



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 7 May 2017 – Fourth Week of Easter

Sun 7 May	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Sheila Mitchell (Ints) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: St John the Baptist Trowbridge with Westbury
Mon. 8 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations for the Priesthood and Religious Life	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Tues. 9 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion COFFEE CLUB after Service	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Wed. 10 May	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. Mass: Sylvie Johns (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Thur. 11 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: P.J. Dobbyn (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Fri. 12 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Kath Gallagher (Ints)	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Sat. 13 May	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Anielka Jennings (RIP) Confessions: 9.445 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
Sun 14 May	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Thomas Banner (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>

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

Bruno Laverock (7th), Anne Moore (7th), Rita Moore (7th), Christina Lyons (8th), Wilf Pereira (8th), Anne Bottomley (9th), Lynn Williams (10th), John burrows (11th), Violetta Biddle (11th), Jonathan Davidson (11th), Joyce West-Sadler(11th), Luigia Volpato (13th) and Edward McCabe(14th)

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 £529 + £350 = £879 Thank you for your generosity TODAY there will be a Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

On Saturday 13th May we celebrate 100th Anniversary of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

On this day in 1917, Our Lady made her first appearance to three shepherd children, Jacinta (age 7), Francisco (age 9) and Lucia (age 10), at Fatima in Portugal. She appeared to them once a month from May through October. The lives of the three children of Fatima were entirely transformed by the heavenly apparitions.

TODAY is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

To mark this, we are inviting you to engage in 24 Hours for Vocations, also known as 24H4V. This is an opportunity for the diocese to storm Heaven with our prayers and offerings for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, as well as supporting our seminarians and all who are discerning their call in life. 24H4V is not all about sitting and praying! Perhaps you might offer 24 hours of work or some activity for these 24 intentions. For more information visit <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/departments/vocations-2/24-hours-vocations/>



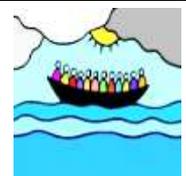
Through Baptism we welcome Ysabella Pechon into the Church and pray that she and her family will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please pray for seven Young people from St Peter's High School who will make their First Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday (14th May). They have been preparing with Mandy Baker, the school Chaplain and Fr. Kevin.

FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community): MEETING TODAY – SUNDAY (7th May)

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



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

200 CLUB DRAW

The April draw took place on Sunday 23 April and the lucky winners were:

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TICKET NO</u>
1 ST	£230	F. Walker	18
2nd	£120	T. Kimble	71
3 RD	£60	S. Keal	31

PIETY STALL: We need more 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.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com or phone 01452 713254. **The stall will be open after both Masses on 21st May for First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts etc.**

St Patrick's Race Night Event – Thank You!

On the 17th March, our Confirmation candidates were involved with organising a race night as a fund raiser to help send disabled children to Lourdes with HCPT the Pilgrimage Trust groups 37 & 78. The night was a great success, lots of delicious Irish stew eaten, lots of fun going to our very own "Churchdown Cup", with lots of winners from the races or the raffle. The young people were excellent hosts. **The night's events raised an amazing £1147.54** A huge thank-you to all involved .

COLLECTION OF SANITARY WEAR AND TOILETRIES: One of our parishioners is collecting 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.

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE: Come and celebrate Christian Aid Week at St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street, Gloucester on **Friday 19 May 2017. 1.00 pm** (40 minute service). Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. **Adele Owen**, Director of GARAS, will speak about the challenges faced by refugees today, alongside recent refugees who will share their own stories.
Organised by Gloucester Christian Aid Group

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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. Visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry

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

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

PRINKNASH ABBEY –MAY EVENTS: Saturday 20th May: 10.30am-12noon: History of Christianity in Britain - The Conversion of the Anglo-Saxons. 2pm-4pm: Exploring Faith-St. Augustine of Canterbury, St. Thomas a Becket; History of Canterbury. Further Information at www.prinknashabbey.org Meetings all start in the Meeting Room next to the Cafe.

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.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

OUR LADY'S PARISH CRAFT GROUP 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). **Dates: 8th May and 22nd May.** Natalie Edwards.



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



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.



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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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