



**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Churchdown Gloucester**

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Sunday 4th September 2016 – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun. 4 Sept	8.30 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Mass: Guidance of the Holy Spirit in the Year of Mercy COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday	DPL St Augustine of Canterbury Downend / St John Fisher Frenchay / Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette Kingswood / St Lawrence Chipping Sodbury with Yate Bristol
Mon. 5 Sept	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tues. 6 Sept	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Richard & Marion Millak (30 th Wedding Anniv.)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed. 7 Sept	7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7.30 p.m. Mass : Dorina Emanuelli (Ints)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thur. 8 Sept	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Jane Conway (Ints)	<i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Fri. 9 Sept	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: With St Mary's School	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sat. 10 Sept	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.15 a.m. Mass: Eileen Dewsnip (Ints) Confession: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request	<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...

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:

Philip Carroll (4th), Doris Padden (7th), Michael Smithard (7th), Georgette Higham (7th), Mary Eskins (8th), Dee Dawkins (9th), Mgr Canon Matthew Roche (9th), Margaret Morrison (9th), Margaret Casey (9th), Fr Frank Cama (9th), Michael Gottardi (9th), and Ellen Amis (10th)

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 28th August 2016 amounted to: £393 + £350 = £743

Thank you so much for your generosity.

This week there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

TODAY: Pope Francis will declare Blessed Teresa of Calcutta a saint at the Vatican, the conclusion of the Year of Mercy jubilee for those engaged in works of mercy.



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 will take place in the church on **Wednesday 7th September** at 5pm, **Saturday 10th September** at 10:30am and **Tuesday 13th September** at 5pm. To book a place please see Father Kevin or contact the parish office churchdown.ourlady@parish.cliftondiocese.com. All welcome

SCHOOL TERM DATES

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Children return Monday 5th September

ST PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL: Monday 5th – Y12 Registration day

Tuesday 6th: Y7 start, Y12 induction day

Wednesday 7th: Week 1 – Y8-11 return, Y12 begin timetable, Y13 return

For more information, please visit the school websites:

<http://www.st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk/>

<http://www.stpetershighschool.org.uk/Calendar/Calendar/>

Pope Francis recently declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, as the Orthodox Church has done since 1989. According to Pope Francis, "The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

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: 4TH SEPTEMBER – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Who can divide the will of the Lord?" (Wisdom 9:13)

In 1975, the classic rock guitarist and vocalist, Peter Frampton, released the single 'Show me the way', in which he seeks direction in life and love. Jesus is our 'way' and, in spite of the rhetorical questioning in the Book of Wisdom, it is possible to discern his purpose for our lives. If we want Jesus to guide us on that path, we need to allow him to be our strong foundation. Our vocation is there for us to discern. Our job is to ask the question and Jesus will provide the answer and show us the way.

PRINKNASH ABBEY: Divine Mercy : Feast of Our Lady's Birthday. Thursday 8th September 2016, 10.30am to 12 noon. 10.30am Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in Our Lady's Grotto (or chapel depending on weather).
Exploring Faith: Our Lady and Her Message for the World. Saturday 3rd September 2016 at 2pm in the Meeting Room adjacent to the Prinknash Café and Shop. All are welcome

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

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This programme can help you too. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on 16th-18th Sept, 2016, please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0788 729 6983 or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk



This September, world leaders meet at two crucial summits to discuss the refugee crisis. This is the biggest opportunity of 2016 to show our government and the world that we care about refugees.

A large and varied group of organisations are working together to host a march in central London.

Please join CAFOD, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) and others ahead of the march on Saturday 17 September 2016 for a short ecumenical service of prayer for refugees. The service is from 12pm – 12.45pm at St James' Roman Catholic Church, Spanish Place, 22 George St, London W1U 3QY.

You are welcome to join us for the march or the service or both. If you can't join us in time for the service, meet us afterwards at St James church and we'll go to the start of the march at Park Lane together. We will provide placards, including ones on which you can write your own message of hope. However, please bring your own banners and placards, if you are able, to send a clear message of support and welcome for refugees. We don't need to know which event you will be attending and you don't need to bring your ticket, but by registering you help us know how many people to expect.

Please do tweet about the march and service using #WeStandWithYou and tagging @CAFOD.

More information available here: <http://www.swruk.org/refugees-welcome-here-2016/#why>

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!



**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/footstepscandc>


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

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.



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.

 <p>MEDITATION GROUP Friday's at 1.00pm Our Lady's Church Hall. All welcome</p>	<p>PARISH LADIES GROUP meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month. All welcome.</p>	 <p>If you would like to join our 200 CLUB please contact Paddy on Glos. 309004 or e-mail: nannaandpops@yahoo.co.uk</p>
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Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Thomas. Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.15am – 12pm.
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