



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour  
Churchdown Gloucester

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Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun. 25 Sep	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Celia Burke (Anniv) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL St Anthony Henbury / Sacred Heart Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol
Mon. 26 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. 27 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Dorina Emanuelli (Ints) <b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after Mass	<i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</i>
Wed. 28 Sep	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass: Moira & Robin Andrews (40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thur. 29 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: John Hennessey (Anniv)	<i>Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</i>
Fri. 30 Sep	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion	<i>Memorial of St Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>
Sat. 1 Oct	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Peter Kost (Ints) Confession: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<i>Memorial of St Thérèse of the child Jesus, Virgin &amp; Dr. of the Church</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...

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:**

Margaret McMahon (26<sup>th</sup>), John Dutton (28<sup>th</sup>), and Frank Hogan (29<sup>th</sup>)

**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 and Peter Collins.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 amounted to:** £402 + £350 = £752

Second collection for Home Mission Sunday last week amounted to £97.45

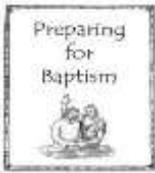
**Retiring collection today** for Our Lady of Walsingham Shrine – envelopes available for gift aid

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*



**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to join 32-year-old Nicanora, from Bolivia, on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. **Please pick up a Fast Day envelope NEXT SUNDAY** and give what you can (they will be attached to the bulletin and also available on the table in the Narthex).



**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 **11<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

**BAPTISM:** This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism, we warmly welcome **Finley Newman** into the Church and pray that he and his family will find comfort and joy as members of our Christian family.

**VOCATION MATTERS : 25<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“There was a rich man who used to dress in purple...” (Luke 16:19)*

Spa days, hot stone massages, manicures, pedicures – there are many ways we can give ourselves a bit of TLC; and why not? After all, we need to look after ourselves if we’re going to look after others! As we discern our vocation, it will become clear to us that this calling will always be at the service of God and the Church. This means we will need to have an eye open to the needs of the other, even as we look after ourselves. It’s something we need to integrate into our lives as disciples. Understood? Now go pamper yourself!



**ALTAR SERVERS ENROLMENT MASS**

**NEXT SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October** there will be a special Enrolment Ceremony at Mass when altar servers who trained last year and have been serving since then will be Enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and presented with their medal. Please remember them in your prayers.



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.**

**All most welcome and if you feel that you can commit to an hour, please sign the sheet in the narthex.**



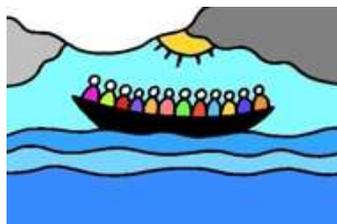
**Newman Association:** There will be a talk on **Tuesday 4 October at 7.45 pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Chris McDonnell** will speak on **One Man, Two Vocations, towards a Married Priesthood**. All are welcome. Admission: £3 for Visitors, students free. Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

**You are invited to IGNITE on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ignitegloucester.com) or check Matt out on [www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7VXLcfQbhs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7VXLcfQbhs)

**Celebrate Bristol 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 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 more information and to book in advance, which is essential, please go to: <http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/bristol/> or see the poster.

**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).**

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEER:** Training course for new volunteers, **21<sup>st</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:spiritualcare@glos.nhs.uk)



### **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)

**MARIAN JUBILEE DAY OF PRAYER: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PARENTING TEENAGERS EVENT : Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, Trinity, 100-102 Winchcombe Street, Cheltenham GL52 2NW. £5 per ticket. Please visit [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/parentingteenagers](http://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 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)

**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.

**“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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:sheila@graappl.plus.com) or Alison Summerskill: 01452 862737 [asummerskill39@gmail.com](mailto:asummerskill39@gmail.com) We'd love to hear from you!



**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](http://www.ccsadoption.org)

## 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

**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](mailto:tonywadley73@hotmail.co.uk) or [veronica@ark-lowef.net](mailto:veronica@ark-lowef.net)

**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 out parish website – please take a look.**



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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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