



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 4th March 2018 – Third Week of Lent

DPL: Gloucester St Peter

	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 4 Mar <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Adrian Brady RIP 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
Mon. 5 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	10.30 am Funeral Mass For Bob Adams RIP	Craft and Coffee group All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
Tues. 6 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Jozef Lesniak Anniv & Maria Lesniak RIP	Coffee Club after Mass
Wed. 7 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	1.00 pm Funeral service for John Fitzgerald RIP 6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Mass: Elizabeth Thomas Ints	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. 8 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. 9 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 10 Mar <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention Confessions 9.45 am – 10.15am or on request	PRIVATE HIRE 2pm – 4pm
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

In our prayers

Anniversaries: Gary Jamieson (4th), Frank Eskins (5th), James Hanton (5th), Josef Lesniak (6th), Thomas Wilson (6th), Kathleen Morgan (6th), Frank Ryan (8th), Mary Mitchell (8th), Gerard Welch (9th), Neil Adams (9th), Kathleen D'Gama (9th), Joan Townsend (10th), Michael Gerrard (10th), Sue Goble (10th), Hedwig Baron (11th), William O'Mahoney (11th) and Hannah Keal (11th)

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 25th February 2018 amounted to £423 + £398 = £821

Second Collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day amounted to £428 – Thank you for your generosity

Thank you for supporting CAFOD Family Fast Day. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound. There are still envelopes available in the Narthex or visit

www.cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Lent-Fast-Day for more information or to donate online.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Have you picked up on that theme of *Covenant* this year through our Lenten journey? From Noah to Abraham and now with Moses and the People of Israel on Mount Sinai, God reaches out to his people in a desire to come close to them and draw them into his love. The Commandments were to shape the way *God's* people lived their lives. This was the way of living that marked them out as God's people and as distinct from other nations. And these are God's words, not the words of Moses. It is God who speaks relationship to his people and we come to the understanding that it is God who inscribes these *words* on the two tablets of stone... and maybe it is important that we hold that image of stone and the covenant in our minds for a week or two until we come to Jeremiah! God seeks to inscribe his love within us for God seeks to come close to us this Lent because he loves us. As God shaped the People of Israel to become his people so he shapes and fashions us in Lent to radiate more perfectly his image and likeness. We grow in his likeness when we live as he calls us to live – in love with him and living in love of our neighbour, too.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Year of Mission presentation and reflections planned at 7pm on 8th March and 17th May.

8th March – 'Discipleship' – there will be a short presentation in the church followed by refreshments and discussion in the hall. – Please see last page of Bulletin for more details.

17th May – 'Mission' – information to follow.

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/>

R I P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Adams who died recently.

Please remember too, his family and friends at this difficult time.

Bob's Funeral Mass will take place here at 10.30am on Monday 5th March

"May He Rest In Peace"

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of John Thomas Fitzgerald who died recently. Please remember too, his family and friends at this difficult time.

John's Funeral Service will take place here at 1pm on Wednesday 7th March

"May He Rest In Peace"

FAITH AND LIGHT GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Next meeting TODAY Sunday 4th March 2018. This is a Christian Association that brings together people with special needs of all ages, their families and friends for some worship followed by refreshments and some fun/craft activities, this month decorating crosses. Meetings are at 3pm in English Martyrs Church Hall, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester GL4 0NX. For further details please contact Fr Gerry tel. 01452 412702 or email gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com. There will be no meeting in April as the First Sunday is Easter Sunday. The next meeting will be in May which will see a larger event with a barbecue (further details to follow).

VACANCY: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown to work Tuesday – Friday, 9.30am – 12.30pm (12 hours per week). The position involves all aspects of parish administration which need to be performed with discretion and confidentiality. The successful applicant will be computer literate with a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher systems. The Parish Office is situated in the Presbytery.

Closing date: Friday 9th March. For an Application Form and Job Description telephone the Presbytery on 01452 713254 or e-mail churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com



LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT OUR LADY'S 2018



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

IN LENT: the word **Alleluia** is not used in the Church's liturgy but is 'saved' for the great Easter Vigil where it is sung again with joy. The **Gloria** is not said during Lent (except on certain Feasts e.g. The Annunciation). There are no flowers in Church during Lent and from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil statues and pictures are covered in the Church. The liturgical colour for Lent is Purple or Violet.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday on 14th February

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.

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. **Our local service is at Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Thursday 8th March at 7pm.**

THERE ARE A RANGE OF INEXPENSIVE PUBLICATIONS TO HELP WITH OUR LENT PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER

Bible Alive: £2.50 Walk with Me: £1 My Day by Day: £1 Children's Calendar: Free

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 6 March at 7.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Rev Katie McClure will speak to us on Reimagining faith: how developments in religious art reflect changing perspectives on faith.** All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.



200 CLUB DRAW- FEBRUARY 2018

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

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TICKET NO</u>
1 ST	£230	S. GOTTARDI	81
2 nd	£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.

GOSPEL CHOIR WORKSHOP: Singers and non-singers alike are invited to participate in The Beacon Gospel Choir Workshop on **Saturday 3rd March** (1-4pm), and then to perform with the choir at a 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.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com

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

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.

VACANCY: Accounting Officer, Clifton Diocese, Alexander House, Bristol. Full-time (35 Hours Per Week). Based in the Finance Office within a small and friendly but also very busy team. The key components of this role are purchase ledger, sales ledger and banking administration. Experience of an accounting software package e.g. Sage or working in a charity would be useful, but not essential. Salary £23,500pa depending upon experience. For an informal discussion about this role please contact Janet Parker, Diocesan Financial Administrator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 902 5591. For full details of this vacancy and an application form visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us Closing date: Friday 9th March 2018.

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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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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A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – YEAR 1: MISSION
IN PREPARATION TO THE PARISH YEAR OF MISSION PRESENTATION AND REFLECTIONS,
PLANNED AT 7PM ON 8TH MARCH 2018, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED:

Group Questions :

- To what extent does my parish/community/group show the marks of missionary discipleship?

- Do our activities draw others into the School of Jesus?

- Do we expect people to be perfect before they can enter the School of Jesus?

- Who does not feel welcome in our Churches? Why?

- What can we do about that?

- Do we view the Eucharist as a prize for the perfect or as medicine for the soul?

If evangelisation is ‘everything that the Church is called to do in order to engage in the mission of Christ’, what simple steps could we take to improve:

Proclamation and Witness

Do we regularly and honestly appraise our preaching, reading, and our use of the written word in newsletters, on websites, social media etc.

Teaching

What tools are available to us to support faith formation in our parish/community/group? Do we use them? Are the formation and sacramental preparation programmes that we offer mere instruction or are they leading people into intimacy with Jesus Christ?

Service

In what ways do we motivate, facilitate and co-ordinate service to others, especially the poor?

Liturgy and Prayer

In what ways can we improve our liturgies so that they lead us into deeper intimacy with Christ and draw other to him?

Administration and Finance

What are our priorities in the use of our buildings, money and resources? Are they at the service of evangelisation which constitutes the essential mission of the Church? If not, why not?

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Personal Reflection Questions:

- What is my understanding of the term ‘evangelisation’?

- Do we have to be perfect before we enter the School of Jesus?

- Am I a disciple – ‘teachable’, ‘willing to be apprenticed to the Master’?

- In what ways do I display the four marks of being a disciple that are lived out by St Stephen?
 - Am I engaged in the service of others, especially the poor?

 - Am I ‘full of faith and the Holy Spirit’?

 - Am I willing to witness to my faith?

 - Am I willing to forgive?