

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

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## HOLY WEEK. 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<i>For the people of the parish</i> <i>Josephine Millbrook</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by rosary	Monday of Holy Week	<i>Eileen &amp; John Carrivick</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
	Gillingham	6 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Wednesday		No Mass		
Thursday	Gillingham	6.30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday	Marnhull	11 a.m.	Stations of the Cross	
	Gillingham	3 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday	Gillingham	11 a.m.	Blessing of Food	
	Gillingham	8.30 p.m.	The Easter Vigil	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Easter Sunday	<i>Herbert &amp; Dorothy Marshall</i>
	Gillingham	11 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	<b>NO MASS AT 6 P.M.</b>			



Relic of the True Cross venerated at Buckfast Abbey on Good Friday

**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



*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.*



In his call for the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, Franciscan Father Francesco Patton, custos of the Holy Land, noted how the unprecedented situation of the past two years has affected the Christian communities throughout the Middle East.

"With difficulty we have tried to support materially the weakest communities: the community of Bethlehem and that of Jerusalem, with no more pilgrims and no work; the communities of Lebanon, devastated by an increasingly economic and political crisis; those of Syria, which remains like a prisoner of a war that seems to never end. Also this year on Good Friday, please remember us, your brothers and sisters who live in the Holy Land. Help us according to the generosity of your heart, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus: 'There is more joy in giving than in receiving'" he said in the statement.

[www.cruxnow.com](http://www.cruxnow.com)

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

A request from Bishop Mark:

We are seeking to appoint new Trustees to serve on the Board of Plymouth Diocesan Trust, the charity of the Diocese of Plymouth, to replace some of the existing lay Trustees whose terms of service are coming to an end. Candidates must be practicing Catholics and with skills and experience from the following:

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults; Communication, media and promotions, including digital and social media; Human Resources Management; Investment Portfolio and Funds Management; Corporate / Charity Accounting and Finance

We are aiming to increase diversity within our Board structure. Applications are therefore encouraged from women and from Black, Asian and other ethnic communities, as these groups are currently underrepresented.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee of the Diocese or would like more information about the role, please contact Jan Holton by email [jan.holton@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:jan.holton@prcdtr.org.uk) or telephone 01364 645383.

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

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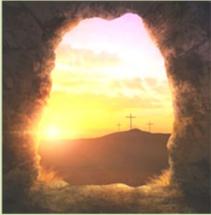
**News from our parish school** Mrs. Betts, our headteacher, writes:

Whilst this has been an extremely challenging term with rising numbers of COVID cases, the staff have worked so hard to try to keep school as 'normal' as possible for the children and I know that the children have continued to be engaged in their learning and enjoyed finding out about new topics.

We ended the Spring Term with our whole school Day of Faith. It was a time for the whole school to stop and reflect on the events of Holy Week, participating in an interactive prayer space. The opportunity to sit quietly with their own thoughts is always valued by the children and as always they engaged well with the prayers. This year there was also an opportunity to pray for peace for those in Ukraine. Although the prayer spaces are primarily an opportunity for personal reflection they also spark thoughtful conversation and support our children's mental health and spiritual development.

As we approach the end of Lent, we are confronted with the reality of Christ's Crucifixion and death and are forced to consider so much that is wrong with the human condition. We live in a world damaged by division, hatred and greed. Yet the complete story, the Easter event, lifts our gaze to the hope that is present in every difficulty. On the horizon, there is light; and at a time when there is so much concern about the mental health of young people, part of our job is to train children to lift up their eyes, and see hope and opportunity ahead.

The children have continued to work hard raising money for those who are less fortunate than us both near and far. They all walked a mile around the track every day and on our day of Faith, there was someone walking on the track all day! So far, have raised an amazing £700 for the Caritas CAFOD Ukraine humanitarian appeal!



## Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Camps 2022

This year our intention is to return the Camps to the pre-Covid format, meeting at Grangehurst, at Buckfast Abbey, for the Junior and Senior Camps, and St Rita's in Honiton for the St Petroc's Camp. (Camp fee £210)

Junior Camp	7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Years 3-6
Senior Camp	31 <sup>st</sup> July – 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Years 7-10
St. Petroc's Camp	31 <sup>st</sup> July – 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Years 11-12

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the camps; young adult upwards. In addition, we are looking for people with the appropriate skills to serve as treasurer, administrator and catechist on the camps committee. For more information, please contact Deacon Mike Turnbull, [michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk)

Some parishioners may not be aware that a Community of Benedictine Nuns once lived in a house which is a few hundred yards from Our Lady's Church in Marnhull. That Community eventually settled at Colwich in Staffordshire. Sadly, they recently found their numbers so reduced that they decided to disband their community and join with the Nuns of Stanbrook Abbey which is now a few miles from Ampleforth in Yorkshire.

One of the nuns of the Colwich Community was recently in touch with Fr. Francis and she sent him a link to their website page which gives some interesting information:

"The community settled at Nash House, Marnhull, Dorset in 1795. The house was rented for them from Mr. Hussey by Lady Arundel of Wardour, who escorted the first party of three nuns there on 1st September 1795. On 21st October the last party arrived from London. At this time there were 13 in the community. On 21st November they put on their religious habits again and on 2nd December they re-elected the Prioress who had brought them through the French Revolution, Reverend Mother Teresa Joseph Johnson.

The community lived at Nash House until 1807. Four new members were professed and only one died in that time. When the Hussey family wanted to move back, the nuns moved to Cannington in Somerset.



The house today is a Grade II Listed Building, divided into three properties known as Nash Court, Manor House and Nash Lodge. The house has been altered several times since the nuns were there. It originally belonged to the Benedictine Abbey of Glastonbury, but Henry VIII gave it to one of his wives, Catherine Parr."

**SAVE THE DATE: Vocations to Priesthood - Day of Recollection** Our next Day of Recollection for men discerning their vocation will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 from 10:00 to 16:00 at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, Cornwall

Gift Aid Envelopes for the coming Financial Year are now available at the back of the church, both Our Lady's and St Benedicts. If you have any queries or concerns please email me at [marnhull-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:marnhull-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk). Paul Bowe, Gift Aid Organiser.

## STAY AWAKE! URGENT UPDATE! The last date for booking your place is Wednesday 20 April!

We are blessed to have Jonathan de Kretser, Jenny Baker, Simon Clift, Sarita de Kretser, Tim Stevens and Sr Coeey and Sr Hyacinthe speaking to us, alongside praise and worship, super fun kids' activities, an array of homemade cakes and Papa John's pizza, and Mass (thank you Fr Anthony O'G)! Date: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Venue: All Saints Church of England Academy School, Weymouth, DT4 9BJ Times: 10:00 - 19:00 Tickets: £10, **free if in Year 9 and under!** To book, please visit [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com)



The Sturminster Choral Society Presents Rossini - Petite Messe Solennelle St Mary's Church Sturminster Newton 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each and can be obtained in advance by calling 01258 820755 or, subject to availability, on the door.

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