



## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: World Mission Sunday

Sun. 23 Oct	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Good guidance of American Electorate (Ints) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<b>DPL: St. Edmund, Calne/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chippenham</b>
Mon. 24 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 25 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Joan Byrne (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed. 26 Oct	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: Thomas O'Malley (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thur. 27 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: George (Ints)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Fri. 28 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dympna Nulty (Ints)	<i>Feast of Saints Simon &amp; Jude</i>
Sat. 29 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dorina Emanuelli (Ints) CONFESSION: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. 30 Oct	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Gillian Demidecki (Anniv) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	<b>DPL: English Martyrs, Chard with Crewkerne and Illminster</b>
Mon. 31 Oct	7.30 p.m. Vigil Mass for Solemnity of All Saints: Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 1 Nov	9.15 a.m. Mass with St. Mary's School	<b>Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation</b>
Wed. 2 Nov	7.00 p.m. Exposition and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: All Souls	<i>Commemoration of all the faithful departed – All Souls Day</i>
Thur. 3 Nov	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Deceased Lay and Clergy of the Diocese (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Fri. 4 Nov	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dorina Emanuelli (Ints)	<i>Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo</i>
Sat. 5 Nov	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion <b>NO CONFESSION TODAY</b>	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>



**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**

**TODAY (23<sup>rd</sup> October) IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** and the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda, as they share God's mercy and love with those who are suffering. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and the Gospel message of dignity for all. Please give what you can (our parish is hoping to raise £250 this year), and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Gift Aid envelopes are in the narthex. **Thank you.**

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

Peter Fitzgerald (23<sup>rd</sup>), Hugh Raynal (24<sup>th</sup>), Gilbert Pargeter (26<sup>th</sup>), Rosemary Wells (28<sup>th</sup>) and Norah Harris (29<sup>th</sup>),  
Thomas Ryan (31<sup>st</sup>), Fr. Edward Moriarty (31<sup>st</sup>), Gillian Demidecki-Demidowicz (31<sup>st</sup>)  
and Albert Neuschwander (2<sup>nd</sup> November)

**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

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations to Katie Mullooly and James Nelson who were married here yesterday. Please pray that they will have a healthy, happy and committed life together.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome **Henry Kibble** into the Church and pray that he and his family will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family. We will also be welcoming **Lamarion Hansom-Frost** into the Church next Sunday and pray that he too, together with his family, will find joy and peace as members of the Catholic Church.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday 16th October 2016** amounted to: £364 + £350 = £714  
**Today's Second Collection for World Mission Sunday:** (Gift Aid envelopes available on the Narthex table)  
*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

There is a **second collection** on 6<sup>th</sup> November for the Cathedral Fund



**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.

**IT IS A VERY SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT TRADITION IN THE CHURCH TO OFFER MASS FOR OUR LOVED ONES,** living or dead, for the sick, for special intentions and celebrations e.g. wedding anniversary. There are always opportunities at Our Lady's to have Masses offered. We plan to insert the names for whom Masses are being offered in our weekly bulletin. This will enable you to see on which day the Mass you requested is being offered. If the Mass is being offered for someone who has died the deceased's name will followed in the bulletin by (RIP) or (Anniv) whichever is applicable. If the Mass is for someone who is ill or someone who you just want God blessings on it will be followed in the bulletin by (Ints.) Masses can have a particular intention such as for a Wedding Anniversary or general, for example, for Peace or The Holy Souls. If your intention is private the Bulletin will say special or private intention. 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 is 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 Elizabeth in the office or Fr. Kevin if you would like a Mass said or contact the office by email [churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com) or phone 01452 713254. When requesting a Mass please make sure that we have a contact telephone number for you. When a Eucharistic Service is said in place of a Mass, no particular intentions can be offered on that day. But of course you can request that your loved ones and intentions are included in the prayers. Please see Fr. Kevin or Elizabeth if you need further information

**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

**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 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 in the Grotto

**VOCATION MATTERS:23 Oct–30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***“The humble man’s prayer pierces the clouds” (Eccles. 35:18)***

