



# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun 19 Mar	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Peter & Gladys Finnegan (Anniv) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction	DPL: Holy Family, Swindon
Mon. 20 Mar	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	Weekday of Lent
Tues. 21 Mar	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Coffee Club after Service	Weekday of Lent
Wed. 22 Mar.	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	Weekday of Lent
Thur. 23 Mar.	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	Weekday of Lent
Fri. 24 Mar.	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Feast of St. Patrick
Sat. 25 Mar.	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion <b><u>NO CONFESSIONS</u></b>	Weekday of Lent
Sun 26 Mar.	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Rudy Galea (RIP) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction	Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Norman Burridge (20<sup>th</sup>), William Navan (21<sup>st</sup>), Solange Chetcuti (23<sup>rd</sup>), Con O'Keeffe (23<sup>rd</sup>),  
Joyce Southan (24<sup>th</sup>), Anne Pinnock (25<sup>th</sup>) and Patrick Peters (25<sup>th</sup>)

**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, Peter Kost and Margaret West-Sadler



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 of power and mercy, bless us with a spirit of prayer and repentance this Lent.  
Help us to work with You in making all things new in Christ. Amen**



### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Mitchell, a long-standing parishioner who died recently at the age of 100 years.

Please remember too her family and friends at this difficult time.

Mary's funeral Mass will take place here at 12 noon  
on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

***"May She Rest In Peace"***

### DBS SAFEGUARDING RE-CHECKS:

At the beginning of February I issued a number of DBS re-check documents to be completed by volunteers whose clearances were over 3 years old. Six weeks has passed and I am still waiting for 50% of our volunteers to submit their paperwork. I would ask you to take action asap and arrange to meet me to finalise the paperwork.

In addition there are a number of new volunteers who have had the documents to complete (once again for the last six weeks) and have yet to submit the forms to me. I should remind you, you are unable to partake in your volunteer role until you have received DBS clearance. **Paddy, Safeguarding Administrator.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 amounted to £466 + £350 = £816**

*Thank you for your generosity*

Next Sunday our second collection will be for **Easter Flowers**

**CAFOD Fast Day** collection so far, amounts to £673.

If anyone would still like to make a donation please use the envelopes in the Narthex.

**RCIA:** As part of their journey towards becoming full members of the Catholic Church, our RCIA candidates will be presented with a copy of the Creed during Mass **TODAY**. Please pray for **Kirsty Szekeres, Sarah Harris, Stephen Harris, Tara Rigby** and children **Neila, Charlie** and **Riley Rigby** as they continue their journey.

### URGENT APPEAL

**CAFOD East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal:** Severe drought, civil war and a lack of food has crippled communities across East Africa, leaving millions of people hungry and facing starvation. Your donation will provide emergency food, water, healthcare and sanitation to people in desperate need.

**Our parish will be making a donation of £200 from our CAFOD crisis fund.**

We would be happy to receive any other donations and pay them into the bank alongside the parish donation if you would like to take this opportunity. or you can donate directly through the website <http://cafod.org.uk/>



RECONCILIATION: Celebrating the Father's Mercy		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	English Martyrs, Tuffley, Glos	7.00 p.m.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Peter's, Gloucester	7.00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Our Lady's, Churchdown</b>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>



### LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT OUR LADY'S 2017

Stations of the Cross will be at 7.00 p.m. on Fridays.

**On Sundays during Lent there will be Evening Prayer & Benediction at 4.00 pm**

**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.

**9<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday** of the Passion of the Lord

**13<sup>th</sup> April:** Thursday of the Lord's Supper (**Maundy Thursday**)

**14<sup>th</sup> April:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (**Good Friday**)

**15<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday** with **Easter Vigil: Service of Light** and **First Mass of Easter** in the evening.

**16<sup>th</sup> April: Solemnity of Easter Sunday** of the Resurrection of the Lord.



**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 **13<sup>th</sup> April**, Good Friday - **14<sup>th</sup> April** and the Easter Vigil on Saturday - **15<sup>th</sup> April**. 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 Kevin or Elizabeth in the parish office know if you intend to be serving. Many thanks - **Peter Walsh**



**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** The donation envelopes for the next tax year are now available. The **BLUE** envelopes are for parishioners who have already elected to Gift Aid their donations and are in "numbered and named" packs. They will be available in the Narthex after both Sunday Masses for the next few weeks. The **WHITE** envelopes are for any parishioner wishing to use an envelope rather than putting loose cash in the collection plate. They are un-numbered and un-named. Please take a box. There will be a supply left in the Narthex at all times. If for any reason anyone is unable to collect their **BLUE** envelopes, please contact me and I will ensure they are delivered to you. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to know more about Gift Aid please contact me. On behalf of the parish, thank you for your generosity. Carol Magill (Gift Aid Administrator) Home tel: 01452 714461. Mobile: 07793110284 Email: [cazzamagill@live.co.uk](mailto:cazzamagill@live.co.uk)

**PART-TIME POST: Parish Secretary** at the Catholic parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent. This post will consist of 15 hours per week, attendance times to be negotiable. Payment is set at £10 per hour. Applicants should be sympathetic to the aims and values of the Catholic Church. Please contact: Craig Grewcock, Southend House, Southend Lane, Newent, Glos, GL18 1JD or email [craigrewcock@newentbb.co.uk](mailto:craigrewcock@newentbb.co.uk) Closing date Thurs April 13<sup>th</sup>

