



# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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## Sunday 28 May 2017 – Seventh Week of Easter ~ Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Sun 28 May	8.30 a.m. Mass: John Brain (Anniv) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: St Luke & St Teresa with Milbourne Port, Castle Carey and Bruton Wincanton
Mon. 29 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood and religious life	Weekday of Easter
Tues. 30 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Private Intention <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after Mass	Weekday of Easter
Wed. 31 May	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. Mass: Denise Arthur (RIP) & Sr. Anne Walsh (Ints)	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thur. 1 Jun	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Private Intention	Memorial of St Justin, Martyr
Fri. 2 Jun	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Nora Weatherspoon (RIP)	Weekday of Easter
Sat. 3 Jun	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Martin & Terence Rafferty (RIP) Confessions: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	Memorial of Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Sun 4 Jun	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Michael Brooks (RIP) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	Solemnity of Pentecost

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

James Vose (28<sup>th</sup>), Patrick McCarty (29<sup>th</sup>), Edward Goodman (31<sup>st</sup>), Muriel Bell (1<sup>st</sup>), Sheila Parkinson (3<sup>rd</sup>),  
Andrew Jones (4<sup>th</sup>) and Joan Lowe (4<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:**

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 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 amounted to £527 + £350 = £877**

Collection for Catholic Communications Network was £137 and a donation of £2000 from the 200 club.

*Thank you for your generosity*

**NEXT WEEK there will be a second collection for the Priests Retirement Fund – there is an envelope attached to the front of the Bulletin for your offering**

### 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 George Norman, Rome Watts and Maeve McGurk 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:** 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 and **we look forward to welcoming Fr Paul Brandon**, who will be joining us from Sacred Heart Parish in Charlton Kings.



**OUR LADY'S PARISH CRAFT GROUP: WEEKLY on Mondays 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 LADYBIRDS STAY AND PLAY CAFÉ: WEEKLY on Wednesdays 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

**FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community): MEET FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (4<sup>th</sup> June)**

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)



**Silver Jubilee Celebration ~ Sunday 11th June**

This June, Our Lady's will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Consecration of our Church.

As part of these celebrations, on Sunday 11th June, there will be a special 10.30am Mass, followed by a Parish Picnic on St. Mary's school field (weather permitting). Please bring your own picnic lunch. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. *Please contact the office if you would be able to volunteer to make cakes or to help on the day.*

Our **Past and resent RCIA candidates** will be celebrating Our Lady's Silver Jubilee on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** at 5pm in the Church. There will be a short Liturgy of the Word followed by food and drink in the Church Hall – please bring a plate to share. All are welcome to join in this special occasion.

**FILIPINO MONTHLY MASS: Saturday June 3rd** at 3.00pm in St Peter's Church. The celebrant will be Fr John Villarete of the Society of Divine Vocations. A native of Davao City in southern Philippines, Fr John is an assistant priest at the St Mary's The Mount RC Church in Walsall. Two members of the Missionary of Charities will also be present during the mass. Sr Eloisa, the community superior in Wales, accompanied by another sister will briefly introduce their missionary work to the congregation before the final blessing. Like Fr John, she is also from Davao City. All welcome.

**TAIZÉ SERVICES:** Wednesdays 7.30pm as follows - 7<sup>th</sup> June Life in the Spirit, 5<sup>th</sup> July a Meditation on Justice, 6<sup>th</sup> September Prayers for healing, 4<sup>th</sup> October Creationtide, 1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints, 6<sup>th</sup> December praying for the light. St Mary de Lode Church, St Mary's Square, Gloucester GL1 2QX. Please see poster in the Narthex for further information.

**ABUNDANCE: CHRISTIAN MISSION IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**, a day conference on **10am-4.15pm 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: 10<sup>th</sup> June from 10am-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](mailto:renewal@cliftondiocese.com) or call 07815 751 556. All Welcome.

**PRINKNASH ABBEY EVENTS: June 10th: Retreat Day** - Learning to Pray with Mary - 10.30am-3pm. **June 17th: History of Christianity** – The Age of the Vikings and its effects on Christian Britain – 10.30-12 pm. Exploring St. Hilda of Whitby and Anglo-Saxon England, 2pm – 4pm. **June 23rd: Sacred Heart**, 12pm-3pm - Stations of the Cross, Mass, Rosary, Adoration in Abbey Chapel, Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Grotto. **All meetings start in the Meeting Room.** Further information at [www.prinknashabbey.org](http://www.prinknashabbey.org)

**CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT ~ FUNDRAISING ZIMBE CONCERT: Sunday June 11th at 7.30 pm** here at Our Lady's church. **FREE ENTRY** – donation on the night to raise funds to bring over 10 children from Belarus who are in remission from cancer/leukaemia from living in the contaminated area. We need to raise £3,000 in order to pay for their visas and travel. Donations will be gratefully received from people unable to attend the concert. Refreshments will be served in the narthex after the concert. If anyone knows the music and would like to join in singing with us, please let me know. Donations accepted! There will also be some instrumental chamber music to begin the concert. If you have a small chamber group who would like to play a short item please do contact me. Helen Marcus 01452 855890 or [helenmarcus@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:helenmarcus@blueyonder.co.uk)

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY – including formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

**\*\*\*\*THERE WILL BE A FREE COACH FROM OUR DEANERY – details to follow\*\*\*\***

**GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.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)

**YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry)

**TEWKESBURY ABBEY ~ BE GLAD AND REJOICE:** City of Birmingham Choir, **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.** An opportunity to enjoy a midsummer concert of uplifting choral and organ music. Tickets £15 & £20. Buy online from [www.citychoir.org.uk](http://www.citychoir.org.uk) or direct from Tewkesbury Abbey Shop 01684 856148. See poster/leaflets in the Narthex for more information.

**DAY OF STUDY AND REFLECTION: CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE IN THE MODERN WORLD** led by Canon Patrick Woodhouse. **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gabrielle.robins@btinternet.com) or tel: 01452 611215. [www.snfglos.org.uk](http://www.snfglos.org.uk)

**LEARNING TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 3pm** at St Catharine's Church, Gloucester, GL2 0RR. Speaker Mark Aldridge. **Admission FREE**, but please register at <https://stcatsglos.eventbrite.co.uk> See poster in the Narthex for more information.

**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020:** Tickets for the 2020 Passion Play are available with a choice of accommodation packages to suit all tastes and requirements. Call a travel advisor on 01709 385764 or visit [www.leger.co.uk/tours/obb](http://www.leger.co.uk/tours/obb) for full holiday details.

**INNSWORTH SUMMER CLUB - Organised by Churches Together in Churchdown and Innsworth on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@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** 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

**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 a priest and receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to hospital, please do so.



**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.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

**PIETY STALL / PARISH GIFT SHOP: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with the stall,** particularly at 10.30am Mass. If you can help please contact the parish office by email [churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com) or phone 01452 713254.



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