



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 24th September 2017 – Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun. 24 Sept	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Celia Burke (Anniv) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday	DPL: St Nicholas of Tolentino Easton / St Joseph Fishponds / St Patrick Redfield, Bristol
Mon. 25 Sept	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Dom Alphege Stebbens (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 26 Sept	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Jimmy Walsh (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after Mass	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed. 27 Sept	6.30 pm Exposition & Rosary 7.00 pm Mass: Joan Byrne (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</i>
Thur. 28 Sept	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Marie Creed (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Fri. 29 Sept	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention 11.00am Funeral Service for Edward Harris	<i>Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>
Sat. 30 Sept	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention Confessions 9.45am – 10.15am	<i>Memorial of St Jerome</i>
Sun. 1 Oct	8.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Anna Sood (RIP) COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

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

James Smithard (24th), Margaret McMahon (26th), John Dutton (28th) and Frank Hogan (29th)

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 and Carol While.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 17th September 2017 amounted to £359 + £398 = £757

Thank you for your generosity

TODAY there will be a Second Collection for Home Mission Sunday

Home Mission Sunday: The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we could pray for the people we carry in our hearts to encounter him for themselves. The money received from the collection ensures the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. For more information please visit www.homemission.org.uk



Baptism: Last weekend, through Baptism we welcomed Sonny Fletcher into the Church and pray that he and his family will find joy and peace as members of our Christian family.



CAFOD COLLECTION BOXES (CRISIS FUND): Please bring your collection boxes to church for emptying **TODAY**. The money from these collection boxes is paid into our crisis fund so that we can respond quickly with a donation, should one be needed (e.g. Disaster appeals). You can also pick up a collection box if you don't already have one.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday 28th September, 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.
All most welcome and if you feel that you can commit to an hour, please sign the sheet in the narthex.



200 CLUB DRAW : The draw took place on Sunday 20 August
 In the Parish bulletin on 17 September the results of the 200 club draw showed the incorrect amount for the three winners. The prizes should have read, 1st prize. £230. 2nd prize. £120. 3rd prize £60



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 CRAFT GROUP: Every Monday 8.45am-11am in the parish hall. Come along for light refreshments, meet other like-minded people of all ages and abilities to work on our crafts, share ideas, learn new skills and support each other in a relaxed environment. Just bring the materials you need for your chosen craft project and a small donation towards refreshments and

upkeep of parish hall. Books, magazines, patterns and a selection of craft materials available from our very own parish swap box.



OUR LADYBIRDS STAY AND PLAY CAFÉ: Every Wednesday 9am - 11am. 'Our Ladybirds' is a relatively new parish group set up to provide families with a fun and relaxed drop in cafe with a supportive environment. We are also busy parents & know that sometimes it's difficult to find the time in the day to have a 'little time to yourself' meet up with like-minded people or even eat breakfast! We all extend a very warm welcome & invite families and parishioners to join us every Wednesday 8:50-

11am, 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, as well as lovely toys & activities. Donations welcome towards the refreshments and the up keep of the hall. (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)



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, at Our Lady's, we prepare parents and Godparents over four sessions. You will be invited to attend Sunday 10:30 Mass followed by an hour's formation session with other families seeking baptism. Sessions are held at St Mary's Primary school. The course is run by catechists who will journey with you during this formation period. **Details of Baptism Courses during 2017:** * Sunday 24th September, 1st October, 8th October, 15th October. **Please phone or email the Parish Office to register for the course, to arrange a date for the baptism and to obtain a baptism application form.** Telephone: 01452 713254
 Email: churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com

You are invited to IGNITE at St Peter's High School!

