



## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 6th May 2018 – Sixth Week of Easter. DPL: Swindon Holy family		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
<b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>8.30 am</b> Mass: People of the Parish <b>10.30 am</b> Mass & Baptism: Archie Hopson <b>12 noon</b> Baptism: Thea Saunders	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9:15 am</b> Mass	<b>Craft and Coffee group</b> All Welcome - term time 9am – 11am
<b>Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9:15 am</b> Mass	<b>Coffee Club</b> after Mass
<b>Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Exposition <b>7.00 pm</b> Vigil Mass: Solemnity of Ascension	<b>Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group</b> All welcome - term time 9am – 11am <b>SVP Group</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of mth at 6.30pm <b>Justice &amp; Peace</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Weds of mth 7.30pm <b>Private Hire</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds of mth 6.30pm
<b>Thur. 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9:15 am</b> Mass with School Pro Populo	<b>HALL HIRE:</b> If you would like to book the church Hall please phone the parish office: 01452 713254
<b>Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9:15 am</b> Mass	<b>Meditation Group</b> from 1pm <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm
<b>Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9:15 am</b> Mass <b>9:45-10:15am</b> Confessions	<b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 2pm – 4pm
<b>Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>8:30 am</b> Mass <b>10:30 am</b> Mass <b>Baptism Preparation session</b> in St Mary's school following 10:30 am Mass	<b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday <b>PRIVATE HIRE</b> 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers
<p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Bruno Laverock (7<sup>th</sup>), Anne Margaret Moore (7<sup>th</sup>), Margaret (Rita) Moore (7<sup>th</sup>), Christina Lyons (8<sup>th</sup>), Wilf Pereira (8<sup>th</sup>), Anne Bottomley (9<sup>th</sup>), Lynn Williams (10<sup>th</sup>), John W. Burrows (11<sup>th</sup>), Violetta Biddle (11<sup>th</sup>), Jonathan Davidson (11<sup>th</sup>), Joyce West-Sadler (11<sup>th</sup>), Luigia Volpato (13<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><b>Prayers for the sick:</b> 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, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Nathan Wright, Carol While, Theresa Cooper, Geraldine Armitage and Pat O'Connor.</p>



**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 the Diocesan Prayer 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 29th April 2018 amounted to £877. Clergy Training Fund: £130. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Second Collection for the World Communications Sunday.**

## **A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission**

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

What better mission could we have or want? To love! But do you notice how we have been loved? The love that Jesus offers his disciples has been the love that he himself has known and experienced from the Father. The Father has shown love to the Son, the Son shown the Father's love to the disciples and now, having been loved ourselves, we are sent to bring that love, to be that love to others. There is our mission... to be love, to be the love of Christ for others. We do that by being the friends of Jesus, by remaining close to him and bringing others into something of that friendship. Pope Benedict reminded of this: there is nothing more beautiful than to know this friendship and to speak to others of our friendship with Christ. This is the fruit we can bear...being love, knowing ourselves loved, living in the knowledge of that love and allowing that love to be attractive. What a mission!

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/>

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

<http://www.cliftondiocese.com/presentation-year-mission-resource-clifton-cathedral-29-november/>

### **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Year of Mission presentation and reflection planned at 7pm on 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Pentecost Retreat** 'Holiness for Normal People.' Led by Fr. Aidan Murray S.D.B. 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May at Brownhill, GL6 8AL  
Cost: £85. Please contact : Tom Heseltine 01989 750665 See poster for more details

**Children's Liturgy** takes place during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays in the parish hall. It enables the younger children to hear the Word of God at their level. It is an enjoyable and rewarding ministry. If you would like to join the team and assist with helping the children to understand the Gospel please give your name to Fr. Paul.



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

Would you like to become part of Our Lady's Baptism Preparation team? We are looking for new people to journey alongside the families who are seeking Baptism for their children. It is very relaxed course, giving the parents a chance to think about what being part of the Church means for them and their families.

Our next course starts 29th April. If you think this might be something you would like to get involved in, why not come along and see what it is all about?

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Wadley via the parish office.

**PRINKNASH EVENTS: May 12th:** The Gospel of John - Father Abbot Martin McLaughlin O.S.B. - 10.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room- 2.00pm-4.pm "Exploring the Essentials of Catholicism" - Dr. Sarah Richards

**Prayer & Praise Meeting at St. Peters Gloucester:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm, St. Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester. Special speaker is **Rose Harvey speaking on her faith journey**, with music ministry led by Tony Wadley.

### **MICHAEL PERHAM UNIVERSITY CATHEDRAL LECTURE**

Church of England Reader, theologian and writer Dr Paula Gooder presents the annual Michael Perham University Cathedral Lecture at **Gloucester Cathedral on 5 June.**

Currently the Director for Mission and Development in the Birmingham Diocese, Dr Gooder is passionate about igniting enthusiasm for reading The Bible today, and making scholarship accessible.

The event starts with refreshments in the Chapter House from 6.15pm, and the lecture starts at 7pm in the Quire. To book your free place, please visit <https://cathedral-lecture-2018.eventbrite.co.uk> or telephone 01242 714527.

### **CAFOD school volunteers needed!**

Could you spare some time to volunteer with **CAFOD** and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for **volunteers in the Glastonbury and Salisbury areas** to visit Catholic schools and parish groups. For further information please contact **Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton on 01179 428 328** or email [clifton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:clifton@cafod.org.uk)

### **CAFOD school volunteers needed!**

Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers in the Glastonbury and Salisbury areas** to give a short presentation or talk about the work of CAFOD and **inspire children and young people** to make a difference. For further information please contact **Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton on 01179 428 328** or email [clifton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:clifton@cafod.org.uk).

**ADVERT FOR CHAIR OF TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION.** Due to the retirement of our current Chair of Trustees, Gloucester City Mission is looking for a new Chairperson who has desire to serve Christ in our city and a heart for the lost and hurting. This is an unpaid role that will require overseeing the legalities of running a charitable organisation and facilitating the bi-monthly meetings of the trustee board. Ideally, the right candidates have knowledge and understanding of working with the homeless but essentially, they will have great communication skills, the time to liaise regularly with the GCM manager and other trustees and have the vision to see the work of the mission develop and flourish. If you are interested please send a CV and covering letter of why you would like to be considered for this role, to [ollie.bennet@kftseekers.org.uk](mailto:ollie.bennet@kftseekers.org.uk) or post to Ollie Bennett, Gloucester City Mission, The George Whitfield Centre, 107 Great Western Road, Gloucester GL1 3NP.

**COULD YOU SERVE AS A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR?** Foundation governors have an important part to play in ensuring the Catholic character of our school and in building the Community of Catholic schools throughout the diocese. We need volunteers who serve as the Bishop's representative to assist in leading our Catholic School. If you are interested, please find more information and the nomination form on [www.schools.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.schools.cliftondiocese.com) website or contact the Diocesan office: Department for School and Colleges, Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX. Some leaflets are in the Narthex.

**PUBLICATIONS** Bible Alive, May issue £2:50, My Day By Day, May edition FREE, Walk With Me

**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.

### **R I P**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sharon Ann Brown who died recently. Please remember too, her family and friends at this difficult time. Sharon's Funeral Service will take place Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 12.00 Noon in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church followed by the Crematorium at the Gloucester Crematorium Chapel at 1.00 pm. ***"May She Rest In Peace"***



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