



**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Churchdown, Gloucester**

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Sunday 2nd December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 2nd December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30 am: Private Intention 10.30 am: Pro populo	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 3rd December <i>Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am: Tony Clark R.I.P	Craft and Coffee group after Mass All Welcome
Tues. 4th December <i>Memorial of Saint Osmund, Bishop</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am: Toni Richardson R.I.P	Coffee and tea after Mass All welcome
Wed. 5th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	6.30 pm: Silent Exposition 7.00 pm: Private Intention	Our Ladybirds Stay and Play group All welcome - term time 9am – 11am SVP Group – 1 st Wed of mth at 6.30pm Private Hire – 2 nd Weds of mth 6.30pm
Thur. 6th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am: Father Kevin Intention	HALL HIRE: if you would like to book the church Hall please phone the parish office: 01452713254
Fri. 7th November <i>Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Doctor of the Church</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am: Private Intention	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 8th December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am: Theresa Cooper R.I.P 9.45 am – 10.15 am: Confessions	PRIVATE HIRE 1.30pm – 4pm
Sun. 9th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Bible Sunday – We pray for the openness to the Word of God</i>	8.30 am: Leo Doyle R.I.P 10.30 am: Pro populo and FHC Enrolment Mass The Gift of Creation in School After Mass (incl. parents and carers)	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers
Anniversaries: Elizabeth Callaghan (2 nd), John Parkinson (3 rd), Ted Smith (4 th), Brian Kelly (5 th), John Casey (5 th), Gabriele Ranocchiari (5 th), Arthur Isaac (6 th), Kieran Walker (6 th), Rob James Willmott (6 th), Joyce Welch (7 th), Thomas Charles Stanton (7 th), Edgar Anthony Montaut (8 th), Bridgett Newall (8 th), Patsy Harding (8 th), Eileen Guy Guy (9 th)
Prayers for the sick: Pat Crompton, Consolacion De Dios Blanco, Carol Benson, Wynn McGhee, Terry Poole, Ian Vilanueva, Vicky Dunn, Natalie Edwards, Nigel Lamb, Doreen Baker, Kieran Anderson, 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, Rebecca Lansdown, Peter Long, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Nathan Wright, Carol While, Geraldine Armitage.



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 the Diocesan Prayer together: God our Father open the horizons of our minds and hearts so that we can see what hope your call holds for us. Pour_out the overflowing gifts of your Spirit so that we, your church, may become a people of hope for our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady. Woman of Hope pray for us. St. Peter, Rock of Hope, pray for us. St Paul, Apostle of Hope, pray for us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 25th of November: £768
Catholic Youth Service: £42.00
Thank you.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Mission

First Sunday of Advent

As we begin this Year of Prayer we are immediately drawn into the Gospel of St Luke. At Christmas we will hear of the birth of Christ but this Sunday we listen to some of the final words of the Gospel when Jesus speaks of the end of the world 'on earth nations in agony when the powers of the heaven will be shaken'. It reminds us of the twofold nature of Advent. We are called to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' nativity but also to make way for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. The two comings of Christ go together and if we have accepted the first we have nothing to fear from the second. The word of Jesus is to trust in him. 'When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

A Year of St Mark: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/future-full-hope/a-year-with-st-mark/>

For more information visit the Diocesan website:

<http://www.cliftondiocese.com/presentation-year-mission-resource-clifton-cathedral-29-november/>

St Peter's Catholic High School and Sixth Form Centre, Gloucester: St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre is proposing a change to the Admissions Policy for 2020. In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014, we are consulting on the admission arrangements for entry in September 2020/2021.

As part of this Gloucestershire Local Authority insist that all schools in Gloucestershire are informed of the consultation. The only change we are proposing is the addition of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School and The Catholic Primary School of St Gregory the Great to the list of Catholic Feeder Schools which links to category 7 of the oversubscription criteria. The new policy can be found on the Admissions page of the St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre website - <http://www.stpetershighschool.org.uk/Admissions/>

The consultation period lasts from 27th November 2018 until 31st January. Responses should be sent to: Mrs M Whittle, Admissions Officer, St Peter's High School, Stroud Road, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0DD or please email admissions@sphs.uk.com by 31st January 2019. Ian Cahill, Clerk to the Governors, St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre, Gloucester

Christmas Concert for Samara Aid Appeal: Saturday 15th December at 7.30pm the Wide Valley Singers will perform a festive concert at St Andrew's Church, Churchdown, in support of Samara's Aid Appeal (SAA).

Tickets, £7 including refreshments, from St Andrew's Church Office: 01452 712154, admin@standrewschurchdown.org

Red Box / Missio Annual Collection: If you are the Red Box holder, please, bring in your box for emptying. Please, leave it in the Sacristy & you are welcome to take a new box which you. If you do not currently hold a Red Box & you would like one, then please help yourself to one from the Narthex too. If you would like to make a donation to Missio, then please leave in an envelope clearly marked in the Sacristy & this will be banked too. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea on andrea WARNER@icloud.com or 07530 925090.

Please collect an empty box with your name on it from the back of the church. Thank you.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019: If you are in the Y9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next summer, please complete an enrollment form which are available in the Church Narthex. Please complete and return to the Parish Office with the copy of your baptismal certificate (not required if baptised at O.L.O.P.S.) **The meeting for candidates and parents will be in the January 2019.**

First Holy Communion Programme 2019: The course will begin on Sunday the 9th of December with a mass of Enrolment at the 10.30 Mass. This will be followed by meeting in the school at 11.30 with children and their catechists. If there are any outstanding application forms, please, return them to the Parish Office asap. Spare forms are available on the table at the back of the church. Please, contact Parish Office for the course book 'God Greatest Gift' preparing for first communion. There is a cost of £15.

If you would like to join the Team as a volunteer with the First Holy Communion, please let Father Paul know or contact the Parish Office.

Diocesan Directories and Liturgical Year Books for 2019: Now available in the Narthex. Diaries £ 5.00 and directories £6.50

ADVENT SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION in GLOUCESTER DEANERY

A short service followed by an opportunity for individual Confession.

Each Parish will invite additional Priests for Confession.



Date	Parish	Time
Thursday, 6 th December	Our Lady of Victories and St Joseph, Cinderford	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 12 th December	St Patrick's Brockworth, Brockworth	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 18 th December	St Augustine's, Tuffley/ Matson	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 19 th December	St Peter's, Gloucester	7.00 p.m.
Thursday 20 th December	Our Lady's, Churchdown	7.00 p.m.



Carols by Candlelight

Please come and join St Peter's RC High School Choir for a festive evening of music and readings at 7pm on Friday 14 December in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

Tickets £3 (£1 concessions) are available from the school Reception (01452 520294) or boxoffice@sphs.uk.com or on the door. Everyone welcome and please come to support us.

CAFOD's World Gifts: are alternative charity gifts that transform lives. Perfect for Baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries and especially for Christmas, you can choose a unique, virtual gift that will make a real difference to a family living in poverty. And that warm and fuzzy feeling comes with free delivery!

They are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose from a great range, including sending a goat, building a business or helping a refugee child. See the catalogues here at our parish or the CAFOD website - <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

Gloucestershire Faith and Light Group: has spaces for 2 people - a self-caring couple or 2 companions who would benefit from an accessible hotel or a wheelchair user and their carer - at the fully accessible Bond Hotel in Blackpool from 21st to 28th December. The cost is £500 per person full board including entertainment every evening. Return transport from Cheltenham in a wheelchair accessible coach for £50 for 2 or £30 each. She will ensure everyone can get to Mass over Christmas. Mary Clare needs to hear as soon as possible from anyone who would like to go on 07393 867572.

Knock Pilgrimages: Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 03rd July 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions/guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Gloucester City Mission: Hampers for people on the streets: Each year GCM makes Christmas hampers for people on the streets. It would help GCM if you could donate any of the following items: mince pies, teas, coffee, chocolate, sweets, hot choc, cup-a-soup, pot noodle, Christmas cracker card, toiletries, hats, glove, scarves by 7th of December to George Whitfield Centre, 107 Great Western Road, GL13NF. Thank you.

