



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 21 May 2017 – Sixth Week of Easter

Sun 21 May	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Elizabeth Edmonds (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: Corpus Christi Weston-Super-Mare / Our Lady of Lourdes / St Joseph
Mon. 22 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood and religious life	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Tues. 23 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Private Intention COFFEE CLUB after Mass	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Wed. 24 May	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. Mass: Jozef & Maria Lesniak (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Aldhelm, Bishop</i>
Thur. 25 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Police Service (Ints)	<i>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable</i>
Fri. 26 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Private Intention	<i>Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest</i>
Sat. 27 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Sylvie Johns (RIP) Confessions: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>
Sun 28 May	8.30 a.m. Mass: John Brain (Anniv) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>

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

Peter Thomas (21st); Norman Vose (22nd), Elizabeth Edmonds (22nd), Everton Smith (22nd), Nicholas Finn (22nd), Florence Malcolm (23rd), Ronald Pinney (25th), John Brain (27th) and James Vose (28th)

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:

Loving Father, touch and transform us by the joy of your love. Grant us all an openness of heart, that we might readily respond to your call, and proclaim with joy the Good News to the whole world.

Amen

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 30th April 2017 amounted to £533 + £350 = £883

Thank you for your generosity

TODAY there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Communications Network

Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications.

A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. Please help us continue this work.

There are prayer cards available in the Narthex and you can donate online at

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/donate-wcd>

IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTICE

Following reports of recent thefts of personal belongings during services at other locations, Parishioners are advised to keep their bags/valuables with them, even when coming up for communion.



Baptism: This weekend, through Baptism we welcome Isaac & Layla Allen and Beatrice Moss into the Church and pray that they and their families will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.

GENERAL ELECTION: The Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging Catholics to play an active part in the General Election. While voting for any particular political party is a matter of conscience, the bishops encourage people to use their vote at this pivotal time for our nations, as we prepare to leave the European Union. More information can be found here: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/election17-bishops-message-news> and there are some copies of the letter available in the Narthex.

FR KEVIN HENNESSEY: As announced last week, Fr Kevin will be leaving our parish in early September to become Parish Priest of Corpus Christi parish in Weston-Super-Mare. After 12 years of being a wonderful parish priest here at Our Lady's we wish him well in his new ministry.



OUR LADY'S PARISH CRAFT GROUP: WEEKLY on Mondays from 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). Natalie Edwards.



OUR LADYBIRD'S STAY AND PLAY CAFÉ: Wednesdays from 9am - 11am. All are welcome. This will be a relaxed environment to bring your little ones where you can have breakfast (toast, fruit, cereal, porridge) and a chance to catch up with other parents. There will be plenty of activities for the children. Please come and join us. Thank you, Betsy

PIETY STALL / PARISH GIFT SHOP ~ OPEN TODAY

The stall will be open after both Masses TODAY for First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts etc. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with the stall**, particularly at 10.30am Mass (which has no one to run it currently). It is a lovely ministry to be involved with and not onerous – the shop is open about once a month (a bit more at Christmas/Easter/First Communion time). If you can help please contact the parish office by email churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com or phone 01452 713254.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday 25th May 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Please come along and pray for world peace as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR POLICE will take place on **Thursday 25 May 2017**, which coincides with a global prayer event called Thy Kingdom Come, supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury, taking place between 25 May and 4 June. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information or visit www.thykingdomcome.global

SHARING MY WORLD WITH MUSLIM NEIGHBOURS: Thursday 25 May at Salem Baptist Church in Cheltenham, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. An opportunity to learn about Islam and explore how best to reach out to our Muslim neighbours. Refreshments and lunch are included in the ticket price (£6). For more information and to book your place please visit <https://sharingmyworld.eventbrite.co.uk>

SERVICE OF HEALING, HOLY MASS, RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION: St John the Evangelist Church, South Parade Bath at 7.30pm, Friday 26th May 2017. All welcome.

