



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 16th October 2016 – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Parish Churches

Sun. 16 Oct	8.30 a.m. Mass: Terence Rafferty (RIP) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish <i>COFFEE CLUB</i> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL: St. Patrick, Brockworth/Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown
Mon. 17 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tues. 18 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	Memorial of St. Ignatius
Wed. 19 Oct	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. MASS FOR WORLD PEACE	Feast of St. Luke
Thur. 20 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dorina Emanuelli (Ints)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Fri. 21 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Eugene McParland (RIP)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sat. 22 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dora Veale (Ints) 2.00 p.m. Wedding Service CONFESSION: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	Our Lady on Saturday



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...

Breathe into us Holy Spirit that our thoughts and actions may be holy. Attract our hearts and strengthen us that we may love and defend all that is holy. Guide and protect us Holy Spirit that we may always be a holy people. **Amen**

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

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) 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, 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, Peter Kost, Peter Collins and Rob Mackay.

BAPTISM: Through Baptism, we welcome Leila Gunter into the Church and pray that she and her family will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday 9th October 2016 amounted to: £430 + £350 = 780

Next Sunday Second Collection for World Mission Sunday: (Gift Aid envelopes available on the Narthex table)

MOTHER OF MERCY – JUBILEE DAY OF PRAYER: TODAY 12 noon – 4pm. *Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury BA6 9EJ.* Refreshments will be available but please bring a packed lunch. There will also be opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information or visit <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/event/marian-jubilee-day-prayer/>

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER DAYS AT PRINKNASH ABBEY 2016: all welcome

Prinknash Abbey Saturday groups 2016: in the meeting room close to the café, all welcome

Sat Nov 12th 3pm – 4pm Rosary and Chaplet in the abbey chapel

“Bible in a year”- The Gospels and Acts; **5th Nov:** The N T Letters; **3rd Dec:** The Book of Revelation

“Exploring Faith” 2-4pm : **5th Nov:** Is There Hope for the World? ; **3rd Dec :** Exploring the Meaning of Christmas

Sat 10th 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 in the Grotto

VOCATION MATTERS: 16th October: 29th Sunday in ordinary time

“Proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it” (2 Timothy 4:2)

“Winners never quit and quitters never win” is a saying often associated with elite athletes. The quote comes from Vince Lombardi, a successful American football coach. In terms of faith, as people seeking to follow Jesus closely, we are already victorious in him, and yet we need to keep drawing on the strength which comes from his triumph on the cross. Once we have a sense of how Christ is calling us to serve him, we have to hang in there amidst the joys and the sorrows. Perseverance may sound difficult but the grace of Christ will carry us.

GLOUCESTER DEANERY – CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR MERCY HOLY DOOR, CLIFTON: Sunday November 13th at 6pm. We have been asked to gauge interest in hiring a coach to attend this service before we go ahead and book it. If you would be interested in attending and travelling by coach please add your name to the list in the Narthex, or email the parish office churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com . Interest needs to be expressed by **Sunday 23rd October** please. Many thanks.

VACANCY: Elderly man in Cheltenham Road East requires person to assist with cleaning, shopping and companionship. 3 hours per week, preferably Wednesday and Friday. £10 per hour. Please call Anna on 01886 830099 or 0777 3026963



NEW: Parish Craft & Needlework Group – Fortnightly AT 11.00 a.m. Do you like to knit, sew or crochet? Would you like to chat with likeminded people to share ideas and gain confidence in a craft? Have you wanted to learn a new craft but not sure where to start or need a little confidence boost? This new group in the parish hall of Our Lady’s Churchdown will be the perfect place. The idea is to come together fortnightly with other crafty parishioners of all ages and abilities in a relaxed environment for a chat and a cuppa while working on our craft. Please bring yourselves and any materials you may need. Suggested donation £2.50 per session (towards refreshments and hall upkeep costs). **Following dates: 24th Oct, 7th Nov, 21st Nov, 5th Dec.** Organiser: Natalie Edwards Contact 01452 678565 or email natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk

ST. PETER’S HIGH SCHOOL invite you to join us for Gilbert & Sullivan’s spectacularly silly operatic romp through a Victorian Cornish world inhabited by duty bound pirates, beautiful maidens and slapstick policeman in "The Pirates of Penzance". Follow the Pirate apprentice Frederic on his adventure of love, chivalry and duty after he meets the beautiful Mabel and vows to rid the world of his former treacherous pirate friends, led by the genial Pirate King. Memorable songs abound in this perennial favourite. So jump onboard for this years must see piratical jaunt! Main hall at 7pm on **Weds 19th Oct, Thurs 20th Oct, Fri 21st Oct 2016**. Tickets £5 each from School Reception 01452 520594 or Box Office/Mrs McNeill(in school). Doors open at 6.45pm. Many thanks for your continuing support. Margaret-Mary McNeill, St. Peter’s High School, Gloucester .

A DAY WITH MARY: Downside Abbey, **22nd October 2016**. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex or visit www.adaywithmary.org

CELEBRATE Bristol 22nd/23rd October: Is a weekend Catholic conference for the whole family with separate programmes for young people and children at St Bede’s Catholic College in Lawrence Weston. For all participants, Celebrate seeks to provide an atmosphere of friendship which gives a real sense of community. This helps Catholics understand in a new and fresh way, the extraordinary love Jesus has for each of us through his Holy Spirit. For info. and to book in advance, which is essential, please Tony or Katherine Wadley or go to: <http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/bristol/> or see the poster.

MISSIO/RED BOX: MISSION MASSES AROUND THE DIOCESE: Please see poster in the Narthex for full list of dates or visit www.misio.org.uk : **Thursday 27th October**, 7pm at English Martyrs, Tuffley is the Mass in this area.

