



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

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Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227



## SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

## 17TH MAY 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 17th May	Marnhull	9.00am Holy Mass	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	For Our Parish
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 18th May	Gillingham	1pm Requiem Mass for Clive Baker	Easter week day	
Tuesday 19th May		NO MASS	Easter week day	
Wednesday 20th May	Gillingham	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary	Easter week day	
Thursday 21st May	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Adoration	Easter week day	All Holy Souls
Friday 22nd May	Marnhull	2pm Requiem Mass for Michael Hoy	Easter week day	
Saturday 23rd May	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass followed by Confession	Easter week day	

### Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Joyce West, Tony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Frances Mowbray, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams.

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<https://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/parish-resources>

Marnhull Parish Website: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/>

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[office@stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk) 01258 820417

**Sunday Readers:** 9am: Ken; 11am: Meriel; 6pm: Christophe

**Please note the changes to Mass times on Monday and Friday.** Please note that if you're attending Michael Hoy's funeral on Friday, parking is available in the former Presbyter.

**Today, Sunday 17th May is World Communications Sunday and there will be a 2nd Collection for Catholic Communications Network and there will be a retiring collection after Mass.**

In honour of Our Lady during the month of May, we will be saying the Holy Rosary on Fridays at 5pm at St Benedict's, as well as the usual Mondays after Mass at Our Lady's.

**The School May Procession takes place this Thursday 21st May at 10.45am and it would be lovely to see Parishioners support the School in honouring Our Lady.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Horton. **Mary's Funeral Service** will take place on Wednesday 27th May at 1pm in St Benedict's Church.

**\*\*New\*\*** The next Holy Communion Class will be on Saturday May 23rd at 12 Noon in St Benedict's Parish Hall.

<b>**New** 50:50 Club May Draw</b>		
<b>1st Prize £70</b>	<b>No. 78</b>	<b>Ana Richards</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>No. 61</b>	<b>Mary Moore</b>
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>No. 29</b>	<b>John Fitzgerald</b>

**\*\*New\*\*** Pam and Charles thank all those who have been praying for Pam's sister Vicki, who has successfully completed her course of radiotherapy and is recovering well.

**\*\*New\*\*** The Local Governing Body of our parish Catholic Primary School, St Mary's School, Marnhull, is looking for Foundation Governors to replace members who have reached the end of their term of office. The commitment is 2 meetings per term, usually Tuesday evenings. If you would like to find out more, please contact Deacon Mike.

### Parish Library

There is now a PARISH LIBRARY in St Benedict's Hall where you can borrow a collection of CTS pamphlets, biographies, books on prayer and the teaching of the Church plus some excellent DVDs. Please write your name and date of borrowing and sign on returning. Many thanks.

### **\*\*New\*\*** Volunteering for youth ministry, in the Diocese of Plymouth

Do you or have you thought about **volunteering** to work with the youth either in your parish or further afield? Youth Events are setting up a database of volunteers to keep in contact with them, offer training and support for the work they do, and keep them informed of events that are happening across the Diocese. In completing the form it does not mean you are committed to any voluntary work, it is simply an expression of interest. People on the database will be contacted and asked if they would like to support an event. Please follow the link: [Volunteer Data Form – Youth Diocese Events – Fill in form](#) For further information please contact Ruby or Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

### Volunteers for after Mass Coffee at St Benedict's

Could all volunteers please bring your diaries and sign up on the list in the Narthex. Thank you - Annette.

### Small Book Club next meeting: Thursday 21st May at 2.30pm in St Benedict's parish hall.

Continuing "The Gospel of Matthew" with introduction by [Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz](#). If you would like to come along, please get in touch with Tony Moore 07967 592849 for the booklet

**\*\*New\*\*** Confirmation Classes 2026 The next class will on Thursday 28th May at 4pm in St Benedict's Church hall.

### Craft Group

The Craft group meets at 10am in the Side Chapel of Our Lady's every Tuesday. All are very welcome to join - please ring Mary Moore on 01963 365848 for details.

### Caritas May Newsletter

Please click the link to read the latest news of love in action around our diocese <https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>

### St Rita' of Cascia Friday 22nd May 2026.

Please join us for the Feast of St Rita. Mass is at 12 Noon, followed by the blessing & distribution of roses for the sick & Benediction at 3pm. Hot drinks are available all day. Please bring a packed lunch. For details please ring 01404 42635 or email: [admin@stritascentre.org](mailto:admin@stritascentre.org).

### **\*\*New\*\*** Young Adults retreat, Sclerder 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June

A weekend retreat for **18 - 30 year** olds to to **reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth**, this is underpinned by the scripture Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude. Along with art workshops and time in the gardens. Young people are being asked to make a **contribution of £40** each. Transport will be provided from Liskeard Station both on the Friday night and Saturday morning, returning around 2pm on Sunday. It is important to **book: Sclerder Retreat (18-30) - Stewards of the earth – Fill in form** Any further questions contact: Saskia, [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

### The National Board of Catholic

<https://www.nbcw.co.uk/questions-for-catholic-women-2026/> are asking for comments to relay to the Bishop's Conference on Synodality and Inclusion & Cultural Belonging. To read more, click on the link above. If you feel able to comment on any of these issues, please could you forward your responses to Jacintha either by hand or by email [jacinthabowe@gmail.com](mailto:jacinthabowe@gmail.com)

### A Deeper Dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Monday evenings at 7pm online, from **Monday April 13, 2026**. Spend just one hour a week with others online, going gently but deeply and prayerfully into the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Sessions are for catechists, those who hope to be catechists, those seeking to know more about their faith, anyone interested in discovering more about the teaching of the Church.

**Vicariate for Catechesis and Evangelisation - Shifting to Family-Centred Formation on Wednesday evenings at 7pm online, beginning Wednesday April 15 2026.** This workshop considers parish ministry centred on family catechesis. To find out more, please contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

Plymouth Diocese May newsletter <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

St Benedict's Fundraising Appeal [www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham](http://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham) Thank you.

