OUR LADY'S, MARNHULL & ST BENEDICT'S, GILLINGHAM

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA
Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner
Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull
Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227

8TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME — 2ND MARCH 2025

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sun 2nd March	**Marnhull**	**9am Holy Mass**	**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	Wing Commander John Harrow RiP
	Gillingham	**11am Holy Mass**		
	Marnhull	**6pm Holy Mass**		
Mon 3rd March	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass *followed by Rosary*		
Tues 4th March		NO MASS		
Weds 5th March	**Gillingham**	**10.30am Holy Mass**	**ASH WEDNESDAY**	
	Marnhull	**6pm Holy Mass**		
Thurs 6th March	Marnhull	**9.30am Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass**		
Fri 7th March	Gillingham	**5pm Stations of the Cross** **6pm Holy Mass**	St Perpetua & St Felicity Comm	Faye Baker RiP
Sat 8th March	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass *Followed by Confession*	St John of God - Rel	

Please pray for those who are ill
David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Norma Wilcox.

Sunday Readers: 9am: Garth; 11am: Annette; 6pm: June

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of

TED ELMORE

Who died peacefully on 2nd February 2025

May he Rest in Peace

There will be a Funeral Mass for Ted on Monday 10th March at 11am at Our Lady's, Marnhull

Please note there will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, 5th March.
10.30am at St Benedict's & 6pm at Our Lady's.

Confession is available by appointment - Please ring Fr Cletus on 01258 820388

23rd February – 1st March is the Jubilee of Deacons.
We thank Deacon James & Deacon Mike for their commitment and service to our Parish.

****New** LENTEN TASK - Called to Call Others**
As a missionary church, we start our 40 days' journey with Our Lord in this period of Lent. As we know, Lent is a time of conversion, a turning back to God through the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; whilst still maintaining these practices, I would also encourage you to embrace the task of talking to people about your faith - please make an effort to bring at least one person to the church as part of your Lenten practice.
Fr Cletus.

****NEW INFO** Lent Talks and Lunches: Churches Together Marnhull - 7th March - 11th April at Midday**. In addition to the talk and Lent lunch of 21 March, which will be held at the Methodist Church, Our Lady's have also offered to do lunches **at Our Lady's** on the 4th and 11th of April, when no Lent lunches could be planned because of a clash of events. Please note that the talks will still take place at the Methodist Church so those attending will need to travel from that church to Our Lady's on 4th and 11th April. Thank you to Heather for suggesting this, and to all those ladies and gentlemen who have offered to make additional soup so that Churches Together can offer the normal amount of Lent lunches. All proceeds will go to the food bank. The talks and lunches are open to everyone, so please do come and join this ecumenical witness to our faith-and enjoy some good company at the same time. Jacintha

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****New** St Mary's School Mass on Friday 14th March at 9.30am, followed by a Day of Faith in school.**
Parishioners are encouraged to help with the Day of Faith - all that's required is your presence to show support for St Mary's School staff and the children.

****New** World Day of Prayer on Friday 7th March at 2.30pm** at St Mary the Virgin Church, Gillingham - all welcome at this Christian day of Prayer https://www.wwdp.org.uk/

****New** 'Praying with the Scriptures – An interactive prayer workshop on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" to tie in with our Jubilee Year.'** Venue: Our Lady's, Marnhull. **Saturday 22nd March, following 10.00am Mass,** in the Parish Room, till 2.15 pm. Starting with refreshments, then lunch break at midday (please bring something), resuming at 12.45. Closing at 2.15pm. Led by international speaker and Plymouth Diocesan team leader, Michele Thompson, addressing *'How can I go deeper with Jesus?' How can prayer help?'* These two vital questions are addressed as we prayerfully immerse ourselves in the Word of God, desiring to understand His plan for our lives. Our time together in this workshop will be practical and interactive, as well as contemplative, guided group work in helping people to pray with others. *"For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)"* . Tony

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****New** PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PARISH *50:50 CLUB* FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY** (formerly Sweepstake). Entry forms will be available in both churches, can be downloaded here., or from the website:
https: www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter. Payment methods for entries are explained on the application. The more entries we get, the bigger the prizes may be, hence the '50:50' title. Tickets cost £25 for one entry for the whole year, with a Special Offer of £40 for two entries! Please join in this annual fundraiser towards the maintenance of our parish buildings. It would be great to achieve 100+ entries this year and make this a worthwhile project for all concerned. Please send your entries in by 7th APRIL. The first draw will be at Easter & periodically until Christmas. Winners will receive prize money by cheque. Pam Snell, Treasurer

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****New** Saturday 15th March 11am-12.30pm The National Board of Catholic Women invites you to a webinar: The Eucharist as Sacrifice.** Fresh from leading retreats in Glasgow and Derbyshire theologian, teacher and retreat leader Mary Robinson will speak and lead a discussion on the Eucharist, the Mass as Sacrifice.
Meeting ID: 835 3004 1228
Passcode: 098962 Or see NBCW website for more details

****New** Lent Zoom Talks** organised by Fr Mark Skelton "As we prepare to enter into the wonderful season of Lent I do hope it will be a truly blessed and holy time for you and your parish families" Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84052447850?pwd=MmPzcp911dTsGJWDxR0vH5H9zYS4e6.1
Meeting ID: 840 5244 7850 Passcode: 043004
13th March:- Commitment to others.
20th March:- Debt cancellation; 27th March:- Recognizing Hope; 3rd April:- Peace; 10th April:- Jesus's last Pilgrimage.

Flame 2025, Saturday 15th March 2025 for Young People - still some tickets available! Tickets are £35 to include entry and travel. To book: https://forms.office.com/e/xFz6K2Vkd7 For further information contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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****New** LENT RETREAT DAY ON THE SATURDAY 15th MARCH 2025 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE**
"WHO AM I? A TOURIST OR A PILGRIM?" by Fr. Ignatius Paul Raj. The day begins with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. First Talk will start at 10am, second talk will be at 11am. Exposition and Adoration of the holy Sacrament in silence will be at 12pm. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm, Mass at 2.45pm and an opportunity for Confession. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Bookings: 01404 42635; email: admin@stritascentre.org or online: https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/lent-retreat-day-who-am-i-a-tourist-or-a-pilgrim . Payment can be made on the day.

****New** Average Weekly Collections for JANUARY 2025**

Collections in church			Other/Online	Standing Orders
Loose Plate	Gift Aid			Gift Aid
229.62	62.50		131.25	575.25
TOTAL £998.62				

9th - 15th March is the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering!

See the Website for information on the Jubilee Year and Places of Pilgrimage.
https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter