



**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Churchdown Gloucester**

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Sunday 11th September 2016 – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun. 11 Sep	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Gibbins Family (Ints) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL St Nicholas of Tolentino Easton / St Joseph Fishponds / St Patrick Redfield, Bristol
Mon. 12 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 13 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dorina Emanuelli (Ints)	<i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
Wed. 14 Sep	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass : Joanna Vosper (Anniv)	<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
Thur. 15 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Frank Hartigan (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Fri. 16 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Liam Murtagh (Ints)	<i>Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>
Sat. 17 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Danny McCarthy (RIP) Confession: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Memorial of St Edith, Virgin</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...**

Our Father, we thank you for all the opportunities we have from day to day for learning, for fun, and for fellowship. Bless, we pray, that each day may broaden our horizons a bit further than the day before, that we may always praise you with spirit and with understanding. **Amen**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCUR AT THIS TIME:
Thea Gardiner (11th), Beatrice Glover (11th), Eileen Hall (12th), Henrietta Davis (12th), Isaac Vose (14th), Joanna Vosper (14th), Thomas Doherty (15th), Elizabeth Wyatt (16th), and Jack Armitage (17th)

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 and Phyllis Shore.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday 4th September 2016 amounted to: £445.55 + £350 = £795.55
And the collection for the Catholic Education Service amounted to £113.40
Thank you so much for your generosity.

BAPTISM: Today through the Sacrament of Baptism, we warmly welcome **Marco Alexander and Amelie Francesca Fairest** into the Church and pray that they and their family will find comfort and joy as members of our Christian family.

TODAY is Education Sunday. This is usually celebrated in February however it has been brought forward to the start of the school year because of this year’s focus – school governance and the significant role foundation governors play in supporting and ensuring that our Catholic schools fulfil the mission of the church to educate pupils through the ‘lens of our Catholic faith’ and retain their Catholic identity

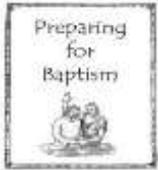
The diocese is looking to recruit more Foundation Governors for our Catholic schools. Foundation Governors are essential in protecting and developing the Catholic ethos of the Church’s schools. They also hold head teachers to account, recruit senior leadership, manage the school’s admissions criteria and set the school’s budget.

There are only two criteria for being a Foundation Governor:
1.You must be over 18 2. You must be a practising Catholic

If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com 0117 9025599 or visit the diocesan website: www.schools.cliftondiocese.com



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: 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! Training for new altar servers in the church on **Tuesday 13th September** at 5pm. To book a place or arrange training please see Father Kevin or contact the parish office churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com. All welcome



PARISH-BASED BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our first new parish-based Baptism preparation has been completed and has been successfully received by the parents. Five families took part and we look forward to welcoming in Baptism their children into our parish over the next few months.

The next 4 Sunday sessions will be held in September 2016 (in the school hall after 10:30 Mass) starting from **11th September to 2nd October**. If you know of anyone seeking baptism for their child/children in October, November and December, please get in touch with Fr Kevin to book your space.

The baptism team is also looking for more people to join the team. No experience is required, and training will be available. Please contact Katherine Wadley or Jackie Bailey.

11th September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rejoice with me.... I have found my sheep that was lost” (Luke 15:6)

“Celebrate good times, come on!” sang *Kool and the Gang* in their now timeless classic. Jesus exhorts us to celebrate. He wants us to rejoice when we recognise God’s action in our lives and the lives of others. Jesus is our liberator and he frees up our tongues and our bodies to praise him in song and dance. It’s hard to discover your calling if you’re all buttoned up. Throw yourself on his mercy; let him lift you up; and then you’ll discover who you are in him.

RIDE FOR VOCATIONS: 10th – 18th September. Fr Matt Anscombe will be getting on his bike again in support of the Vocations Ministry. He will be cycling from Land’s End to John O’Groats. There are booklets available in the Narthex with prayers for each day of the ride. If you would like to donate please visit www.mydonate.bt.com/events/rideacrossbritain

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. (First meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm).**

Celebrating Advent And Christmas Yes – already! - For all those involved and engaged in the liturgical life of our parishes, both clergy and lay, ***Celebrating Advent and Christmas*** is a day to help us in our preparations for these two beautiful seasons. With a wonderful keynote speaker in Fr Thomas Whelan C.S.Sp and workshops to explore music, blessings, preaching and reading, looking after our children and keeping those who pray well focused, this is too good to miss! **Lunch will be provided for you - Saturday 24 September at St Brendan’s College** from 10am to 3.30pm. To **register by 19 September**, and so ensure your lunch, call (0117 9025595) or email Richard at Alexander House (richard.williams@cliftondiocese.com).

VACANCY: Marriage and Family Life Project Worker. Working within the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation to support parish communities in establishing a good process of accompaniment for families in preparation for their children's baptism and beyond. You will work with pilot parishes in the diocese to equip and resource communities in their preparation of families bringing children to baptism and supporting parents and families of children journeying towards the Eucharist and Reconciliation. The successful applicant will be working closely with the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator. 20 hours per week, the position will be for a fixed term period of two years and on a part-time basis. For further details please contact Fr Christopher Whitehead, Director of Adult Education and Evangelisation, on 0117 902 5595 or email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com Application forms as well as Job Description are available from the Diocesan website or from Richard Williams via richard.williams@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595. **Closing Date for applications is 20 September 2016.**

A DAY WITH MARY: Buckfast Abbey, Saturday 24th September. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information or visit www adaywithmary.org

DAY OF RENEWAL: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we can use them today: All are welcome on **24th September** at St Augustine’s of Canterbury Downend BS16 6QR. Mass at 10.30 am followed by teaching by Andy Stayne on using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Children welcome and will have their own activities. For more information and timings email contactus@cliftonrenewal.org.uk or call 07815 751 556.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEER: Training course for new volunteers, **21st September – 30th November 2016.** Every Wednesday 9am – 12:30pm, at Gloucester royal Hospital for the teams at Gloucester and Cheltenham. Full details and booking forms available from (t) 0300 4252 6200 and (email) spiritualcare@glos.nhs.uk

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP IN CHURCHDOWN: Alternate Thursday afternoons in term time at 2.30 - 4pm in Station Rd, Churchdown. Currently members from 3 different denominations in the group, different members of the group lead a Christian Meditation based on a reading from a range of different authors. Currently we are using the book ‘Praying Body and Soul’ by Anthony de Mello. To know more about the group or to join us please do contact: Sheila Appleton: 07772 759835 sheila@graappl.plus.com or Alison Summerskill: 01452 862737 asummerskill39@gmail.com We’d love to hear from you!

200 CLUB DRAW

The 200 Club Summer draw for July 2016 took place on Sunday 31 July 2016 as did the normal monthly draw. The August draw took place on 4 Sep 16 and the lucky winners were:

Summer Draw

Monthly Draw (July)

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TICKET NO</u>
1 ST	£200	J. Wright	192
2 ND	£200	M. Johnson	37
3 RD	£200	P.J. McMahon	84
4th	£200	R.M. Smith	208

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TICKET NO</u>
1 ST	£230	R. Nutting	66
2 ND	£120	M. A. Stokes	201
3 RD	£60	C. Turley	185

Monthly Draw (August)

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TICKET NO</u>
1 ST	£230	B. Richards	45
2 ND	£120	M. Bilbruck	67
3 RD	£60	S. Pickard	130



CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT – ALL PROCEEDS TO FOOTSTEPS COUNSELLING AND CARE

Sunday 18th September at 3pm

GLOUCESTER BRASS presents an afternoon of family fun and music.

St Paul and St Stephens Church, Stroud Road, Gloucester GL1 5AN

Come along and hear all your favourite tunes. FREE ADMISSION. Fantastic raffle prizes including a Holiday Inn stay and a Cotswold Farm Park family ticket. Buy raffle tickets from Footsteps Counselling and Care, 51 Westgate Street or on the day.

Footsteps counselling and Care provide free counselling for anyone affected by pregnancy issues or the loss of a baby and those struggling with infertility.

You can also donate to Footsteps charity via <https://www.gofundme.com/footstepsandc>

SPUC 50TH ANNIVERSARY PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE: 23 – September 2016, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanick, Derbyshire. For more information please contact the conference organiser Katherine Hampton tel 020 7091 7091, email katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk or visit www.spuc.org.uk/get-involved/events/national-conference-2016

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

You are invited to IGNITE on Friday 7th October 2016 starting at 6.30pm in the hall at St Peter's RC High School
Our special guest contributor is the Diablo Freestyler **MATT PACEY**. Matt has been at the forefront of pioneering a new style of diablo that engages people of all ages. The mixture of technically fantastic tricks and dynamic freestyling creates a truly unique and mesmerizing act. Matt has toured internationally and has performed at the Big Church Day Out! As well as entertaining us he will share what his Christian faith means to him. We will also have praise and worship music
Doors will open at 6.15pm and the evening will finish at approximately 9pm. Snacks will be available to buy during our interval. This event is open to all St Peter's RC High school students, their parents and friends and all local church groups. (Primary aged pupils will need to be accompanied) We would love to see you!
More information can be found on our website at www.ignitegloucester.com or check Matt out on www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7VXLcfQbhs

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.

Prayer & Praise Meeting at St. Peters Gloucester: Guest speaker Father Aidan Murray.

Date: Thursday 15th September 2016 **Time:** 7.30pm **Location:** St. Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester.

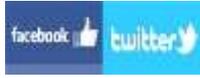
MARIAN JUBILEE DAY OF PRAYER: Sunday 9th October, 12 noon to 4pm. Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury BA6 9EJ. Please see the notice in the Narthex for more information.

"Books of Hours" by Bernard Collard:- Some of you who are reading this will have received from me the gift of a copy of one of my "Books of Hours". I have just completed the run of 25 that I promised to do and in fact 25 has become 36! If you have not received such a book and would like to receive one free, then all you need to do is to send your name and full postal address to my e-mail shapenotesinger@sky.com. Having done that you should receive a copy of the book at some time within the next two years.

If you have already received a book and would like another to give away then I would like to include you in my list of books to do, so let me know please. I will never charge for these books, they are impossible to price anyway. I am hoping for a response to this message of at least 25 requests to last for the next two years.

 Society of St. Vincent de Paul	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 <i>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 24th August etc.</i> May we also draw your attention to our new blue SVP Collection Box for anyone wishing to contribute to the work of the Society.
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 MEDITATION GROUP Friday's at 1.00pm Our Lady's Church Hall. All welcome	PARISH LADIES GROUP meet on the 2 nd Thursday of the month. All welcome.	 If you would like to join our 200 CLUB please contact Paddy on Glos. 309004 or e-mail: nannaandpops@yahoo.co.uk
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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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