



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 15th October 2017 – Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun. 15 Oct	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Mary Fitzgerald (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday	DPL: St Gerard Majella Knowle / Christ the King Knowle West / St Bernadette Whitchurch, Bristol
Mon. 16 Oct	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 17 Oct	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	<i>Memorial of St Ignatius</i>
Wed. 18 Oct	6.30 pm Exposition & Rosary 7.00 pm Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	<i>Feast of St Luke</i>
Thur. 19 Oct	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Fri. 20 Oct	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sat. 21 Oct	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion No Confessions	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
Sun. 22 Oct	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Rob Mackay (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday	<i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

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

Peter Collins (15th), Catherine Whalley (16th), Agnes Brown (18th), Kathleen Brennan (18th), Margaret Casey (19th), Arthur Jamieson (19th), Fr John Lee (20th), Monica Cookson (20th), Anthony Rasdale (20th), Robert Mackay (20th), and Kathleen Kelly (21st)

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, Alex Geddes, Maggie Hansell, Joan Geraghty, Bernadette Metcalf, Martin Thomas, Judi Figgures, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Margaret West-Sadler, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Carol While, Theresa Cooper and Geraldine Armitage.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 8th October 2017 amounted to £322 + £398 = £720

Thank you for your generosity

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a Second Collection for World Mission (Missio-APF – Red Box) when we are asked to contribute to a special collection for Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the Narthex or visit www.missio.org.uk/wms



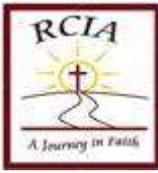
We welcome everyone who is joining us today, and hope that you find it helpful to spend five minutes of silence and reflection before Mass:

Lord, help me share your peace with others. Let me sow seeds of love so that all the world might see your beauty, live with hope and feel your joy. **Amen**

ANNUAL MASS COUNT... During **October** we count the number of people who attend Mass for National Statistics.

FR KEVIN HENNESSEY'S INDUCTION MASS will be on Wednesday 15th November in Weston-super-Mare at 7pm.

We are planning on organising a coach – more information to follow.



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. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith or are thinking of becoming a Catholic, you are invited to attend the RCIA process, which are informal weekly meetings where you can learn more about the Catholic Church and find out what it means to be a Catholic. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening during Term Time. (Start date to be confirmed.) For further details, please contact the office on 01452 713254



OUR LADY'S PARISH COFFEE AND CRAFT GROUP: Every Monday 8.45am-11am in the parish hall. Teas and coffees available for a donation – pop in and join us for a chat and maybe to try a new craft. **ALL WELCOME**



OUR LADYBIRDS STAY AND PLAY CAFÉ: Every Wednesday 9am - 11am. We invite families and parishioners to join us in the parish hall of Our Lady's Churchdown for a stay and play session. A nutritious breakfast/light snack available for both parent/carer and child (we do ask for a small donation towards this cost), as well as lovely toys & activities. (If you would like to volunteer a little of your time & be part of our friendly team or have any questions please contact either Katherine Wadley or Natalie Edwards

(07805675997/01452678565) **ALL WELCOME**



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: REVISED DATES If you have made your first communion and would like to train to be an altar server, please come along. It is also a great opportunity to refresh your training too! **REGISTRATION:** please contact the Parish office for an altar server form. **TRAINING for new altar servers** will take place in the church on **Tuesday 17th October** at 3.30pm and **Thursday 19th October** at 3.30pm for about an hour each time. You will need to attend all the sessions. To book a place please contact the parish office

churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com. **All welcome**

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 – email: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

VOLUNTEERS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We will be starting our parish-based preparation soon and are looking for some adult helpers to guide our children on their faith journey. We work in small groups and meet every couple of weeks after 10.30am Mass until June. If you think you could help our friendly group please contact the Parish Office – email: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com. A Clifton Diocese DBS certificate will be required. We can arrange for a DBS check to be carried out if necessary.



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



BAPTISM: If you are seeking Baptism for your child please phone or email the Parish Office to register for the preparation course, to arrange a date for the baptism and to obtain a baptism application form. Tel: 01452 713254 Email: churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com

ST PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY GALA PERFORMANCE of songs from the shows of the last ten years: Les Miserable, Oliver, Jesus Christ Superstar, Bugsy Malone, Grease, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera, Singin' in the Rain and The Pirates of Penzance! Performances **Weds 18 and Thurs 19 October at 7pm** in the school hall. Tickets £5 available from school reception 01452 520594 or boxoffice@sphs.uk.com

PRAYER & PRAISE MEETING: 7.30pm on 19th October 2017 at St. Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester. During this month's prayer meeting we have our special guest speaker Sarah Phillips speaking on 'John & 1,000 reasons for singing the Psalms', with music ministry led by Tony Wadley.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF A MODERN MARTYR! 'ROMERO - HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR' - THE PLAY: Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church (Lawford's Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE). 'Rise Theatre' is a professional Christian Theatre company who are coming to Bristol to present this play about a great modern martyr who courageously spoke truth to power and defended the poor of his land at the cost of his own life. Suitable for children aged 11+. Tickets are £10.00 (family tickets £25.00). For tickets please go on-line www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre. All proceeds (after expenses) will be shared between CAFOD and Borderlands charities. Free parking in church car park accessed on Pennywell Road).

