturday 21 January 2017	9am	Methodist church	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 22 January 2017	5pm	St Johns	Service

Churches Together in Gloucester: There will be a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at **6pm on Sunday 22 January** 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.

The new **Prinknash Abbey programme for 2017** has opportunities for retreat days at the Abbey every month and a new monthly series of meetings throughout 2017 to explore the history of Christianity in the British Isles, from Roman times to the present. The January dates are as follows: **Retreat day Saturday January 14th 10.30am - 3pm** -theme: following on from the Jubilee Year of Mercy, "**What does the Lord ask of you?**". **Talk- Exploring the history of Christianity in Britain Sat Jan 21st 10.30-12pm-The first Christians in Britain. Exploring faith group Sat Jan 21st 2-4pm:** Exploring the earliest saints of the British Isles ,starting with St Alban and others in Roman Britain. Meetings all start in the meeting room near the cafe. all welcome.

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.

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!

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 15th January, 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 : ourladys.churchdown@cliftondiocese.com



A sincere thank you for your generous Christmas Offering as well as all the many cards and gifts I received. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated and I wish you all a peaceful, happy and holy new year.
Father Kevin

Thank you to the many people who helped in preparation for Christmas with flowers, cleaning, Christmas tree, music and all other preparations that go on behind the scenes. Your help was invaluable and much appreciated by all of our Parish and visitors.

FOUND – lovely paid of woolly ‘Christmas tree’ gloves – If they are yours please collect from the parish office.

COFFEE & CAKE FOR PARENTS/CARERS (babies and toddlers also catered for with snacks and toys to play with). **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.



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 can also be found on Our Lady’s Parish website.



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.**

OUR LADY'S SVP GROUP: Members are volunteers who are happy to give their time to serve others wherever possible - visiting the housebound, lonely and sick; offering lifts and helping in a variety of ways.



Our contact number can be found on the SVP leaflets in the Narthex or please contact us on: 01452-713254.

Monthly meetings for members will be held in the Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH starting in January 2017.

May we also draw your attention to our blue SVP Collection Box for anyone wishing to contribute to the work of the Society. ***Thank you so much for your generosity so far.***

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.

VOCATION MATTERS: 8th January – The Epiphany of the Lord

“Go and find out all about the child” (Matthew 2:8)

In BBC's *The Apprentice*, budding entrepreneurs who fail to invest time in discovering the needs of a customer, usually sell little. Inevitably, they hear the words, “You’re fired!”. Discerning a vocation may draw from this experience, taking it to the spiritual level. If we want to know Jesus’ plan for our lives, then we have to spend quality time with him. He will reveal himself to us more and more if we invest time with him in prayer. So put a plan in place to be with him; joyfully discover your vocation; and hear those loving, affirming words, “You’re hired!”

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP



The 200 club has been a massive success since its inception in April 2013. As we approach our 5th 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*

Anyone wishing 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*



MEDITATION GROUP

Friday's at 1.00pm

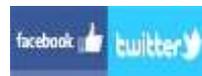
Our Lady's Church Hall. **All welcome**



If you would like to join our **200 CLUB** please contact Paddy on Glos. 309004 or e-mail: the.parish.office



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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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