DAY OF STUDY AND REFLECTION: CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE IN THE MODERN WORLD led by Canon Patrick Woodhouse. **Saturday 17th June, 10am – 3pm** at St Nicholas church, Swindon Lane, Cheltenham GL50 4PA. Cost £12. To reserve a place contact Mrs Gay Robins email: gabrielle.robins@btinternet.com or tel: 01452 611215. www.snfglos.org.uk

ABUNDANCE: CHRISTIAN MISSION IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, a day conference on 10 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. on Saturday, 10 June at Hartpury College GL19 3BE. Cost £10 to include lunch. Keynote speaker: Jerry Marshall of the Arthur Rank Centre. Workshops on a range of topics. Some booking forms are available in the Narthex.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: 10th June from 10am to 4pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol BS5 0RE to celebrate this special Golden Jubilee. The day starts with coffee at 10am and Mass will be at noon celebrated by Fr Richard McKay followed by lunch. ***Please bring a plate of food to share.*** This day follows the celebrations led by Pope Francis and there will be input from those present in Rome. For more information, email renewal@cliftondiocese.com or call 07815 751 556. All Welcome.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA: An evening opportunity for the people of our parishes on **Tuesday 23rd May** at St Joseph's Home, 66 Cotham Hill, Bristol BS6 6JT. Starting at 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm) this is a chance for members of your parish community either to explore how, as a parish, they might accompany those living with dementia and to how best to walk with their families and carers, or to find support in their own families because they are caring for someone with dementia. All are most welcome.

DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY – including formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 1st July at St Brendan's college, Brislington, Bristol. **FREE. The day seeks to draw a diocesan family (not just families) together** in prayer, in formation and reflections. Keynote speakers, workshops and sessions for all ages. The day begins at 10.15am and concludes with Mass at 4pm. Please see the posters and leaflets available in the Narthex or visit www.cliftondiocese.com

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE: Sunday 9th July. There is an extensive programme of events at St Mary's church, Glastonbury Abbey, Rosary Procession and Mass in the Abbey - Please see poster in the Narthex for more information or visit www.cliftondiocese.com.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 17th – 25th Aug 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. Visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry

INNSWORTH SUMMER CLUB - Organised by Churches Together in Churchdown and Innsworth on Monday 21st to Friday 25th August, Innsworth Community Hall: Following the success of the 2016 Summer Club, we are beginning to plan an event for 2017. We will need lots of volunteers, so please put the dates in your diary if you might be able to help. **How can you help?** By praying... By volunteering to help at the Club - with the children, in the kitchen, or clearing up after sessions... By offering to help with the preparation... By making a donation – last year's event cost a total of £1,130 to run. Donations from Innsworth Infant and Junior Schools, Innsworth Parish Council, and Tesco were important, but the Club would not have been possible without donations from individuals and fundraising events at each of the four local churches.

PRAYERS FOR THE CITY: Service held **every Friday at 1pm** in St Mary de Crypt, Southgate Street. All are warmly invited to join us for a half hour of reflection and prayer for the life and community of our city.



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.**



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 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



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**

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



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

FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community): MEET FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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



COLLECTION OF SANITARY WEAR AND TOILETRIES: For asylum seekers, refugees and those who can't afford them. To donate, please use the box in the narthex or call Betsy on 07771362906. Thank you

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.

Gift Aid - Increase of Personal Tax Allowance from 6th April 2017 – The income tax threshold has been increased this year to £11,500. This may mean that some existing Gift Aid donors will fall below this threshold and will not be paying tax and therefore will not be eligible to Gift Aid their donations. If this should apply to anyone in the Parish who is currently making Gift Aid Donations, could you please contact me. Thank you. Carol Magill (Parish Gift Aid Administrator) cazzamagill@live.co.uk 01452-714461 07793110284



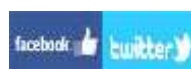
MEDITATION GROUP
Friday's at 1.00pm Our Lady's Church Hall.
All Welcome



If you would like to join our **200 CLUB** please contact Paddy on Glos. 309004 or e-mail: the parish office churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com



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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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