



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 11 th March 2018 – Fourth Week of Lent		
DPL: St. Augustine's, Matson & English Martyrs, Tuffley.		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 11 Mar <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass:	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 12 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass:	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
Tues. 13 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass:	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 14 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Mass: Marie Stevens Int.	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. 15 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please phone the parish office: 01452 713254
Fri. 16 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: 10:30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 17 Mar Feast of St. Patrick	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Patrick Mahon RIP Confessions 9.45 am – 10.15am or on request	PRIVATE HIRE 2pm – 4pm
Sun. 18 Mar <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: 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: Hedwig Baron (11 th), William O'Mahoney (11 th), Hannah Keal (11 th), Patrick Corish (12 th), Margate McGoin (14 th), Jack Berry (14 th), Alfred Oram (15 th), Joseph McGeough (15 th), Tony Mander (15 th), Joseph Dutton (17 th), David White (18 th).
Prayers for the sick: Pat Crompton, Consolacion De Dios Blanco, Carol Benson, Wynn 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, Nathan 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*

God our Father, open the horizons of our minds and hearts so that we can see what hope your call holds for us. Pour out the overflowing gifts of your Spirit so that we, your church, may become a people of hope for our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Woman of Hope, pray for us. St Peter, Rock of Hope, pray for us. St Paul, Apostle of Hope, pray for us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 4th March 2018 amounted to £219:02+ £167:68= £397:20 Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Easter Flowers.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This theme of Covenant continues but it's an infidelity that we read of today... a broken Covenant and a broken relationship. Whilst everything seems to be tumbling down and in ruins, the prophet speaks of one simple thing: God's fidelity. That's his over-riding message. Even though God's people may be unfaithful and rebellious, God is always faithful. Even though God's people abandon him, God never abandons his people. What Jeremiah looks forward to is a future... and it is filled with hope. In our *Year of Mission* as we seek to be faithful disciples of the Lord, are we those prophets and proclaimers of hope? Do we allow what might seem chaotic, broken and crumbling around us to cause us to despair or do we allow our environment to see the hand of God at work leading us to a future that is touched by hope? God doesn't give up on his people and we can be those instruments of his presence through the signs of hope we offer. God so loved the world, we are reminded in our second reading... that's the hope we give.

Please follow the links below to find interesting and useful resources:

Videos – A Year of St Mark: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/future-full-hope/a-year-with-st-mark/>

Daily Lenten reflections: <https://cliftondiocese.com/lent-2018/>

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Year of Mission presentation and reflection planned at 7pm on 17th May.

(WOMEN'S) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: FRIDAY 16th MARCH 2018

This year hosted by us at Our Lady's church

Refreshments in the hall from 10am, service starting at 10.30am

International and interdenominational - All God's creation is very good!

Please note the new date. The service was postponed because of the snow on 2nd March.

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it.

ALL WELCOME

Prayer and Praise at St. Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester Thursday 15th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

200 CLUB DRAW- FEBRUARY 2018

The draw took place on the 25 Feb 18 and the lucky winners were:



PRIZE	AMOUNT	WINNER	TICKET NO
1 ST	£230	S. GOTTARDI	81
2nd	£120	R. TAYLOR	90
3 RD	£60	T. KIMBLE	71

St Peter's Choral Society and JP AllStars Big Band perform Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert. Performances on **Thursday 22nd March 2018** (Blackfriars, Gloucester) and **Friday 23rd March 2018** (Immaculate Conception Church, Stroud) 7.30pm start. Please join us for Big band Jazz, mixed choir, soprano solo and tap dancers from one of the Jazz Age's Great Composers. Tickets for this wonderful concert are only £10 Adult and £5 U18. Tickets available from BoxOffice@sphs.uk.com or St. Peter's High School Reception 01452 520594; Guildhall Box Office, Gloucester and Trading Post Record Shop in Stroud. Everyone welcome and do please come to support us.

The annual Clifton Diocese Summer Camps have launched for 2018 and bookings are now being taken. This year, the camps have moved to a new location at the Viney Hill Adventure Centre in the Forest of Dean and are being held between **13-17 August (ages 7-11)** and **20-24 August (ages 12-16)**. The camps promise to be a week full of fun, faith and friendship. If you are interested in finding out more, or to book a place for your child, please visit <http://livingyourfaith.co.uk> or email livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk.

GOSPEL CHOIR : The Beacon Gospel Choir charity concert at St Andrew's Churchdown on **Saturday 24th March**, 7pm, which will include music by 'Out of the Ashes'. All money raised will go to the St Andrew's mission fund. Tickets for the workshop (£15, includes concert) and concert (£10, includes glass of wine/soft drink) available from St Andrew's Church Office, 01452 712154, support@standrewschurchdown.org.uk.



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: * 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

- 25th March: Palm Sunday** of the Passion of the Lord
- 29th March:** Thursday of the Lord's Supper (**Maundy Thursday**)
- 30th March:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (**Good Friday**)
- 31st March: Holy Saturday with Easter Vigil: Service of Light and First Mass of Easter** in the evening.
- 1st April:** Solemnity of **Easter Sunday** of the Resurrection of the Lord.

THERE ARE A RANGE OF INEXPENSIVE PUBLICATIONS TO HELP WITH OUR LENT PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER
St. Mark's Gospel: £2:50
Bible Alive: £2.50 Walk with Me: £1 My Day by Day: £1 Children's Calendar: Free

MARCH EVENTS AT PRINKNASH ABBEY: All are most welcome. **March 17:** The Gospel of Mark - Father Abbot Martin McLaughlin OSB - 10.30am to 12 noon - in the Meeting Room. **March 17:** Exploring the History and Development of the Papacy - Dr. Sarah Richards - 2pm to 4pm in the Meeting Room. **March 24:** Divine Mercy Retreat Day – Theme: Suffering – led by Father Abbot Martin McLaughlin OSB. 11.00am Mass in Meeting Room, break for lunch – either own packed lunch or purchase from Monastery Café 1.00pm to 2.30pm – Talk and Prayers.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018 – 24th – 31st August 2018

Bishop Declan invited you to take part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which will be led this year by Mgr Liam Slattery VG. (Coach & Jumbulance leaving on 23rd August from St Teresa's, Filton. Transfers from Toulouse airport possible – please contact pilgrimage director, Deacon David Wakefield for further details. Tel 07711 834800 or email lourdes@cliftondiocese.com

HOSPITAL STAY: The Hospital Chaplains have no way of checking if a particular person is in hospital. Therefore, it is essential that individuals and families let either the parish or the chaplaincy know if somebody is in hospital and Father Frank can follow it up. To leave a message on the chaplaincy answer phone, kindly call 0300 422 4286 for Cheltenham or 0300422 6200 for Gloucester, stating clearly the name of the Catholic Patient, and, if known, what ward they are on. If you know that you are going in to hospital, please ask one of the Priests to give you the Sacrament of the Sick before going in.



MOTHERING SUNDAY



Gracious God, Today, we pray for our mothers who cared for us when we were helpless, who comforted us when we were hurt and whose love and care we often took for granted. We pray too for those who are grieving the loss of their mother, those who never knew their biological mother, those who have experienced an adopted mother's love and the families separated by war or conflict. Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.



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 Please submit items for the Bulletin to the Presbytery by WEDNESDAY.

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