

# OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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## TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 1ST OCTOBER 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	The Holy Guardian Angels Memorial	
Tuesday		<b>No Mass</b>		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	St Francis of Assisi Memorial	
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.		
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration, Evening Prayer &amp; Opportunity for Confession 5.00-5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	(CAFOD Harvest Fast Day)	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass <i>followed by confessions</i>	Our Lady of the Rosary Memorial	
Saturday 7th Oct	Gillingham	6 p.m. Pierwsza msza niedzielna		

**Please pray for those who are ill:** David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden, Jan Carson, Nigel & Sarah Mackay, Brian White, Richard Holden, Pippa Turnbull

**Sunday Readers:** Our Lady's 9.30am: Steve; St Benedict's: Annette Our Lady's 6pm: Gilly

If anyone knows anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit, please let Fr Joseph or the Deacons know.

**Confession:** Please ring Fr Joseph on 01258 820388 to arrange an appointment outside of the times listed above.

**Vocations Reflection day** is for men will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU.

How can you respond to this? If this is not for you perhaps you are the one who God has called to give a man in your parish a nudge and tell him 'God is calling you'; or can you find time to pray for: those who are called to attend but are not responding; for those who will attend; for those involved in Vocations in our Diocese; for those already in formation.

The day will include Mass; a time of Adoration; a short conference; an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission.

For further information and to register for the event, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on [Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk) or speak to your Parish Priest by 9th October 2023 at the latest and ask him to make contact on your behalf. *Arrangements can be made to collect you from Exeter Railway Station and returned after, if required.*

YOUTH RALLY DATE WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON on **Sunday 1st October 2023**. All other details remain the same. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more info.

## **First Holy Communion Preparation and Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

There have been several enquiries from parents regarding the preparation of young people for both First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have a young person you believe is ready to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact either Deacon James, Deacon Mike or Father Joseph and collect and complete an enrolment form which will be at the back of Our Lady's and St Benedict's Church. Forms are also available on the Parish website: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter> Alternatively, please email the parish office to request a form ([marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk)). Preparation groups will begin in September, and details of dates and times will be available nearer the time. Please complete a form promptly so that we know how many people we have.

Final preparations have been taking place for the upcoming **XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops** which will take place from **4<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in Rome**.

This all started in 2021 when all parishes, including our parish were invited to hold meetings to listen to each other about Church and our experiences of Communion, Participation and Mission.

In our case these were led by Fr Francis Straw. These reports were first assembled by our diocese, then nationally and then a synopsis was made by each continent - a truly Universal Church. This gathering in Rome to consider these reports will not be just made up of Bishops, but also of lay women and men, clergy and religious.

An important part of these preparations has been formed by a document called the 'Instrumentum Laboris'. This can be accessed from the Vatican's website ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)) or by clicking on: [Documents \(synod.va\)](#)

Although the meeting itself is made up of a relatively small number of people, we are all now being called to **JOIN IN...** through **PRAYER**. 'Every baptised person and every particular Church' (Cardinal Grech – General Secretary of the Synod) is called to take part.

This Sunday our Bidding Prayers are for the Synod and we will pray every weekend throughout the meeting.

To read the latest Synod update from the diocese, please click the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/4u4p9355>

### **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 6th October**

At CAFOD, our mission is to work alongside the world's poorest people. Our Catholic values are best shown through our love for others, and by working for justice and an end to poverty. CAFOD's vision, mission and values draw directly from Catholic Social Teaching (CST), Scripture, Liturgy, the Gospel and the tradition of the Church.

Catholic Social Teaching is at the heart of what we do and who we are. "*Works of love directed to one's neighbour are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit...*" (Pope Francis).

Your support for our Harvest appeal will help vulnerable families, providing them with the practical help they need. Donate to CAFOD today . Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**Please note there will be a 2nd Collection on Sunday 8th October.**

### **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023 DAY OF REFLECTION AT ST RITA'S HONITON**

#### **14 OCTOBER 10.30-15.30 LUNCH INCLUDED "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7)**

All are welcome to come and spend the day at St Rita's from 10.30-15.30 to pray and reflect on Pope Francis's message for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor and how we are called to respond.

We are thrilled to be joined by two thought-provoking guest speakers with national and international reputations - David Wells, a well-known author and popular motivational speaker from our own diocese and Jenny Sinclair, founder of Together for the Common Good. We are confident they will leave participants feeling uplifted.

Join us to celebrate those who give their time to others and reflect on how we reach out the hand of welcome.

Places are filling up fast for this FREE event so booking is essential by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can book by using the QR code or by emailing [cari-tas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:cari-tas@prcdtr.org.uk)

**PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust)** is the major Catholic prisons charity. The ecumenical Prisons Week (8th - 14th October) is a week of prayer and awareness to raise the needs of prisoners and their families, victims, prison staff and all those who work alongside them; following this, we will hold our **Prisoner's Sunday on 15th October**—a day when the Catholic Church encourages everyone to reflect on and pray for prisoners and their families. It is a time to think about how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities are serving those affected by imprisonment.

**FILM CLUB Thursday October 12th, 6.30 for 6.45 in the Chapel Room at Our Lady's: 'The Scarlet & the Black'**, a thrilling, true story of how an Irish priest, living in the Vatican during Rome's occupation by the Nazis, saved many Allied POWs.

### **Churches Together Marnhull**

#### **Harvest Supper 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm at Marnhull Village Hall**

Please email Jacintha to help or for tickets [jacinthabowe@gmail.com](mailto:jacinthabowe@gmail.com)