You are invited to attend our **IGNITE** praise and worship evening on **Friday 29th September 2017 starting at 6.30pm in the hall at St Peter's RC High School**. Our special guest contributor is the Basketball Freestyler **TOMMY BAKER**. Tommy is one of the key pioneers of the basketball freestyle world for drawing his inspiration from the world of circus juggling and starting his own brand of basketball freestyle. At IGNITE Tommy will share his skills and what his Christian faith means to him, through his passionate message 'Create, rather than copy.' We will also have live praise and worship music! Check out www.ignitegloucester.com for more information! Doors will open at 6.15pm and the evening will finish at approximately 9pm. **This event is open to all adults, young people & local church groups. (Primary aged pupils will need to be accompanied) We would love to see you!**

Day of Renewal at St Peter's RC High School Gloucester: Michelle Moran, a former president of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is speaking at this event on **Saturday 30th September**. The day begins at 10 am and will finish at 4pm. All welcome. Michelle's term of office has now ended and Pope Francis has personally asked her to head up a new initiative for renewal for the Church. We are very blessed to have her available to speak to us. Please do attend if you can and bring a friend or two! Come and join us and enjoy; Praise and Worship, Talks, Ministry time, Fellowship and Refreshments

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre Open Week : Our **Open Days** run from **Monday 2nd October to Thursday 5th October 2017** when you are welcome to come and see the school in operation. Tours of the school on these days commence at 10.30 am and 1.50 pm. The Principal will speak to parents after their tour, at 11.00 am and 2.20 pm. **Open Evening** will be held on **Wednesday 4th October** from 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm. The Principal will address parents at 6.45 pm and 8.00 pm (you may choose which time to attend). We very much hope you will be able to visit the school on one of these occasions.

TAIZÉ SERVICES: Wednesdays 7.30pm as follows - 4th October Creationtide, **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.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 3 October at 7.30 pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Anne Harriss** will speak on **Mary and the Prophets**. All are welcome. Admission: £3 for Visitors, students free. Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND: 20th – 22nd October 2017. For ages 18-40, prices start from £18.50pp per night. Please book by 29th September. For more information please see poster in the Narthex or visit <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm> or <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>

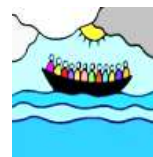
COFFEE ROTA VOLUNTEERS WANTED: After 10.30 Mass the parish likes to provide coffee or tea to welcome our parishioners. Due to some helpers moving away we are short of volunteers to take a turn once every 4 or 5 weeks. Everything is provided except for milk and the more volunteers we have the less often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

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

THE BAPTISM TEAM are seeking some new helpers and catechists. No experience is needed, just your enthusiasm as training will be provided. You will be involved in the Baptism formation sessions which are held on four consecutive Sundays in January, April, July and September each year. You will not need to attend all the sessions. If you would like some further information, or are interested in joining, please contact Katherine Wadley via churchdown.ourladys@parish.cliftondiocese.com. Don't be shy and have a go!

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): 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 Our Lady's church hall, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown. Contact Fr. Gerry by email gerry.walsh@priest.cliftondiocese.com or on 01452 412702 or Shelley Sullivan on 07808608991 or Shelley1270@gmail.com



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MASS INTENTIONS: 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. We insert the names for whom Masses are being offered in our weekly bulletin. This enables 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 want God blessings on it will be followed in the bulletin by (Intentions) or (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. **Please see Fr Paul if you would like a Mass said** or contact the office by email churchdown.ourlady@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.



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 churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com

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

GIFT AID & DONATIONS – A THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH

In May, we provided a review of the Parish's financial position at the end of the last tax year. As a result of the parish running at a deficit in 2016/17, we asked if you, the parishioners, would consider reviewing your weekly/monthly donations. Thank you for your generous response to that appeal. Many of you were able to increase your monthly fixed standing order or make extra weekly contributions in the blue and white envelopes. We also had parishioners becoming new members of the Gift Aid Scheme which will allow the Parish to reclaim additional money from the Inland Revenue.

May I also take this opportunity to ask any parishioner who has not yet reviewed their donation to just give it some thought. Also, remember if you pay UK tax you are eligible to gift aid your donation and this provides extra revenue to the Parish without actually increasing your donation. It really is a lost opportunity if you are UK Tax payer. I am happy to give any advice to new and existing parishioners.

My contact details are as follows:- cazzamagill@live.co.uk / 01452-714461 / 07793-110284
Thank you once again. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Carol Magill, Parish Gift Aid Administrator



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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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