



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 26th March 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Laetare Sunday

Sun 26 Mar	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Rudy Galea (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction	DPL: Holy Rood, Swindon
Mon. 27 Mar	12 noon: Funeral Mass for Mary Mitchell	Weekday of Lent
Tues. 28 Mar	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Nora Weatherspoon (RIP) Coffee Club after Mass	Weekday of Lent
Wed. 29 Mar.	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. Mass: David Butcher (RIP)	Weekday of Lent
Thur. 30 Mar.	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Mona Walsh (Anniv) and Evelyn Hogan (Anniv)	Weekday of Lent
Fri. 31 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	Weekday of Lent
Sat. 1 April	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion <u>NO CONFESSIONS</u>	Weekday of Lent
Sun 2 April	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Frederick James Stokes (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction	Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Ellen Corr (27th), Percy Jones (27th), George Finlayson (28th), Walter Byrne (30th), Lorenzo Cariglia (30th), Evelyn Hogan (31st), Olga Lefranc (31st) Irene Murphy (2nd April) and David O'Mahoney (2nd)

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

WELCOME

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**

DBS SAFEGUARDING RE-CHECKS:

DBS SAFEGUARDING CHECKS – FORMS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED AND MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO PADDY ANDERSON, SAFEGUARDING ADMINISTRATOR.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 19th March 2017 amounted to £473 + £350 = £823

Thank you for your generosity

TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY our second collection will be for **Easter Flowers**

CAFOD Crisis Fund collection boxes: Please bring these to church next Sunday (2nd April) for emptying.

NEXT WEEK (2nd April) we welcome Br Eddie Slawinski MHM to our parish who will talk to us about **APF-Mill Hill** and their Missionary work. **This is a 'thank you'; not an appeal for money.** Parishioners can find out more about APF-Mill Hill and the Red Mission Box next Sunday or visit www.mission.org.uk or www.millhillmissionaries.com



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



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.

9th April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
13th April: Thursday of the Lord's Supper (**Maundy Thursday**)
14th April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (**Good Friday**)
15th April: Holy Saturday with **Easter Vigil: Service of Light** and **First Mass of Easter** in the evening.
16th 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 **13th April**, Good Friday - **14th April** and the Easter Vigil on Saturday - **15th 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 available. Please collect yours from the Narthex table. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to know more about Gift Aid please contact Carol Magill, Gift Aid Administrator. Tel: 01452 714461, Mob: 07793110284 or email: 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 Closing date Thurs April 13th

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday 30th March, 2.30pm – 6.30pm
Please come and pray for a resolution to the devastating situation in Africa where millions
Are at starving point. Your prayers are needed.
 Sign up list in the Narthex. Thank you. M. Kent

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.



PRINKNASH ABBEY: Information available at www.prinknashabbey.org

SERVICE OF HEALING, HOLY MASS, RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION: St John the Evangelist Church, South Parade Bath at 7.30pm, **Friday 31st March 2017**

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: Talk on **Tuesday 4 April at 7.45pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Chelt., GL53 9AU. **Fr. David Mills, Parish Priest of St Gregory's will speak to us on The Church of the Holy Sepulchre & the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.** All welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

CHRISM MASS ON WEDNESDAY 12th 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.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

DIOCESAN EVENTS: Visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry

TAIZE GATHERING – Hidden Treasure: Saturday 29th April. Registrations to be returned by Thurs 30th March 2017.

YOUTH CONGRESS: Saturday 20th May. Catechists, Youth leaders, clergy, teachers and chaplains and all those interested in Youth Ministry are invited to our Diocesan Youth Congress at St Brendan's College, Bristol BS4 5RG.

YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO LONDON: 17th – 25th August 2017. If you are aged 16+ in August, come and join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a young helper, serving and accompanying the pilgrimage. Cost £490 pp with funding support available.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017: Bishop Declan invites you to join him on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **Friday 18th – 25th August 2017.** Coach and Jumbulance leave from St Teresa's Filton on **Thursday 17th 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



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) – NEXT MEETING: 26th March. 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 or on 01452 713254 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or 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

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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

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?

OUR LADY'S PARISH CRAFT GROUP is growing nicely; it's a really relaxed and friendly environment. As a group we have decided to try & support a local charity each year. This year we have decided to support the marvellous charity 'Footsteps' Counselling and Care. Every penny raised by or for 'Footsteps' goes straight back into the provision of free counselling for the people of Gloucestershire who have been affected by any pregnancy related issues. These issues can range from miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death to infertility or ante/post natal depression. All their qualified counsellors are registered with a professional body BACP. They are required to have one and a half hours of professional supervision per month at a cost of £45 per month (reduced rate) per counsellor. They have 6 counsellors and 1 student so quite a monthly bill to meet! They also have a lovely charity shop in Westgate street, Glos. that houses the counselling room and office but the rent however is **HUGE!!** Counsellors give their time voluntarily.

I will be in the school playground under the main shelter on **Sunday 26th March, 9th April and 16th April** with a box to fill with any of your un wanted bric-a-brac, adults clothes, good quality baby equipment, handmade or good quality saleable baby/children's clothes, blankets and books etc. We would be so very grateful for your generosity and support on this project. Every item will be delivered personally by one of our parishioners and craft member Anna Anderson (Chair of trustees for 'Footsteps'). If anyone is interested in coming along to the Craft group, we meet fortnightly on a Monday 9-11am. It is a perfect opportunity for you to have time out in the busy week to either learn a new skill or work on that craft project that you've been meaning to start/finish. It's open to everyone of any age and ability. We have tea, coffee, cake etc. There is no charge for the sessions however donations are very welcome towards refreshments and the up-keep of the hall. Just bring yourselves and any materials you may need (patterns, books/magazines and swap box available). **Up-coming dates: 27th March, 10th April, 24th April, 8th May and 22nd May.** Look forward to seeing you there! Thank you, Natalie Edwards.

FOODBANK: Everyone in this parish is always very generous with the Gloucester Foodbank. Here is the latest list of items needed – **Tinned rice pudding, packet mash, tinned fruit, packet noodles, jars of jam, tinned cold meat, powdered baby milk (Aptamil or SMA 0-6mths), toilet rolls, shampoo.** – donations of food can be placed in basket/box in Narthex and our parish representative will deliver them to the Foodbank.



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.



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



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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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