

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

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## HOLY WEEK. 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>Pat Hudson RIP</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>Joan Hurst RIP</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by rosary	Monday of Holy Week	<i>Dennis O'Toole</i>
	Gillingham	6 p.m.	<b>A final opportunity before Easter for the Sacrament of Confession</b>	
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday		No Mass because Fr. Francis is attending the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.		
Thursday	Marnhull	6.30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>Bishop Christopher</i>
Friday	Marnhull	11 a.m.	Stations of the Cross	
	Marnhull	3 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday	Gillingham	11 a.m.	Blessing of Food	
	Marnhull	9 p.m.	The Easter Vigil	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Easter Sunday	
	Gillingham	11 a.m.		
	<b>NO MASS AT 6 P.M.</b>			

**Please pray for those who are ill:** Ellen and David Paris, Brendan Colohan, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden, Judith Forrester

Your new parish priest, Fr. Joseph, has asked me to recruit a parish secretary. Here is the formal notice of the vacancy. I'm trying my best to have someone in post by the time he arrives, hence the short notice. Fr. Francis:

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position. Parish Secretary (part time) – 1 post

Location: Our Lady RC Church, Old Mill Lane, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton DT10 1JX

Salary: £10.95 per hour - £6,832.80 per annum (FTE £19,929 for full time hours) Hours: 8-12 hours per week initially

The Parish Secretary will manage the administrative, secretarial support and the office resources required to ensure the smooth running of the Parishes and to enable the Parish Priest to carry out his Diocesan responsibilities. The post-holder will be required to have secretarial or administrative experience and will require good organisational skills together with experience of Microsoft Office and excellent interpersonal skills.

Copies of the job description, person specification and application form are obtainable from Fr. Francis. **The closing date for applications is Monday 3 April 2023.** Interviews will be held during week commencing 11 April 2023 at Our Lady RC Church.

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Open Church St Benedict's on Palm Sunday. 2.30 - 4.00pm

Votive Candles, prayer support and generous listening, as we share with our Gillingham neighbours, the significance of the start of Holy Week.

Volunteers to help are invited for prayers and preparation from 1.45pm. Please contact Tony Moore, Annette Lyons or either of the deacons to offer help. Come Holy Spirit!



At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday the liturgy will include the washing of the feet. Fr. Francis asks you to tell him if you would be willing to take part.

Ideally we will have 12 men, women and children to represent the whole parish in this beautiful and moving act of love.

**There will be a collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday**



Churches Together in Gillingham. **Walk of Witness 2023** Good Friday morning, 7<sup>th</sup> April. Begins at 11 a.m. outside The Barn Surgery

There will be a brass cleaning session in Our Lady's Church on the morning of Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am. All help gratefully received!

Do come to the farewell Mass at 11 a.m on Easter Monday followed by lunch, including 'The Paella' and Buckfast Tonic Wine punch.

For catering purposes, please tell us if you're attending:

Mary Moore (Email: [mandtmoore@btinternet.com](mailto:mandtmoore@btinternet.com))  
Tel: 01963 365848) or Annette Lyons

Father Francis

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

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

## News from our parish school Mrs. Betts, our headteacher, writes:

On Wednesday, Mrs Myatt and our GIFT team organised a prayerful day for us to reflect on our own Lenten journey and that of Jesus during the events of Holy Week. We began the day with a liturgy, led by the GIFT team and during the day, the children had time to reflect on Holy Week in our prayer spaces. They all made a Holy Week ribbon and a coloured bracelet with beads as they said the 'Our Father.' Prayer spaces were set up around the hall, providing the children with opportunities to be thankful, celebrate and learn to understand people who are different to us; reflect on special friends; praying to God to ask for help just as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane and saying sorry, knowing that we are forgiven through Jesus' death on the cross. The day included with children thinking about compassion and Jesus' message: to heal the sick, feed the hungry and care for the poor whilst walking for our charity appeal. The day was ably supported by Deacon Mike and two parishioners.

We are now advertising for a Midday Assistant to start as soon as possible. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please refer them to our website for the advert and job description:

<https://www.stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/web>

### Listening Workshop (repeat)

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 11.00.am. at St Benedict's, Gillingham.**

Led by Michele Thompson. Designed to help us to learn to listen with the ears of the heart, just as Pope Francis suggests. You will learn the vital difference between listening in order to respond and listening in order to react.

This is a stimulating workshop suitable for anyone who wants to build better relationships through more effective communication, and perfect the art of listening.

Sign up for the Catholic Children's Society Quiz Night on Friday 28th April. Our Lady's, 7 for 7.30 p.m. It'll be great fun in a good cause. Tickets will be £10 per person, which includes admission to the quiz and a Ploughman's Supper. All proceeds to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Why not get some friends together in a team to enjoy this fun night out. Teams can be up to 6 members. Info:

<https://www.cccplymouth.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/great-big-diocesan-quiz/>

### Parish Sweepstake.

March's lucky winners are:

First prize	Coral Harrow
Second prize	Norma Wilcox
Third prize	Jacintha Bowe

Saint Anthony Communications has copies of the film 'Love and Mercy: Faustina'.



Discounts for multiple orders are available. Please visit [www.saintant.com](http://www.saintant.com) for more details and to order.

A big thank you to all you generous people who donated Easter Eggs to Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Forty-one eggs were kindly taken from this parish to Southampton by Annette, together with some lovely knitted hats and gloves. These will be given to seafarers over Easter to let them know they are remembered and appreciated by the Catholic community on these shores.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Gillingham Methodist Church will be hosting a performance of Edward Elgar's sublime choral work

### 'The Dream of Gerontius'

with a 50-strong choir and the international concert organist, David Briggs playing our Sweetland organ and taking the place of an orchestra.

There will also be three well-known soloists, including tenor, John Graham-Hall (of ROH fame) taking the role of Gerontius.

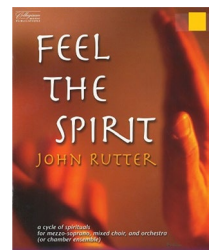
Elgar composed this profoundly moving work in 1900 and the score was set to the text of a poem by Cardinal John Newman.

It relates the journey of a pious man's soul from his deathbed to his judgement before God and settling into Purgatory with the promise of everlasting glory.

Tickets £20 from 07817 379006 or The Copy Shop in Gillingham High Street or [www.wegotickets.com/event/492351](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/492351)

Sturminster Choral Society will be offering their Spring Concert on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton.

The programme includes Rutter's "Feel the Spirit" and Elgar's "The Angel's Farewell". Tickets £10 on the door. Enquiries 01258 820755



The John Bradburne Memorial Society will be hosting an event at Buckfast Abbey, South Devon on Saturday 10th June 2023 at 12 noon, to commemorate his 102nd Birthday.

This ticketed event will involve a Mass, lunch, talks, music and an exhibition. If you would like to attend, please contact JBMS: 07979 187498 or [info@johnbradburne.com](mailto:info@johnbradburne.com) Tickets are available on the JBMS website [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com)



## JBMS

John Bradburne Memorial Society

### "My Love is Crucified"

A banner from Syon Abbey, the Brigettine Convent in South Brent, Devon which sadly closed some years ago. The official name of the Order is "The Order of the Most Holy Saviour"

