



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

WELCOME

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1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

1ST DECEMBER 2024

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St Benedict's Church
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St Mary's RC Primary School,
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Confession: Please ring Fr Cletus on 01258 820388 to arrange an appointment outside of the times listed above

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

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sun 1st Dec	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass	
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass	
Mon 2nd Dec	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass, followed by the Rosary	St Osmond of Salisbury Memorial
Tues 3rd Dec		No Mass	St Francis Xavier Memorial
Weds 4th Dec	Gillingham	10am Holy Mass, followed by Rosary	
Thurs 5th Dec	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Adoration	
Fri 6th Dec	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Exposition & Evening Prayer 6pm Holy Mass	
Sat 7th Dec	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass Confession	St Ambrose Memorial

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary Drake, Jan Carson, Nigel & Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw.

Mass Intention Thursday 5th December
Annual Mass for Ursula Rowe RiP

Sunday Readers: Our Lady's 9am: Mary; St Benedict's: Rupert
Our Lady's 6pm: Christophe



Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.



Please pray for the repose of the
Soul of

Clive Drake

Who died peacefully on 21st
November

May he Rest in Peace

****New**** *Save the Date!!*

Our Advent Carol Service takes place on Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm at Our Lady's

We are having an **Advent Carol Service** for our **Parish of St Benedict's & Our Lady's**. Some of the children from our Parish School St Mary's will also be joining us, so please do come along to sing your hearts out - as St Augustin says: "The one who sings, prays twice"! There will be refreshments of mulled wine & mince pies + in Our Lady's parish hall afterwards. Lifts will be available for those who wish to attend but can't drive there - so please let me know if you'd like a lift. Conversely, if you're driving and are willing to share your car, please let me know. **You can email the office on marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk or ring the Parish mobile number on: 07432 404358.** Many thanks, Harriet



****NEW**** St Mary's School Mass 6th December at 9.30am

There will be a whole school Mass on Friday 6th December at 9.30am, Parishioners are welcome to attend. This will be followed by a Day of Faith in school.

****New**** Advent prayer booklets & children's calendars are available for £1 & 50p at the back of each Church.



****New**** Christmas Concert Sat 14th Dec at 6.30pm in St Simon & St Jude Church, Milton on Stour

Tickets £10 on the door or phone Carol Brooks on 075727 86416 Refreshments included.

Average Weekly Collections for OCTOBER 2024			
Collections in church		Other/Online	Standing Orders
Loose Plate	Gift Aid		Gift Aid
259.66	70.00	81.25	£541.87
Total £952.78			

Reminder that Churches Together in Marnhull is Today - Sunday 1st Dec at 4pm, St Gregory's Church, Marnhull

Everyone is warmly invited to the annual Churches Together in Marnhull advent service at Saint Gregory Church Marnhull on the 1st of December at 4 pm. Our Lady's choir will be singing, and Deacon Mike will be leading the prayers. There will be refreshments available after the service.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS at St Edward's Shaftesbury. We meet up once a month, if at all possible on the first Thursday, for an evening of formation and fun. The next meeting is on 5th December 7-9pm. If you want to know more ask Fr John 01747 852125 or Valeria 07900 218 354. Age from 13 upwards. Do invite friends/cousins etc even if they are not practising Catholics, or not Catholic at all: all that's needed is an open attitude. (Valeria Findlay-Wilson)

Handel's Messiah on Saturday 7th Dec at 7.30pm at St Mary's

Church, Sturminster Newton
Tickets cash only on the door £15

Website: <https://sturminsterchoral.org.uk/>
Tel: 01258 820755

Tickets can be bought in advance - contact Charles or Pam Snell



Music Practice at St Benedict's Church, Gillingham

"There is a practice of the hymns and music for Sunday Mass held at St Benedict's Church, **every Saturday evening at 5pm.** *Please come and join us to support the singing.*" - Deacon Mike.

Advent Retreat on Sat 7th Dec at St Rita's, Honiton "JESUS IS COMING: WHY?" led by Fr. Jonathan Bielawski. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, 01404 42635, email, or online ([ADVENT RETREAT DAY - "JESUS IS COMING: WHY?"](#)). Payment can be made on the day.

Ignatian silent and individually guided Advent retreats from 6th Dec at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

Centenary Year 2025 suggestions & ideas contact Rob by email: Rob.vitali@me.com

****New**** 3-17 Year old Residential on January 24th - 26th 2025

East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor. Come and join other 13 -17 year olds from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join in these include: photography; music; art and filming. East Shallowford is a working farm giving you a chance to meet the animals and feed them. There is a small charge of £50 for the weekend. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

Please pick up a leaflet at the back of the Church for Advent and Christmas dates.

****Please note****

In January and the beginning of February, there will be no Mass during the week; Sunday Mass at 9am and 11am will continue as usual but there will be no 6pm Mass at Our Lady's.