



**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour  
Churchdown Gloucester**

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| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |   |   |
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| <b>Sun. 2 Oct</b>  | <b>8.30 a.m. Mass:</b> Dorina Emanuelli (Ints)<br><b>10.30 a.m. Mass:</b> People of the Parish<br><b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday | <b>DPL</b><br><b>St Gerard Majella Knowle / Christ the King Knowle West / St Bernadette Whitchurch, Bristol</b> |
| <b>Mon. 3 Oct</b>  | <b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b><br><b>9.15 a.m. Mass:</b> Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life  | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>   |
| <b>Tues. 4 Oct</b>   | <b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b><br><b>9.15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion</b><br><b>COFFEE CLUB</b> after Mass                            | <i>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi</i>   |
| <b>Wed. 5 Oct</b>  | <b>7.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</b><br><b>7.30 p.m. Mass:</b> For peace, the poor & care of creation (Ints)                 | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>   |
| <b>Thur. 6 Oct</b>   | <b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b><br><b>9.15 a.m. Mass:</b> Paddy McCormack (RIP)   | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>   |
| <b>Fri. 7 Oct</b>  | <b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b><br><b>9.15 a.m. Mass:</b> Connors Family (Ints)   | <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>   |
| <b>Sat. 8 Oct</b>  | <b>9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b><br><b>9.15 a.m. Mass:</b> Eileen Dewsnip (Ints)<br><b>Confession: 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. or on request</b>              | <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...**

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:**

Mary Nurse (2<sup>nd</sup>), Catherine Pinney (3<sup>rd</sup>), Leslie Freeman (5<sup>th</sup>), Renaldo Capaldi (5<sup>th</sup>), Eva Simpson (5<sup>th</sup>), Ivy Nutting (7<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Leslie-Smith (8<sup>th</sup>) and Pauline Parsons (8<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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016 amounted to: £287 + £350 = £637**

**Retiring collection for Our Lady of Walsingham Shrine last week amounted to £113**

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*



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

**Please pick up a Fast Day envelope TODAY** and give what you can (they are also attached to the bulletin and available on the table in the Narthex).

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.



## TODAY - ALTAR SERVERS ENROLMENT MASS

**TODAY** 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.



### PARISH-BASED BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our latest parish-based Baptism preparation has been completed and has been successfully received by the parents. Over the next few months we look forward to welcoming into our parish, through Baptism, the children of the families who took part. 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:** Last 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.

**MARRIAGE:** We pray for **Bianca Brogan and Jason Gower** who were joined together in marriage yesterday. May they enjoy a long and blessed life together.



**200 CLUB WINNERS:** The last draw took place on 18<sup>th</sup> September with the lucky winners as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> prize - £230 – Marie-Rose Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - £120 – Maria Douglas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £60 – Rachel Corish  
If you would like to join our **200 CLUB** please contact Paddy on 01452 309004 or email the parish office.

### **VOCATION MATTERS: 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***“You have been trusted to look after something precious” (2 Timothy 1:14)***

In 2006, a Filipino fisherman discovered the world’s largest natural pearl. Weighing in at 34kg, it is estimated to have a value of £75 million. The fisherman hid the pearl under his bed for ten years before recently bringing it out into the light. Our faith is something precious and is to be looked after. We do this, not by hiding it, but by proclaiming it in word and action. Then, we will not only see the value of it, we will also appreciate more and more the plan that God has for us in this exciting adventure.

**Newman Association:** There will be a talk on **Tuesday 4 October at 7.45 pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moored Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL52 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)

**MOTHER OF MERCY – JUBILEE DAY OF PRAYER: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 12 noon – 4pm.** Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury BA6 9EJ. Refreshments will be available but please bring a packed lunch. There will also be opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please see poster in the Narthex for more information or visit <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/event/marian-jubilee-day-prayer/>

**NEW: Parish Craft & Needlework Group – Fortnightly starting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 9am**

– 11am. Do you like to knit, sew or crochet? Would you like to chat with likeminded people to share ideas and gain confidence in a craft? Have you wanted to learn a new craft but not sure where to start or need a little confidence boost? This new group in the parish hall of Our Lady's Churchdown will be the perfect place. The idea is to come together fortnightly with other crafty parishioners of all ages and abilities in a relaxed environment for a chat and a cuppa while working on our craft. Please bring yourselves and any materials you may need. Suggested donation £2.50 per session (towards refreshments and hall upkeep costs). Following dates: 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. Organiser: Natalie Edwards Contact 01452 678565 or email [natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:natalie.edwards@hotmail.co.uk)



**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 Tony or Katherine Wadley or 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).**



**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)

**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.

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP IN CHURCHDOWN:** Alternate Thursday afternoons in term time at 2.30 - 4pm in Station Rd, Churchdown. For more information 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)

## 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)

**HOSPITAL VISITORS – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** We need some more volunteers to join our small but dedicated group of Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to those in hospital once a month. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister and think you could join in this worthy ministry please speak to Fr Kevin or contact the Parish Office. A hospital DBS will be required.

**VISUAL PROJECTION:** We are in need of some helpers to be part of a team to operate the words on a Sunday. Training is available before hand and you would only be needed about once a month. For more information please speak to Matt Wadley or email [mattwadley@outlook.com](mailto:mattwadley@outlook.com).

**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 our 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.*

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|  <p><b>MEDITATION GROUP</b><br/>Friday's at 1.00pm<br/>Our Lady's Church Hall.<br/><b>All welcome</b></p> | <p><b>PARISH LADIES GROUP</b><br/>meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday<br/>of the month. <b>All welcome.</b></p> |  <p>If you would like to join our <b>200 CLUB</b> please contact Paddy on Glos. 309004 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:the.parish.office">the parish office</a></p> |
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Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Thomas. Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.15am – 12pm.

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