PRINKNASH ABBEY: October 21st Retreat Day – Precious in God's Eyes: Time out to Restore hope and confidence. 10.30 am in Meeting Room. Mass 12 noon in Chapel. 2.30 - 3pm. Adoration in Chapel.

TAIZÉ SERVICES: Wednesdays 7.30pm as follows - 1st November All Saints, 6th 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.

MISSIO APF / MILL HILL (RED BOX) MASSES AROUND THE DIOCESE: Please see poster in the Narthex for all dates, however the nearest one to our parish is **7pm on Friday 10th November at St Thomas More**, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham GL51 7RA followed by Missio/Mill Hill Missionaries presentation and light refreshments. Please visit www.missio.org.uk or www.millhillmissionaries.com for more information. **World Mission Sunday is 22nd October 2017**

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: For young catholic adults. 1st – 3rd December at Downside Abbey, Somerset. £25 inclusive of food and accommodation. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex or contact vocations@cliftondiocese.com to register a booking.

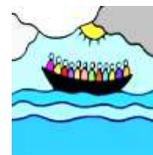
DIOCESAN EVENT: LIVING STONES – RETREAT DAYS FOR CATECHISTS & YOUTH LEADERS: Youth Leaders, Catechists, teachers, clergy & all interested in Youth Ministry are invited to take time to explore, reflect & pray on our Youth Ministry Retreat. **Saturday 20th January 2018 at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud.** 10am – 4pm. Lunch provided. Cost £20 per person. Booking essential, email: youth@cliftondiocese.com

HOSPITAL STAY:- If you are going in to hospital please let us know. It is essential that individuals and families let either the parish or the chaplaincy know if somebody is in hospital. To leave a message on the chaplaincy answer phone, 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.

FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community): PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

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 the Hall at English Martyrs Church, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester GL4 0NX. Contact Fr. Gerry by email gerry.walsh@priest.cliftondiocese.com or on 01452 412702 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com



GLOUCESTER FOOD BANK: Thank you for your continued generosity in donations to the Food Bank. Here is a current 'shopping list' of the items most needed: **Long life milk, long life fruit juice, tinned cold meat, tinned rice pudding, toiletries.** Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please see Fr Paul if you would like a Mass said or contact the office by email churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com or by phone 01452 713254. **When requesting a Mass please make sure that we have a contact telephone number for you. If you want Mass offered on a specific date, it's advisable to give notice early to ensure that the date you require is available.** There are a selection of Sympathy and Intentions Mass cards available in the sacristy or from the repository. It is traditional to make an offering when requesting a Mass, but, we would point out that there is no charge. Please see Fr. Paul or Elizabeth if you need further information.

COFFEE ROTA VOLUNTEERS WANTED: After 10.30 Mass the parish likes to provide coffee or tea to welcome our parishioners. Due to some helpers moving away we are short of volunteers to take a turn once every 4 or 5 weeks. Everything is provided except for milk and the more volunteers we have the less often the turn comes round. If you feel able to help please email margaret.tonks65@gmail.com and I will get in touch.

VOLUNTEER DELEGATES WANTED

Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" - Liverpool 2018, 7TH – 9TH September 2018.

Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused. Participants will engage in a series of sessions focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On the first day of the Congress, there will be a Theological Symposium, with workshops for parish catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programs), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers.

For more information please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018>

If you would like to attend please see Fr Paul or contact the parish office ASAP.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, CHURCHDOWN

Reception Class intake (September 2018)

If your child is born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 then they are due to commence school in the 2018/19 academic year. Gloucestershire Admissions team will send registration packs to parents of eligible pupils in mid-November. If you do not receive a pack by 1st December please contact the admissions team on school.admissions@gloucstershire.gov.uk. The deadline for making applications (via Gloucestershire Admissions Team) is 15th January 2018.

*St Mary's has allocated two days for **visits for prospective parents** during the autumn term (Weds 22nd & Thurs 23rd November @ 9:30, 10:15 or 13:30). These visits provide an opportunity to tour the school, see the pupils at work and discuss the admissions process. Please call the office or email to book your visit slot.*

Foundation Governors needed

St Mary's Primary School are looking to recruit two **Foundation Governors** this term to join the Governing Body. Foundation Governors need to be baptised Catholics who are members of St Patrick's or Our Lady's parishes. If you are interested in joining the St Mary's team then please speak to a member of the office staff or email Tricia Barnes (Clerk to the Governors) on clerk@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

	<p>MEDITATION GROUP Friday's at 1.00pm Our Lady's Church Hall. <i>All Welcome</i></p>	 <p>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</p>
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CTS (CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY) BOOKS: There are some postcards on the Narthex table with details of CTS Ebooks available for Kindle, Kobo and iBooks. For more information you can also visit www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY...

Please pray individually or join together with others around the world by logging on to: www.comepraytherosary.org/



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Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Thomas. Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.15am – 12.30pm.

Please submit items for the Bulletin to the Presbytery by WEDNESDAY.

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