



## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King) – Youth Sunday

Sun. 20 Nov	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Ilko & Lucia Iwasek (Anniv) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<b>DPL: Sacred Heart</b> , Chew Magna/ <b>St. Pius X</b> , Witherwood
Mon. 21 Nov	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tues. 22 Nov	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Rob Mackay (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St. Cecilia</i>
Wed. 23 Nov	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Memorial Mass in memory of all CAFOD supporters who have passed away.	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thur. 24 Nov	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dorina Emanuelli (Ints)	<i>Memorial of Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and companions</i>
Fri. 25 Nov	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: All Souls	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sat. 26 Nov	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Tony Clark (Anniv) Confessions 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>

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

Kathleen Poles (25<sup>th</sup>), Charles Bishop (26<sup>th</sup>), Tony Clark (26<sup>th</sup>) and Maureen Rea (26<sup>th</sup>)



**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...**

Holy Mary, sublime icon of redeemed humanity, model of missionaries for the Church, teach all men, women and families, to open their hearts to the whole of humanity and to foster and safeguard the living and mysterious presence of the Risen Lord. **Amen**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:** Pat Crompton, Consolacion De Dios Blanco, Carol Benson, Wynne McGhee, Terry Poole, Ian Vilanueva, Jim (Seamus) Doherty, Vicky Dunn, Natalie Edwards, Nigel Lamb, Doreen Baker, Anna Ryder, Keian Andersonn, Brian Phillips, Maria Kent, Edith Cull, Christopher Brown, May Noble, Thomas Jayaseelan, Gordon Palmer, Michelle Cooke, Caitlin Godden, Jo Beamish, Alex Geddes, baby Maggie Hansell, Joan Geraghty, Bernadette Metcalf, Martin Thomas, Judi Figgures, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Phyllis Shore and Peter Kost

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 13 November 2016 amounted to: £517 + £350 = £867**

***Thank you so much for your generosity.***

Today's second collection will be for the Catholic Youth Service (National Youth Sunday).  
Envelopes are available in the Narthex to Gift Aid your donation.

#### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Artus who died recently.  
Please remember too, his family and friends at this difficult time. Stephen's Funeral Service will take place at Gloucester Cathedral at 2.00 p. m. on Tuesday 22 November 2016.

***'May He Rest In Peace'***



### SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN ADVENT...



Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction will be celebrated here at Our Lady's at 4.00 p.m. every Sunday during Advent, starting on 27<sup>th</sup> November (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent). **Everyone welcome.**



**TODAY is National Youth Sunday:** This weekend in England and Wales we celebrate **National Youth Sunday**. It is an opportunity for parishes and our diocese to recognise young people and those who work with them in our community. Please take this opportunity to pray for young people in our parish and across the world. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today directly supports Youth Ministry in the Clifton Diocese. Please use the gift-aid envelopes provided. Visit [cliftondiocese.com](http://cliftondiocese.com) for more on NYS 2016.

**NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED:** At all Masses during November there will be a lighted candle on the sanctuary in memory of and to remind us to pray for our deceased relatives and friends and those who have no one to remember them. There will be a special leaflet available for you on which you can write the name of your loved ones who have died. You can place these in the basket at the front of the altar. These special leaflets will be available for you in the narthex.



**COFFEE & CAKE FOR PARENTS/CARERS** (babies and toddlers also catered for with snacks and a selection of toys to play with). **Every Wednesday: 9am – 10.30am in Church Hall.** Pop in for a well-earned cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake straight after the morning school run! A chance to meet and catch up with other parents from school in a relaxed and friendly setting. Suggested donation of £1.

**CONFIRMATION:** If your child is in year 8 or above and would like to be Confirmed by Bishop Declan next June, please see Fr. Kevin or contact the Parish Office for more information.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion next June, please contact Elizabeth Thomas at the parish Office for an application form and information on our parish preparation.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER DAYS AT PRINKNASH ABBEY 2016:** all welcome: **Saturday groups 2016:** in the meeting room close to the café. **3rd Dec:** Exploring the Meaning of Christmas. **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** 11am – 3pm Day of Prayer for the whole world: 11am Talk in the meeting room. Break for lunch. 1pm Mass in the abbey chapel, rosary, adoration and afternoon prayer. 2.45pm Chaplet .

**THE ART OF DYING WELL** is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. **Launching in November** – the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org) There are some prayer cards available in the Narthex.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on the last Thursday of the month: **24<sup>th</sup> November** between 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. If you can't sign up on the sheet in the narthex for an hour, please feel free to pop in when you can. Thank you.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** During November we take time to pray and give thanks for all our dear friends who have been such an important part of our work but are sadly no longer with us. You are warmly invited to our CAFOD Memorial Mass on 23 November here at Our Lady's 7.00 pm: prayer 7.30 pm: Memorial Mass. Mass will be said in memory of all CAFOD supporters who have passed away. If you would like someone to be included in our book of remembrance, please send us their name.