**INTERESTED IN RECEIVING FREE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING?** Any member of the Diocese can register to access free online EDUCARE Safeguarding training by emailing your name, parish/religious congregation and role e.g. Parish Priest, Catechist, Governor etc. to [Rebecca.Monks@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Rebecca.Monks@cliftondiocese.com) Once registered you will have instant access to all seven modules of the E-Learning programme and will be able to print out your own Certificates of completion. **Please support Safeguarding in Clifton Diocese**

**PRINKNASH ABBEY ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH: Sat March 25<sup>th</sup>** Divine mercy devotion celebrating the Annunciation 10.30am -12.15pm: Community Mass and rosary in the Abbey chapel followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Grotto

#### **CLIFTON YOUTH MINISTRY: LENT REFLECTIONS**

**"TURNING THE CORNER"** – All young people aged 10-18 are invited to join our Youth Ministry team to take time to reflect on Lent and prepare for Easter. Each reflection will be from 6.30pm to 8pm, beginning in the church.

**"THE COURAGE TO BE AUTHENTIC"** – All young adults 18+ are invited to join our youth ministry team to take time to reflect on Lent. Join us for a reflective evening to unpack how we can be truly authentic in our faith as we prepare for Holy week and Easter. **23<sup>rd</sup> March** at St John, South Parade, Bath and **6<sup>th</sup> April** at St James Priory, Whitson Street, Bristol. The reflections will start at 6pm in the church. See poster or email [youth@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:youth@cliftondiocese.com)

**MENTAL WELLBEING: AN INTRODUCTION. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, 10am – 4pm at Roots Coffee and Community, 69 Alvin Street, Glos. An exciting day where we equip you with knowledge, understanding and some practical skills in the field of mental well-being in a Christian context. £20 or £12.50 for the unwaged. Includes lunch. See the poster in the Narthex or email [renewingminds@mail.com](mailto:renewingminds@mail.com)

**LITHUANIAN MASS:** There will be a Lithuanian Mass in St Peter's Church, Gloucester on Saturday **March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 3.00pm. The celebrant will be Rev Ramunas Gerdauskas.

**EARTH HOUR:** On **25 March 2016 at 8.30pm.**, hundreds of millions of people across the globe will come together for a huge and spectacular lights out display to show they care about protecting our amazing planet. Sign up here: <http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/>

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH – 7pm, Thursday 30 March, St Peter's RC Church, Gloucester:** St Peter's RC High School



Choral Society is proud to present highlights from Handel's *Messiah*, an iconic work that charts the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This collaborative performance will feature students, staff, parents and friends of the school. We are delighted to be welcoming back several former students who will be taking on solo vocal roles and playing in the orchestra alongside current students and professionals. Tickets £3 / £1 (concessions) from the school Reception (01452 520594) or at the door.

**CHRISM MASS ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April – Coach details;** Approx 48 seat coach picking up at: **8.30 a.m.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown, **8.45 a.m.** at St Peter's, London Rd, Gloucester GL1 3EX - **(Please pick up in the lay-by opposite outside the old Courts building)** and **9.00 a.m.** at English Martyrs, Tuffley GL4 0NX and transfer the party to SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Clifton Park, Bristol BS8 3BX. **Return journey at 12.45pm approx.** 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.ourladays@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladays@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017:** Bishop Declan invites you to join him on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. Coach and Jumbulance leave from St Teresa's Filton on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. For further information please see poster in the Narthex or contact Pilgrimage Director, Deacon Dave Wakefield, tel 07711834800 or email [lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com)



**HOSPITAL STAY:-** If you are going in to hospital please let us know. If you are able to see Fr. Kevin and receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to hospital, please do so.



**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.**

**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** in Our Lady's church hall, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown. Contact Fr. Kevin by email [kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com) OR ON 01452 713254 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or [Shelley1270@gmail.com](mailto:Shelley1270@gmail.com)



**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 2017:** \* 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: [churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

**PARISH CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK GROUP - fortnightly 9am - 11am. Next date: 27<sup>th</sup> March.** A relaxed, friendly & supportive group sharing ideas and gaining confidence in any craft. People of all ages and abilities come for a cuppa & chat whilst working on their own craft. Bring any materials you may need and a suggested £2.50 donation per session. Organiser Natalie Edwards 01452 678565 or e-mail [natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk)



**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



**OUR LADY'S SVP GROUP:** Monthly meetings for members will be held in the Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. **on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
May we draw your attention to our blue SVP Collection Box for anyone wishing to contribute to the work of the Society.  
Thank you for your continued generous support

**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

**VOCATION MATTERS: Third Sunday of Lent: "Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again" (John 4:14)**  
"Give us water", cried the earthquake victims in a remote part of China, as rescuers found them days after the event. Water is essential to life. How many people are dying of spiritual thirst though? A vocation to the priesthood, consecrated life or marriage can be a conduit through which living water may flow to others. If we choose our path under God's guidance, and not by selfish motive, we can be channels of life-giving grace to the world. Do we want that to happen, or are we too headstrong to listen to our hearts and the cries of others?



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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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**Don't forget to put your clocks forward by one hour before bed next Saturday night!**