



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

WELCOME

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER JOSEPH NWIBOKO

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Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese – Registered Charity No. 21322



FIRST WEEK OF LENT

18TH FEBRUARY 2024

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The Catholic Safeguarding Resources

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

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Our Lady's Church

Old Mill Lane,

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St Benedict's Church

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Confession: Please ring Fr Joseph 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 Deacons know.

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sun 18th Feb	Marnhull	9am	First Sunday of Lent
	Gillingham	11am	
	Marnhull	6pm	
Mon 19th Feb	Marnhull	9.30 Mass <i>followed by Rosary</i>	
Tues 20th Feb		NO MASS	
Weds 21st Feb	Gillingham	10am <i>followed by Rosary</i>	St Peter Damian - Comm
Thurs 22nd Feb	Marnhull	9.30am <i>followed by Adoration</i>	The Chair of St Peter - Feast
Fri 23rd Feb	Marnhull	3pm: Stations of the Cross	St Polycarp - Comm
	Gillingham	5pm Confession 5.30pm: Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass	
Sat 24th Feb	Marnhull	10am <i>followed by Confession</i>	

Sunday Readers Our Lady's 9am: Tony & Mary Moore; St Benedict's: Annette;
Our Lady's 6pm: Christophe

NB: Stations of the Cross start this Friday 23rd - 3pm at Our Lady's, 5.30pm at St Benedict's. St Alphonsus Liguori booklets provided. Please do come and take part in this beautiful devotion.

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary & Clive Drake, Jan Carson, Nigel & Sarah Mackay, Pippa Turnbull, Brian White, John Graham, Michael Hirons

Foundation Mass on Sunday 18th February at 9am for Mary Lacon

Family Fast Day Friday 23rd February & Second Collection for CAFOD takes place on 25th February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hard-working people like James, a fisherman in Liberia, to provide him with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Fr John Smethurst

who died on 6th Feb 2024

May he rest in peace

“Walk with Me” Lenten Journey Booklets @ £1 each and Lent Calendars for children @ 50p at the back of the Church

Rite of Election for Caroline

Please pray for Caroline Brice, who after receiving many months of formation from Deacon James, will be attending the Rite of Election at Plymouth Cathedral on Sunday 18th February. Caroline will be received into full communion with the Church at Easter. May God bless her in her spiritual journey.

The Churches Together Lent Lunches and Talks

will all take place at Methodist Church Marnhull, Pilwell at 12 noon, followed by lunch:

Feb 16th & 23rd: Faith talk by St Gregory's
March 1st & 8th: Hope talk by Our Lady's (Jacintha)
March 15th & 22nd: Charity talk by Methodists
The talks on Hope will serve as a preparation for the [2025 Jubilee year of Hope](#). All are welcome to these wonderful and thoughtful talks which provide a focus for Lenten reflection. All proceeds will go to a UK Christian charity for the homeless. Our Lady's is responsible for preparing the lunch on Friday March 8th. If you could volunteer to help with the making of the soup, please see Jacintha or Jennie Burbury.

A Zoom Lent Course 2024 Friday's at 7pm

The Parish of All Saints in Teignmouth is again organizing a series of Lenten Talks on Zoom to which anyone is welcome. The leaping off point for each talk is one of the great Gospels of Year A's Lenten cycle. No booking is needed and the code remains the same for all five evenings. Please do come and join us and share the journey.

16 Feb	The Temptations	Rev Nick Johnson
1 March	The Transfiguration	Fr Andrew Marlborough
8 March	The Woman at the Well	Mrs Deborah Fisher
15 March	The Man born blind	Fr Ignatius Raj SDM
22 March	The Raising of Lazarus	Mr Gerard Gillespie.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/834445840521?pwd=K3IKRFVGNbY0eEMzc3pVMVhOcnFCdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521
Passcode: 862737

LENT RETREAT DAY ON THE SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2024 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE, HONITON at 9.30am,

An opportunity for talks, Exposition, Adoration, Lunch followed by Mass and an opportunity for Confession.

Charge for the day, including lunch (3 course meal), is just £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, email or online (www.stritascentre.org/events)

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635 & Payment can be made on the day.

Recycle  Charity

Recycle your used ink cartridges and raise money for the Catholic Children's Society, Plymouth at the same time? Please

place used cartridges in the boxes in Our Lady's Side Chapel and in the porch of St Benedict's. Thank you.

The Light outside Our Lady's main entrance

I am trying to get an electrician to attend and fix this, in the interim please take extra care when entering or on exit on dark nights, maybe bring a torch or use your mobile phone light. - Charles (H&S Rep)



Sat 9th March is Dorset Big Lent Walk

Parishes in Dorset are joining the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Marnhull and Gillingham parishes will be walking the railway from Sturminster Newton to Shillingstone Station and back. (Shillingstone Station has toilets and a café). The walk will take about 75 mins in each direction. We will walk together with Sherborne parish and Blandford parish will walk from Blandford and meet us at Shillingstone. Saturday the 9th March is an opportunity for our Dorset Parishes to come together and support communities around the World.

Come and join the walk or sponsor members of our parish!

Our walk commences at 09.45am from the entrance of the Sturminster Newton railway.

To sponsor us follow the link online:

[Our Lady's Marnhull and St Benedict's Gillingham is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

Alternatively sponsorship forms will be available shortly.

World Day of Prayer on the 1st March at St Benedict's

There will be a World day of Prayer Service on **Friday 1st March at 2.30pm at St Benedict's Church.** All Welcome.

(From the website wwdp.org.uk): The theme of our service this year is from *Ephesians 4: 1 – 6*. "I beg you, bear with one another in love." The service was written by a group of Palestinian Christian women some years ago and deals with their own personal experiences. Their hope was to encourage and inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in troubled times. As has often happened before, this year's service has been overtaken by a tragic set of events. We offer this service, believing that we are called to support the Christian women who created it and we invite all those taking part to listen prayerfully to their voices. We pray with world leaders, relief workers, medical teams and all those praying about the situation, for an end to the killing, and for the wisdom to build a lasting peace.

Stay Awake is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024 from 10:00 – 19:00 at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth.** Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from <https://www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024>

***Are you interested in environmental issues* and care for creation? Would you like to hear what actions Diocese of Plymouth is taking and to share your thoughts about what more we can do to fulfil our obligation as stewards of creation?**

Caritas Plymouth would like to invite interested parishioners to join us for this evening of reflection on **Weds 20 March 2024 St Catherine's Catholic Church, 4 Lewens Lane, Wimborne BH21 1LE 6.00-8.30 pm (Mass from 6-6.30).** The evening will start with Mass followed by a simple supper and opportunity for discussion. Numbers are limited so people are invited to register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/XtkJe1eeGq> or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk