

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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2ND WEEK OF ADVENT. 5TH DECEMBER, 2021

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Second Sunday of Advent	<i>Ursula Rowe</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by Rosary	Advent	<i>Gayatri Mohanty & others</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. with the school	Immaculate Conception	<i>C. Cardoso intention</i>
Thursday	Gillingham	10.00 a.m.	Advent	<i>Paul Dooman & others</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m.</i> Mass 6 p.m.	Advent	<i>Cyril & Bernadette Bastable</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10am. Mass followed by Confessions.	Advent	<i>Private intention</i>

Please note the change of venue and time for Masses on Wednesday and Thursday. This is to enable our school children to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady.

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen and David Paris, Brendan Colohan, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden, Pat Edwards Jones and Fr Louis Beesley-Suffolk.

COVID restrictions and Diocesan Synodal Process

Bishop Mark has updated his guidelines on covid precautions in the light of recent announcements by the Government. He has asked all parish priests to review arrangements, taking into account local conditions. The result of that review for this parish is available on the parish website. The main changes are that from now until further notice:

- We will only gather in person for Holy Mass, Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession, funerals and other sacraments
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided as you enter the church
- It is strongly recommended that you wear a mask in church unless you are exempt. (The Celebrant does not wear a mask on the Sanctuary except when distributing Holy Communion)
- Please maintain social distancing from those not in your bubble (When seated, try to maintain one metre distance if you are wearing a mask; two metres if you aren't)
- We will not sing hymns, responsorial psalms or the Ordinary of the Mass (Lord, have mercy etc.) Singing by a small choir is allowed.
- Communion: the Precious Blood is not distributed. The Bishop recommends the Host is received in the hand. If you insist on receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, please be mindful that contact of the Minister's hand with your tongue could present a serious risk of infection to the Minister and to those who receive Holy Communion after you. Please put out your tongue as far as it will go and keep still while the Host is placed on your tongue.
- There will not be an offertory procession.

I am very sorry about these restrictions and I hope they will only be needed for a few weeks.

Sadly, further parish meetings on the Synod have to be postponed until we can meet in person – I don't think this is the sort of dialogue we can have on Zoom. Given everyone's other commitments between now and Christmas, I think we should plan to meet in the New Year, when, hopefully, the above restrictions have been lifted. In the meantime, you might like to read an Address which the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Gugerotti, gave recently on the Synodal path. Bishop Mark has passed it on because he found it "very beautiful and inspiring." It will be available on the parish website or ask me for a printed copy.

Fr. Francis



Bishop Mark writes: The Queen's Green Canopy

I recommend the initiative titled "The Queen's Green Canopy", organised by the Woodland Trust, which invites individuals/ schools/ communities to plant a tree in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

It would be worth looking at this as part of the initiatives we are engaged in in respect of Care for our Common Home, and any environmental review taking place in the parish or local Catholic School. It is possible to apply for free saplings, to plant them locally. Details can be found on the website: <https://queensgreencanopy.org>

Welcome newcomers and visitors. You can find out more about our parish on our website – address at top of this page.