



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

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

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



SECOND WEEK OF LENT

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 1st March	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Mary Walker, RiP
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		Ryszard Dublinski, RIP.
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 2nd March	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		
Tuesday 3rd March		NO MASS		
Weds 4th March	Gillingham	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		Angela Radley, RiP
Thurs 5th March	Marnhull	9.30am Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass		Marjorie Salt, RiP
Friday 6th March	Marnhull	9.30am St Mary's School Mass		
	Gillingham	5.30pm Confession Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass		HOLY SOULS - for the deceased friends and family of our parishioners
Saturday 7th March	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass Confession		

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, Rui Rui Gassmann, Vicki McHugh, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Mary-Clare; 11am: Barbara; 6pm: June

Confession will be available at 5.30pm on Fridays (St Benedict's) during Lent and at 10am on Saturdays at Our Lady's. Please ring Fr Cletus on 01258 820388 to arrange an appointment outside of these times.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Bridgette Logue

Who died on 23rd February

May she Rest in Peace



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Michael Brady

who died on 4th February

May he Rest in Peace

CAFOD Family Fast Day 2nd Collection today 1st March

Your donation can help support families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.

****New** World Day of Prayer** will be held this **Friday 6th March**. There will be a Service in St Benedict's Church at 2.30pm. All are welcome!

****New** Churches Together in Marnhull Lent Talks and Lunches 20th February until 27th March**

Our Lady's will be hosting the talk and the lunch this February 27th (as well as March 20th). The reflections should last approximately 30 minutes followed by a soup and cheese lunch, the proceeds of which will go to a local charity. Please see Jacintha if you need any details - jacynthabowe@gmail.com.

****New** LENTEN LUNCHESES AT ST BENEDICT'S, GILLINGHAM - ALL are welcome!**

We will be serving simple Lent lunches at 12 Noon on: Wednesday 4th March; Wednesday 11th March; Wednesday 18th March and Wednesday 25th March. Please see Annette or Deacon Mike for any info.

We still need volunteers for 25th March - if you're able to help, please can you contact Harriet in the office marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk or speak to one of the Deacons or Fr Cletus after Mass.

50:50 Club Membership 2026 Now Open!

Entry forms are now available in the narthex of both Churches, and downloadable on the Parish website. The 1st Draw will be at Easter - 5th April!

****New** Parish Small Book Club - New booklet - All Welcome!**

Our recently formed book club has been discussing two short Catholic Truth Society (CTS) publications: the spirituality of St Therese of Lisieux; and the life of the recently canonized Carlo Acutis. These two remarkable young saints promoted, throughout their brief lives, ways of living out the Catholic Faith that are possible for each of us: "The Little Way" and "The Highway to Heaven" founded on prayer, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and loving service to all. Our studies have proved deeply fruitful and encouraging. These themes will be continued in the next small booklet "Life Within Us" starting on **5th March at 2.30pm** in St Benedict's. If you are interested in joining, please ask Tony Moore (07967 592849) for the booklet as soon as possible.

Lent Bible Studies Free Online 17th Feb-24th March (6 Weeks)

Weekly studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels starting Tuesday 17th February at 7pm. The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way! Register here: <https://comeandsee.org/lenten-bible-studies>

Fr Mark Skelton's Online Lenten talks at 7pm

Monday 2nd March. Dame Karen Foong The Parable of the Rich Fool. 7pm.
Meeting ID : 895 7188 9251 Password is 125755

Brass Plaques in St Benedict's Church

The "Please pray for" plaques for the benches in St Benedict's church will be installed as soon as possible. Please note that at present the cost for a plaque is £25 which will remain so until Easter, after which the cost will increase considerably. Please contact Harriet in the office on marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to order a plaque.

Confirmation Classes 2026 The next class will be on 5th March in St Benedict's Church hall.

Holy Communion Class Dates 2026 The next class will be held on **Saturday 7th March** at 12 Noon in St Benedict's Parish Hall.

The Catenians - A network of Catholic Friends Please speak to Steve Carrivick (Mobile 07887 988123) for more information or go to website [The Catenians](http://TheCatenians)

Newsletter for February: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-0BE37BCB3841CCDF2540EF23F30FEDED>

****New** Inspire is 14th March at Buckfast Abbey, aimed at those aged 13-25.**

We have a great line up of speakers and musicians this year. This year we have included a workshop in the programme. £30 for a ticket. Follow the link to book: [Inspire Individual Booking Form – Fill in form](#) For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

****New** Gather conference 20-22 March, Torquay** 20th-22nd March at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay.

We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas dally - we'd love you to join us too! Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

St Benedict's Fundraising Appeal www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham Thank you.

