



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

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Sunday 16th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DPL: Brockworth, St Patrick Churchdown, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour		
	Services this week	In the Church Hall
Sun. 16th December Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	8.30 am: Mass: Pro populo 10.30 am: Mass: Christina Olusegun Fayemiwo R.I.P	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Mon. 17th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention	Craft and Coffee group after Mass All Welcome
Tues. 18th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Fr Kevin's Intention	Coffee and tea after Mass All welcome
Wed. 19th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	11.00 am Mass: Requiem Mass: Annie Lane R I P 2.00 pm: School Carol Concert in Church 6.30 pm: School Carol Concert in Church	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. 20th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention 7.00 pm: <u>Parish Reconciliation / Penitential Service</u>	HALL HIRE: if you would like to book the church Hall please phone the parish office: 01452713254
Fri. 21st December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am School Mass	Meditation Group from 1pm PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm
Sat. 22nd December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.00 am: Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass: Private Intention 9.45 am – 10.15 am: Confessions	PRIVATE HIRE 1.30pm – 4pm
Sun. 23rd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30 am Mass: Martin Rafferty R.I.P 10.30 am Mass: Pro populo	COFFEE CLUB after 10.30 am Mass every Sunday PRIVATE HIRE 7pm – 9 pm

In our prayers
Anniversaries: Marie Theresa 'Tess' Kimble (17 th), Gunner John Gibson RA (19 th), Martin Rafferty (19 th), Mary Theresa Hanton (19 th), Charles Clapston (21 st), William Todd (22 nd), Violet Vose (23 rd), Gregoria Navarro (23 rd), Catherine Mary Woodward (23 rd)
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, 9th of December: £819
 Piety Stall: £140.00
Offerings at all the Christmas Masses are our gift for Fr Paul.
 (Please find envelopes attached for your convenience)
 Thank you.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – Prayer

Third Sunday of Advent

‘If you want God, and long for union with him, yet sometimes wonder what that means or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already walking with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary and involved with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want him, yet you are still dissatisfied that you don’t, you are already keeping Advent in your life. If you have ever had an obscure intuition that the truth of things is somehow better, greater, more wonderful than you deserve or desire, that the touch of God in your life stills you by its gentleness, that there is a mercy beyond anything you could ever suspect, you are already drawn into the central mystery of salvation.’ (Maria Boulding)

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
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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE Monday, 24th December

6.30pm First Mass of Christmas
 9.30pm Carols before the Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS Tuesday, 25th December

10.00am Christmas Day Mass



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.**

Baptism Preparation 2019: If you are seeking Baptism for your child here at Our Lady's, please phone or email the Parish Office to register for the next preparation course, to arrange a date for the baptism and to obtain a baptism application form.

The dates for 2019 are:

- *13th Jan / 20th Jan / 27th Jan / 3rd Feb***
- *28th April / 5th May / 12th May / 19th May***
- *15th Sept / 22nd Sept / 29th Sept / 6th Oct***

Christmas at Prinknash:

<u>Monday, 24th December – Christmas Eve</u>	4.00 pm 9.00 pm	1 st Vespers VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS
<u>Tuesday, 25th December – Christmas day</u>	8.15 am 10.30 am 5.00pm	Mass for the Laity DAY MASS 2 nd Vespers & Benediction Compline

Prinknash Abbey Christmas Crib Invitation: Prinknash Abbey is inviting you to pop in and sit in the Christmas Crib during the 'coffee' afternoon on Sunday 16 December between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Come along and share some children's Christmas stories and Carol with Sarah, Jane and Ann. There is plenty of room for all and everyone is welcome.

200 CLUB DRAWS – DECEMBER 2018

The lucky winners in the December draw are;

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TICKET NO</u>
1 ST	£230	B. SMYTH	88
2nd	£120	M. STRACHAN	63
3 RD	£60	T. McLOUGHLIN	17

CHRISTMAS DRAW

The Christmas draw will take place on Sunday 16 December 2018 following the 0830 Mass.

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.

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.*

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.j.warner@icloud.com or 07530 925090. Please collect an empty box with your name on it from the back of the church. Thank you.

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/>

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.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com

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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.

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