



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 25th March 2018 – Holy Week.

DPL: St. Dunstan's, Keynsham.

	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 18 Mar <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Sheila Mitchell Int.	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 26 Mar	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass: Pr. Int.	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
Tues. 27 Mar	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am School Mass:	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 28 Mar	11am CHRISM MASS at Clifton Cathedral 6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Mass: Wesley Samuel RIP	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. 29 Mar	7pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper. With Watching until 10pm. (Night Prayer 9:50pm)	HALL HIRE: If you would like to book the church Hall please phone the parish office: 01452 713254
Fri. 30 Mar <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence.</i>	3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 31 Mar	12 noon Polish Food Blessing 8:00pm Easter Vigil	PRIVATE HIRE 2pm – 4pm
Sun. 1 April <i>Easter 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

In our prayers

Anniversaries: Patrick Peters (25th), Ellen Corr (27th), Percy Jones (27th), George Finlayson (28th), Walter Byrne (30th), Lorenzo Cariglia (30th), Evelyn Hogan (31st), Olga Lefranc (31st).

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 the Diocesan Prayer 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 18th March 2018 amounted to £477+ £161= £638
There will be a second collection today for Easter Flowers.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

PALM SUNDAY

As we enter into Holy Week with great procession we will listen to Mark's account of the Passion. It appears so stark and bleak and we should notice the contrast from how Jesus stands at the beginning of the gospel. Do you notice that now Jesus is alone? All the crowds that flocked around him have vanished and even his own disciples have fled. Jesus, the Son of God, is left abandoned and alone, broken and bruised. But the centurion is the one to point out *who* Jesus is: he is the Son of God, the innocent one, rejected and crushed, taking upon himself our faults. The cross has been on the horizon from the start of Jesus' ministry and it has to be a feature in the life of the disciple. Our *Year of Mission* allows us to see our own discipleship as that same outreach of love towards our world. It is God's love we proclaim revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus, the Christ, the Anointed One of God. This is how we live mission and how we live discipleship, in the giving of ourselves for the life of the world: loving to the cost of everything.

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.

EASTER LITURGIES: If you are willing to take part as a Reader or as a Collector, or help with the Offertory at any of our Easter Liturgies on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or the Easter Vigil, and are willing to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday, **please sign up on the sheets available on the Narthex table** or email the parish office to let us know which services you will be attending. Thank you. Email: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places of the Holy Land : Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, head of the Vatican's Congregation for Eastern Churches has called on Catholics around the world to give generously to the Good Friday collection that traditionally goes to support the Church in the Holy Land. In an interview with the news agency of the Italian Bishops Conference (SIR) the Cardinal talks about the importance of contributing to the upkeep of the sacred sites, while at the same time supporting the search for peace in the land where Jesus lived. Faced with the events that "take place in this troubled region of the world", the Cardinal says, there is a risk that we see them as unconnected to our own lives, "as if we had no responsibility". But by taking part in this annual collection for the Holy Land, he says, Catholics can personally contribute to combatting "war, poverty, terrorism, violence, division". The collection for the Holy Land has been supported by the different Popes over the decades, to "keep a strong bond between all Christians across the world and the Holy Places". Beyond being a vital source of support for those holy places, the Cardinal adds, it is also "a tool that the Church has" to support the ecclesial communities of the broader Middle East region. Please ensure that this vital collection has your support. Thank you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHURCHDOWN & INNSWORTH – GOOD FRIDAY 'WALK OF WITNESS' Our annual Good Friday Walk of Witness will depart from Innsworth Junior School at 9.00 a.m. and be at Our Lady's at about 9.40. It finishes at St Bartholomew's via St John's, The Methodist Church and St Andrew's. There are prayers and readings along the way. Please join us in this act of witness and you'll probably meet and chat to many you know and many you don't yet know along the way.



RECONCILIATION: Celebrating the Father's Mercy		
Tuesday 27 th March	St. Peter's, Gloucester	7.30 p.m.





LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT OUR LADY'S 2018

Stations of the Cross will be at 6.00 p.m. on Fridays



From the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil the Holy Water stoop is emptied and statues and pictures are covered in the Church.

29th March: Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm with Watching until 10pm.

30th March: Good Friday Walk of Witness(see below for details)

Good Friday - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm.

31st March: Holy Saturday - Polish Food Blessing 12 noon.

Easter Vigil at 8pm (First Mass of Easter)

1st April: Easter Sunday - 8:30am Mass & 10:30am Mass.

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



SERVING AT EASTER: *I would like to ask that as many servers as possible to think about assisting at the main services of the Triduum - Maundy **Thursday 29th March**, Good Friday – **30th March** and the Easter Vigil on Saturday – **31st March**. Each of these services is very special and it is great when we have a good number of servers on the sanctuary. Before each service there will be a practice: **Maundy Thursday** practice at 10:30 before the actual service at 7:30 in the evening. **Good Friday** there will be a practice at 2:45 before the service at 3:00. **Holy Saturday** practice at 10:30 service 8:00 in the evening. Please let Fr. Paul or Peter Walsh know if you intend to be serving. Many thanks – **Peter Walsh***

CHRISM MASS ON WEDNESDAY 28th March at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol – coach picking up at **8.30 a.m.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown. The cost will be £5 per adult, children free. To reserve a seat on the coach please either add your name and contact details to the list in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office on 01452 713254 or email churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com. Payment required before Wed. 28th March.

Offertory Envelopes for the new Tax Year The new envelopes are available for collection in the Narthex. There are blue envelopes for those named people who have gift aided their donations and white envelopes for non gift aid. Clifton Diocese has recently changed it's charity status and there are new registration numbers on the 2018/19 tax year envelopes. Please destroy any unused envelopes from previous years. They are no longer valid.

Any queries, or if anyone wants to know about Gift Aiding their donation please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact details are below. I will also be in the Narthex after both Sunday Masses on Sunday. For any parishioners who are paying UK standard rate tax but have so far not gift aided their offertory donation, but would like to, I can provide the necessary forms. cazzamagill@live.co.uk m 07793110284 Carol Magill - Parish Gift Aid Administrator.

Newman Association: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 3 April at 7.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Fr Richard Ounsworth OP will speak to us on : Mendicant Orders in the Church from the Thirteenth Century to the present day. All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

PRINKNASH ABBEY EVENTS : Saturday April 7th: The Gospel of Luke – Abbot Martin McLaughlin O.S.B. - 10.30am-12 noon. Exploring the connection between the Bible and Tradition - Dr. Sarah Richards - 2pm - 4pm both in the Meeting Room. Sunday 8th April **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - 2pm-4pm at PRINKNASH ABBEY CHAPEL. All are most welcome.

Pentecost Retreat 'Holiness for Normal People.' Led by Fr. Aidan Murray S.D.B. 18th – 20th May at Brownhill, GL6 8AL Cost: £85. Please contact : Tom Heseltine 01989 750665 See poster for more details.

Network – FOODBANK Thank you to everybody who supports the foodbank. Copies of the current Newsletter are available in the narthex.

Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays in the parish hall. It enables the younger children to hear the Word of God at their level. It is an enjoyable and rewarding ministry. If you would like to join the team and assist with helping the children to understand the Gospel please give your name to Fr. Paul.

Thank You. Elizabeth, our former parish administrator, has asked me to thank you for your lovely cards, gifts and kind words. She misses everyone at Our Lady's but her new job is keeping her busy! We miss you too Elizabeth! Fr. Paul.

Requiescat In Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dom. Damian Sturdy, a monk of Prinknash Abbey, who died on the Feast of St. Joseph at Nazareth House, Cheltenham. He was always willing to help out in the Gloucester Deanery and many of us have benefitted from his kindness, wisdom and humour. We give thanks to God for his ministry among us. He will be much missed. May he rest in peace. We pray for the monks of Prinknash at this time. Fr. Damian's funeral will be at Nazareth House on Wednesday 4th April.

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

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

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 1st July 2018. £649 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.



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.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com

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.



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