**RED WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE:** Please join us for a short Service of Prayer for the Persecuted Church this Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) at 7pm at St Gregory's, Cheltenham. This event is part of Aid to the Church in Need's 'Red Wednesday'. You can also take part by wearing red, sharing a photo, and praying. For more information, see: [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)

**ADVENT RETREAT** to close the Year of Mercy: **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November** at The Monastery of Our Lady & St Bernard, Brownhill, Stroud GL6 8AL. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information or contact the Bookings Secretary 01453 883084 or email [brownhillbookings@bernadine.org](mailto:brownhillbookings@bernadine.org)

**SALE OF GOODS FROM BETHLEHEM:** As Joanne cannot arrange a sale in our hall this year, If anyone would like a lift from the church after mass on Advent Sunday, **27<sup>th</sup> November** to Prinknash please put your name on the list in the narthex or let Liz Holtham or Jackie Bailey know. We will leave from church after mass at 12 noon Lunches are available at Prinknash back at 3.45 for Advent Benediction. All profits go to needy families with children in Bethlehem. Please see poster in the Narthex for further information of contact Joanne on 01242 243207.

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**SAMARA'S AID APPEAL: Syria – Reach out a hand to care. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November (7pm for 7.30pm start) Samara is coming over to Churchdown** to share 'the journey so far' as well as to inform us of the current appeals. The event will be held at St Andrew's in Churchdown, and our vision is to fill the church with interested parties. We have such a wonderful number of Christian Churches in Churchdown, Gloucester and Cheltenham full of people who care, and this is an event to provide an opportunity to do something together to help. Please see the poster in the Narthex for further information, phone Sarah Stanton on 07710515554 or visit [www.samarasaidappeal.org](http://www.samarasaidappeal.org) and Facebook Samara's Aid Appeal. There are also some postcards to take away.

**FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community) – NEXT MEETING 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 3PM:** A Christian Association that brings together people with special needs, their families and friends. Meetings are held on the **first Sunday of the month** (except January) at 3pm in Our Lady's church hall, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown. For further details contact Fr. Kevin on 01452 713254 or email [kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com) or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or [Shelley1270@gmail.com](mailto:Shelley1270@gmail.com)

**MARY-JESS IN CONCERT AT OUR LADY'S CHURCH, CHELTENHAM ROAD EAST, CHURCHDOWN on Thursday. December 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.** Join former St Peter's Student, Mary-Jess here for a magical evening of carols and Christmas songs! Mary-Jess will be performing many Christmas favourites as well as songs from her new album 'Prayer to a Snowflake'. Tickets £10 - available online now: <http://www.mary-jess.com/shop/gloucester-concert-ticket-3>

**FLAME 2017:** As a follow-on to NYS, young people aged 14+ are invited to attend Flame, the largest gathering of Catholic Young people in the UK. Flame takes place on **11<sup>th</sup> March 2017** in Wembley Arena. To book your place as an individual or as a parish group visit: [www.cliftondiocese.com/flame](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/flame) Tickets are selling fast so don't delay!

#### **BAPTISM COURSES during 2017:**

- Sunday 15th January, 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February,
- 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 Email : [churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** for Young People (18-30ish). **21st - 30th July 2017.** Cost no more than £900. Organised by Downside Abbey and led by Fr Anselm Brumwell OSB. Fr Matt Ascombe will be travelling as Spiritual Director to the pilgrimage. Details can be found at [www.downside.co.uk/shop/events/monastery-events/pilgrimage-holy-land/](http://www.downside.co.uk/shop/events/monastery-events/pilgrimage-holy-land/) The full itinerary is here: [www.downside.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Itinerary.pdf](http://www.downside.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Itinerary.pdf) Spaces are limited and we need to book flights very soon. Bookings can be made on the Downside website.



**Parish Craft & Needlework Group – Fortnightly between 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.** Natalie Edwards: 01452 678565 or email [natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk) **PLEASE Note: The Ladies Group** will not be continuing but anyone wishing to meet up for a coffee and a chat is welcome to come along to the Craft Group on a Monday.

**HOMILIES AVAILABLE:** Podcasts of Sunday's homilies at Our Lady's are available on the parish website for the housebound who cannot come to church or anyone else who would like to access them. The link to the website is: <http://www.ourladychurchdown.org.uk/> and the audio sermons are available at the bottom of the page. **We have recently updated our parish website – please take a look.**

**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.**



**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](#)



**ST. VINCENT DE-PAUL SOCIETY: OUR LADY'S SVP GROUP** members are volunteers who are happy to give their time to serve others wherever possible... Visiting the housebound, lonely and sick; offering lifts and helping in a variety of ways. Our contact number can be found on the SVP leaflets in the Narthex or contact us on 01452-713254 If you would like to join us, meetings for members will be held in the Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. on **alternate Wednesdays next meeting 30th November. May we also draw your attention to our new blue SVP Collection Box for anyone wishing to contribute to the work of the Society.**

**VOCATION MATTERS: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.**

**“Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43)**

Coffee chains give free cuppas to devoted customers; supermarkets award loyalty points leading to financial benefits; businesses incentivise staff by offering prizes. For better or worse, we live in a reward culture. However, following Jesus comes with intangible rewards; the promise of a deep and satisfying peace and the amazing prospect of eternal life with God, who is love. The reward for following the King of the Universe makes all others pale into insignificance. So, don't let yourself be duped into mediocrity by the world.

Discover your vocation in Christ and cash in the greatest reward possible.

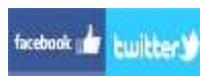
**200 Club draw will take place TODAY after 8.30 a.m. Mass**

**ADVENT LITERATURE AVAILABLE:** Day by Day £1, Bible Alive £2.50, Walk with Me £1, Children's Advent Calendar FREE. **Also:** CAFOD World Gifts order books/forms on the Narthex table – Please take one

**2017 Diocesan Diaries (£6 each) and Directories (£5 each) are now available for purchase**



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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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