DIOCESAN TRUSTEE VACANCIES: The Diocese is currently looking for 2 new people to join the board of the Trustees. It is specifically looking for people with a good working knowledge of Education at either Primary or Secondary level. The commitment is to one 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol along with other work on sub committees, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for this position please send your details to the Bishop's Secretary St Ambrose North Rd Leigh Woods Bristol BS8 3PW by **27th October.**

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.**



FAITH & LIGHT (Gloucester Community)

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 churchhall.

For further details contact Fr Kevin on 01452 713254 or email

kevin.hennessey@priest.cliftondiocese.com or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com

PARENTING TEENAGERS EVENT : Tuesday 18th October, Trinity, 100-102 Winchcombe Street, Cheltenham GL52 2NW. £5 per ticket. Please visit www.careforthefamily.org.uk/parentingteenagers or call 029 2081 0800 for more information and alternative dates/locations. There are a few leaflets in the narthex.

CONVERSATIONS IN MERCY: Wednesday 16th November at 7.15pm. As we begin to draw near to the close of the Jubilee Year, we enter into conversation with Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Rabbi Natan Levy and Professor Sajjad Rizvi seeking to better understand the God of Merciful love through the lens of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral, Bristol. Refreshments from 6.30pm. All welcome. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information.

DOWNSIDE ABBEY: Sealing of the Holy Door. Saturday 19th November 8am – 5pm. Join the Monastic Community for a full day of events to reflect upon the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Sealing of Holy Door and Mass at 3.30pm. All welcome for all or part of the day. Refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch. Tel 01761 235100 www.downside.co.uk

FLAME 2017: Young people aged 14-21 are invited to join Bishop Declan, with young people from across the Clifton Diocese, and the UK at Flame 2017 in Wembley Arena on **Saturday 11th March 2017.** Clifton Diocese Youth Ministry are offering ticket, travel & T-Shirt all for just £45 per person. Places are filling up fast, so go to www.cliftondiocese.com/flame for more details and to book your place. Parish Groups can also find group booking forms on the website.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP IN CHURCHDOWN: Alternate Thursday afternoons in term time at 2.30 - 4pm in Station Rd, Churchdown. For more information contact: Sheila Appleton: 07772 759835 sheila@graappl.plus.com or Alison Summerskill: 01452 862737 asummerskill39@gmail.com

CHURCH SECURITY AUDIT: We have recently had our church security arrangements reviewed and have been advised to upgrade by installing CCTV in the church buildings. If you have any questions or comments please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Kevin.



Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) website holds a wealth of information regarding MSF's current work in Yemen and the terrible crisis that country is facing. The following link provides an update on their current project: <http://www.msf.org.uk/country-region/yemen> . To find out more about MSF and their work please visit www.msf.org.uk

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.ourladyschurchdown.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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OUR LADY'S PARISH...

FIRST AID : If you are a qualified/certificated First Aider and you would be happy to help out at events in the parish if needed, please can you speak to Fr. Kevin after Sunday Mass or contact the parish office via email churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com or phone 01452 713254

CONFIRMATION : We will be starting our parish-based confirmation preparation later this Autumn and we need some adult helpers to join our team. If you feel you would like to share your faith with our young people as they take this next step in their faith journey, please contact Fr Kevin. We meet about once a month after 10.30am Mass on Sunday for about an hour between November/December and June. A Clifton Diocese DBS certificate will be required. We can arrange for a DBS check to be carried out if necessary.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : We will be starting our parish-based preparation in November/December 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 Fr Kevin. A Clifton Diocese DBS certificate will be required. We can arrange for a DBS check to be carried out if necessary.

MUSIC AND SINGING AT MASS: New singers and musicians are welcome to join the choir to support the singing for Mass. We are hoping to have new voices as we start the new season, and then prepare for Advent and Christmas. We would like to practise some new music as well as refresh what we already know. In particular we need new psalm solo singers, cantors. Talk to Tony or Veronica in the choir corner after any Sunday Mass, or email: tonywadley73@hotmail.co.uk or veronica@ark-lowe.fsnet.co.uk

HOSPITAL VISITORS – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We need some more volunteers to join our small but dedicated group of Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to those in hospital once a month. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister and think you could join in this worthy ministry please speak to Fr Kevin or contact the Parish Office. DBS will be required.

VISUAL PROJECTION: We are in need of some helpers to be part of a team to operate the words on a Sunday. Training is available before hand and you would only be needed about once a month. For more information please speak to Matt Wadley or email mattwadley@outlook.com.

We could do with some more helpers for the **PIETY STALL** (Sunday's about once a month) and the **COFFEE CLUB** after Mass on a Sunday. Both are sociable ministries and not at all onerous – your turn will come round about once a month or less and there is plenty of help to get you started.

CASH COUNTERS also needed please.

We would also appreciate a few more volunteers for the **CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**.

If you can help and for more information about any of these roles please contact the Parish Office.

NEXT SUNDAY is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. By supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping missionaries in Rwanda and around the world to help heal the broken-hearted. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided by Missio. This year our Parish is asked to try to raise £250. Thank you.



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 19th October. May we also draw your attention to our new blue SVP Collection Box for anyone wishing to contribute to the work of the Society.*



MEDITATION GROUP
Friday's at 1.00pm
Our Lady's Church Hall.
All welcome

PARISH LADIES GROUP
meet on the 2nd Thursday
of the month. *All welcome.*



If you would like to join our **200 CLUB**
please contact Paddy on Glos. 309004
or e-mail: the.parish.office



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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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