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

PARISH PRIEST: FR ONEYBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

DEACONS: Rev Deacon James Mackain-Bremner & Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

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

31st Week in Ordinary Time — 1st November 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 1st November	Marnhull	9.00 a.m.	**ALL SAINTS**	Peter Wardley, RiP
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		Mariusz Czyżewski, RIP
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday 2nd Nov	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. Holy Mass *followed by Blessing of the Graves*	**All Souls' Day**	All the Faithful Departed
	Gillingham	6 p.m. Holy Mass *followed by Blessing of the Graves*		
Tuesday 3rd Nov	No Mass			
Wednesday 4th Nov	Gillingham	**NO MASS** – Morning Prayer & Rosary	St Charles Borromeo, Bp. Memorial	
Thursday 5th Nov	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. Holy Mass *& Benediction*		Bernadette Devine Bastable, RiP
Friday 6th Nov	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Rosary, Benediction 6 p.m. Holy Mass		
Saturday 7th Nov		10 a.m. Holy Mass followed by Confession	Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial	
Sunday 8th November	Marnhull	9.00 a.m.	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday**	For All Victims of War
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		Jadwiga Przewoznik, RiP
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		

Please pray for the sick of our Parish
David Parish, Joyce West, Thony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Rqw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Frances Mobray, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams, Petronella Sellick, Timothy Harris, Mary George, Kate McLuskey.

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Readers: 9am: Eileen; 11am: Barbara; 6pm: Tony.

All Souls' Day is on Monday 2nd November

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Write the names of all the departed for whom you wish to pray during November and return the envelope to Fr Cletus or the Deacons. On All Souls' Day, Holy Mass will be said at 9.30am at Our Lady's, Marnhull **followed by a blessing of the graves** & 6pm at St Benedict's, followed by **a blessing of the graves** in the Gillingham Cemetery.

There will be no Holy Mass on Wednesday 4th Nov but there will be Morning Prayer & Rosary.

On 8th November, Mass at St Benedict's will start at 11.15am

This will allow enough time for those who wish to attend the Gillingham War Memorial service (which starts at 10.45am).

****New** Meeting for all Readers**
Fr Cletus has asked that all Readers from Our Lady's & St Benedict's meet on **Saturday 28th November at 11.30am in St Benedict's Parish Hall.**

****New** Save the Date: Anniversary of the Dedication of St Benedict's Church**
There will be a Mass said on **Wednesday 9th December** at 6.30pm for the 1st Anniversary of the Dedication of St Benedict's Church. This will be followed by an International evening celebration in the Parish Hall where you're invited to bring and share food from your culture.

****New** Sycamore Course**
There will be no meeting on Monday 2nd Nov as it is The Feast of All Souls and there will be Holy Mass at 6pm to pray for the dead.
All are welcome for stimulating discussion and refreshments even if you haven't attended the other sessions. Any questions please speak to Deacon James - 07906 599389.

****New** The Brass Plaques**
These have now been installed in St Benedict's Church. If you would like to order a plaque, please order through the office: marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk or fill out a form at the back of the church and hand to Fr Cletus or the Deacons. The suggested donation for a plaque is £50.

****New** The 'Small Book' Club**
During November we will meet on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. at Our Lady's to read and discuss the CTS booklet "Blessed Futon Sheen". All are welcome to join. Please speak to Tony on: 07967 592849.

****New** Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates for 2026-2027**
Holy Communion. classes will take place every Thursday at 5pm in St Benedict's hall. **The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th November at 5pm**

****New** Remembrance Sunday**
If anyone would like to read at the united service of Remembrance at St Gregory's Marnhull 8th November, please could you contact Jenny Burbury or Jacintha.

Use of the St Benedict's Parish Hall
St Benedict's Parish Hall is available to hire for private use by Parishioners. For details, please see the Parish Secretary: marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk or 07432 404358.

Christmas Shoe boxes
Collection crates will be in both Churches on Sunday (and in the hall/side chapel during the week). Please take a list of suggestions for gifts to bring cheer to poor folk in Eastern Europe. Note: chocolate is now a forbidden item! Thank you in advance. Any empty shoe boxes gratefully received.

****New** Needed -Safeguarding Rep for Our Lady's**
If you are interested and feel you could help, please speak to Fr Cletus or Barbara Turnbull.

****New** Rosary for Unborn Children**
Please remember that there is a Rosary every fortnight on Thursdays at 7pm outside Shaftesbury Abbey gates - the next Rosary will be on Thursday 5th Nov at 7pm.

Everyone Welcome!

****New** Fair Trade and Chocolate Making, Saturday 14th November, Okehampton 10.-3.30.**
Young people aged 10 - 16 are welcome to join us at Okehampton Parish church hall to explore the impact of the chocolate industry on people working within the industry and the environment. The day offers a chance to meet others from across the Diocese, join in games and activities including making chocolate from raw ingredients to create Florentines. A £10 contribution towards cost. Booking essential: Chocolate Making Day, 14th November 2026 – Fill in form

****New** Advent, Young Adults retreat (18 - 30 year olds), 20th - 22nd November, Buckfast Abbey**

A weekend exploring the scripture Isaiah 40:3, with talks led by Brothers Augustine and Reginald OP along with a chance to pray and reflect, whilst meeting other young adults from across the Diocese. £40 contribution per person. For more information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk Booking essential: Buckfast Abbey Retreat for young adults 20th - 22nd November 2026 – Fill in form

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Advent Retreat Day, Saturday 5th December 2026 at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. "Exploring Prayer & Conversion" led by Fr. Gerald Wilson, OAR 9.30am-3.30pm. Opportunity for Adoration and Confession. The charge for the day, including lunch, is £27.00. To register, please contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org, or register online via our website: ADVENT RETREAT DAY- "EXPLORING PRAYER AND CONVERSION" . Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

****New** Advent Residential Silent Retreat Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality -** an opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life & draw closer to God.

Nov 27th – 29th (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat
Nov 27th – Dec 2nd (Fri – Wed) Four - Day Retreat
Nov 27th – Dec 4th (Fri - Fri) Six-day retreat.
Venue: St Rita's, Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton, Devon. EX14 1AP). Cost includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations. 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

****New**** Pray the Daily Rosary with the Voice of the Family 6.45pm everyday by Zoom

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