



**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Churchdown Gloucester**

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Sunday 18th September 2016 – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun. 18 Sep	8.30 a.m. Mass: Luigi Emanuelli (Anniv) 10.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL St Teresa of the Child Jesus Filton / St Vincent de Paul Southmead, Bristol
Mon. 19 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. 20 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dorina Emanuelli (Ints) COFFEE CLUB after Mass	<i>Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, Martyrs</i>
Wed. 21 Sep	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7.30 p.m. World Peace Mass	<i>Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Thur. 22 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Jack Walsh (Anniv) & Frank Hogan (Anniv)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Fri. 23 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	<i>Memorial of St Padre Pio</i>
Sat. 24 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Patsy Kelly (RIP) Confession: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</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:

Celia Burke (18th), Luigi Emanuelli (18th), Moira Martin (18th), Hilda Newton (19th), Margaret Casey (19th), Margaret Byrne (20th), John Hennessey (20th), Jack Walsh (21st), Cynthia Gardiner (21st), Frances Richardson (21st), Mary Collins (22nd), Freda Nute (22nd), Myrtle Walker (23rd), Catherine Woodward (23rd) and James Smithard (24th)

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 11th September 2016 amounted to: £387 + £350 = £737

Second collection TODAY for Home Mission Sunday

Thank you so much for your generosity.



TODAY is Home Mission Sunday ~ Theme: PROCLAIM the joy of love

On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the second collection which funds the bishops' national work of evangelisation. The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. Commemorative prayer cards are available to take away. Donate online at www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate. For more information see www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms16. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity. God Bless you and Thank You.



TODAY - Sunday 18th September at 3pm CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT

ALL PROCEEDS TO FOOTSTEPS COUNSELLING AND CARE

GLOUCESTER BRASS presents an afternoon of family fun and music.

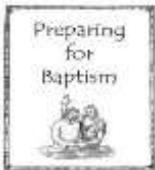
St Paul and St Stephens Church, Stroud Road, Gloucester GL1 5AN

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>



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.

VOCATION MATTERS : 18th September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot be the slave of both God and money” (Luke 16:13)

“Money has to serve, not to rule”, said Pope Francis, as he hit out at the global cult of money’. We are told money ‘makes the world go round’. However, whilst money may grease the wheels, surely it is love that makes the world turn. After all, the world is God’s creation and “God is love”. Discerning our vocation and chasing money are not strictly incompatible. It’s all about getting the balance right. The question is, where is our heart? The Acid test is whether Christ rules us, or whether our desire to accumulate has taken control.

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).**

World Day of Prayer for Peace, 20 September 2016

Pope Francis will visit Assisi on Tuesday for a World Day of Prayer for Peace: ‘Thirst for Peace: Faiths and Cultures in Dialogue’. Pope Francis has invited us to join in prayer for peace in a special way that day as Faith Leaders of different faiths and denominations meet together in The home St Francis and St Clare. Archbishop Kevin McDonald has released a statement to mark the World Day of Prayer for Peace that is taking place on 20 September - thirty years after the historic first day celebrated by Pope Saint John Paul II in Assisi alongside 160 leaders representing the world's religions. The actual date for the first gathering was 27 October 1986.

<http://catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Prayer-for-Peace>

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).



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 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or shelley1270@gmail.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!

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.

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.

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.



CCS Adoption : If you, your family or friends are interested in adoption, please contact Clifton Children's Society. There is a constant need to find more adoptive families for the thousands of children waiting in care. Enquiries are welcome from anyone who can provide these children with the stability and unconditional love they need. Age is not a barrier – many adopters are in their 40's and 50's. For more information call 0117 935 0005 for an informal discussion or visit the CCS website. www.ccsadoption.org



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 24th August etc.***
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

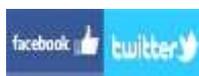
PARISH LADIES GROUP
 meet on the 2nd Thursday
 of the month. **All welcome.**



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