Winter Soup Run/ Homeless Provision: is hoping to run a team of volunteers (groups of 6 people) to help at George Whitfield Center to help cook and serve a meal. This will involve helping to prepare meal from 7.00pm and to serve the food from 8.00pm. We already have some volunteers, but more are needed to help cover the rota which will run from the start of December to the end of March. If you are able to help, please contact Steve Corrigan stephen.corrigan@cliftondiocese.com

Calling Parishoners aged 18 – 35: Gloucester Deanery is looking to start a group in the near future of young adults, perhaps to meet up regularly for a drink or meal and to discuss our faith and share our experiences as young Catholics in 21st Century Britain. There are a lot of things we could try from our social events, talks and discussion and group prayer. Before we start we would like to know whether there is any interest for a group of this nature to be formed. Please contact Stephen Corrigan

either at St Peter's parish office or at stephen.corrigan@clifton.diocese.com or Pippa Baker at pippabaker@hotmail.com if you are interested. Thank you.

The Newman Association: North Gloucestershire Circle is announcing an 'Afternoon Talk' by Rev'd Robert Miller, parish priest at Tisbury, Wiltshire and author of 'Dr Ashley's Pleasure Yacht' on A Protestant's Contribution to the Catholic Sea Apostolate. The 'Talk' will take place in the Lounge of Sacred Hearts Parish Hall, Moored Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL539AU, on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at 2.30pm. Admission includes refreshments: Visitors £3; Members and students free. All welcome.

Hospital stay: *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 0300 422 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 into hospital, please do so.*

Good Counsel Network: On Friday 7 December, the Vigil of the Feast of Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed and it really does save lives. For more information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

Mary - Jess: Mary-Jess 2018 Tour is inviting you to come to the concert which will be on Saturday 8th of December 2018 at 7.00 pm, at St George's Church, Grange Road, Tuffley, Gloucester. For tickets contact St George's Church Admin Office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.00am until 11.00am, on 0145307456 or email: stgeorgeschurch1@gmail.com For more information, please, visit www.mary-jess.com

200 CLUB - DECEMBER 2018 DRAW/ CHRISTMAS DRAW

The monthly draw for December 2018 will take place on Sunday 9 Dec 18 and the Christmas draw will take place on Sunday 16 December 2018

200 CLUB - INFORMATION

Non-Members: The 200 club was set-up in 2013 as a means of bringing some money into the Parish. As a result we were able to upgrade some of the infrastructure of the church. Since 2013 we have gone from strength to strength with building work carried out over the last 5 years.

For anyone wishing to join, each ticket costs £5 per month or £60 per year (can be paid by cheque or monthly standing order). The current monthly prizes are 1st £230 – 2nd £120 – 3rd £60. In addition to the monthly prizes we have a summer draw in July and a Christmas draw in December, these additional draws total £750 and £1000 respectively. Obviously the price set for our monthly draw depends on the total number of members.

Since its inception in April 2013 the annual amount received is in the order of £13,200 and is split 50% each way (£6,600 to the Parish and £6,600 for prizes.). If you are interested in joining please pick up an application form from the box in the Narthex.

EXISTING MEMBERS

Firstly, thank you for supporting our Parish 200 club. The majority of you have been members from the outset. Hopefully you will continue during 2019. If you pay by standing order, you do not need to do anything. Others who pay annually by cash or cheque should put their monies in an envelope with your name and address included and your lottery number (please do not worry if you cannot remember your number as I have it on my register.) Each ticket is £60 for the full year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

As I am unsure of the total number of members at this stage for 2019, the first monthly draw may be delayed until early February 2019. Should you need any further information re the 200 club please call me on 01452 309004 or e-mail me on patrickanderson1947@yahoo.com.

Paddy

Parish Office open Tuesday - Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please submit items for the Bulletin to the Presbytery by WEDNESDAY. *If you would like to receive a weekly electronic version of this bulletin, please email: churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com*

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