*The Cloud of Unknowing*, an anonymous, medieval work of Christian mysticism, encourages us to surrender our minds to the realm of “unknowing” in order to glimpse the nature of God. By doing this, God’s “cloud of unknowing” can be pierced with a “dart of longing love” and union with God sought. Whatever our vocation, aiming prayers of thanks and intercession heavenward will be central to what we do. The more we do this, the more we will be encouraged and affirmed in our calling because, as we hit the bullseye, we will know that grace and mercy are constantly flowing upon us

**GLOUCESTER DEANERY – CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR MERCY HOLY DOOR, CLIFTON: Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com) . Interest needs to be expressed by **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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](http://www.misio.org.uk) : **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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**.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE:** St Andrew’s church are delighted to be hosting the Churches Together All Saints service at St Bartholomew’s at 15.30 on **Sunday 30th October**. It will be a traditional service of the Word including an array of All Saints hymns and Ben Lillie, Curate at St Andrews & St Bartholomew’s, Churchdown, will be preaching. All are very welcome.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION:** There will be a talk on **Tuesday 1 November at 7.45 pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Dr Sarah Richards** will speak on **Exploring Faith through Poetry**. All are welcome. Admission: £3. Students and members free. Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

**CLIFTON DIOCESE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY:** The Finance Office, Alexander House, requires an Office Administrator to provide administrative and secretarial support. Administration experience, as well as good communication and IT skills are essential. The role will be for 20 hours a week Monday to Friday based at Alexander House, Bristol. Salary £20,000 per annum pro rata. For an application form and more details of the role please contact the Finance Office on 0117 902 5591 or [Finance.Office@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Finance.Office@cliftondiocese.com) **The closing date is 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016** and interviews will be held in the week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**ST. EDWARDS' SCHOOL OPEN DAY – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am – 3pm.** St Edwards is a Catholic Independent School based in Cheltenham. They offer 100% bursary/scholarships based on financial need and while open to all, Catholics are given preference. This year they are offering 6<sup>th</sup> form, year 7 and year 9 scholarships. For more information, please see notice and information cards in the Narthex or visit [www.stedwards.co.uk](http://www.stedwards.co.uk)

**CONVERSATIONS IN MERCY: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.downside.co.uk)

#### **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: **Date - 23 November. Venue - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 1HU. Time - 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.**

**MARY-JESS IN CONCERT AT OUR LADY'S** on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Join former St Peter's Student, Mary-Jess here on **Thursday 15th December** at 7.00 pm 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 available soon or online now: <http://www.mary-jess.com/shop/gloucester-concert-ticket-3>

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/flame) for more details and to book your place. Parish Groups can also find group booking forms on the website.

**RIDE FOR VOCATIONS:** Fr. Matt, our Vocations Director, would like to thank all those who supported him in his Lands End to John O'Groats ride last month. Much prayer has been offered around the diocese and, to date, £34,500 raised towards the training of our seven seminarians. On top of this, Fr Matt says this is one of the best things he's ever done!

**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.

***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](mailto:churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com) or phone 01452 713254

**MUSIC AND SINGING AT MASS:** New singers and musicians are welcome. 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](mailto:tonywadley73@hotmail.co.uk) or [veronica@arklowe.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:veronica@arklowe.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](mailto: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** needed please and we would appreciate 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.**



**NEW: Parish Craft & Needlework Group – Fortnightly between 9.00 a.m. and 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: 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Organiser: Natalie Edwards Contact 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.

**ALL SAINTS DAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> November:** All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on 1<sup>st</sup> November. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Anglican, Lutheran and Anglican churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

**ALL SOULS' DAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

**Unfortunately we will have to use Hymn Books at our 10.30 a.m. Mass today as we don't yet have enough volunteers to help with the projector and screens. Please, if you could help out on a rota basis, contact Matt at: [mattwadley@outlook.com](mailto:mattwadley@outlook.com).**

**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.**



**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 church hall. 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)



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.***



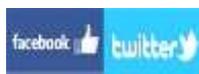
**MEDITATION GROUP**  
Friday's at 1.00pm  
Our Lady's Church Hall.  
*All welcome*



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



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Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Thomas. Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.15am – 12pm.  
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