



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

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

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

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 18th Jan	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Martin & Bridget Mongan, RiP
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		
Monday 19th Jan	Marnhull	NO MASS		
Tuesday 20th Jan		NO MASS		
Weds 21st Jan	Gillingham	10am Morning Prayer, followed by Rosary. NO MASS	St Agnes, V & M Memoria	
Thurs 22nd Jan	Marnhull	9.30am Morning Prayer, followed by Adoration.		
Friday 23rd Jan	Gillingham	5pm Exposition, Evening Prayer and Benediction NO MASS		
Saturday 24th Jan	Marnhull	NO MASS	St Francis de Sales Memoria	

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.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Charles; 11am: Jill.

For any emergency while Fr Cletus is away, please contact either:

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Week day Masses are available at The Most Holy Name & St Edward, Shaftesbury at 9.30am Tuesday-Saturday.

If you need to speak to a Priest, please contact Fr John in Shaftesbury: 01747 352125 or Fr Francis in Wincanton: 01963 34408.

Thank you to Fr Jeremy Garratt for saying Holy Mass for us whilst Fr Cletus is away.

****New** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January 2026 Starts Today**

We pray: For unity among the churches, a unity founded upon truth and compassion and for the churches to find a common voice, to speak on matters that affect the whole of society. For Services in Gillingham, please see the flyers at the back of the Church. **Please note that the main Service will take place in St Benedict's Church on Sunday 25th January at 6pm.**

New 50:50 Club Last Draw Of Year
1st Prize £ 70 Michael Brady
2nd Prize £50 Malou Powell
3rd Prize £40 Tony Moore

Confirmation Classes 2026

The next Confirmation class will be held on 22nd January at 4pm in St Benedict's Church hall and then every fortnight. A list of the dates can be viewed on our website:

1. All Sessions will be on a Thursday afternoon, from 4.00 to 5.00
2. Parents are not needed at the sessions
3. **All young people need to remember their BIBLE, YOUCAT and YOUCAT Confirmation Book for each Session**

****New** Holy Communion Class Dates 2026**

Holy Communion classes are held every Saturday at 12 Noon in the Parish Hall, St Benedict's. As follows: Sat 17th, 24th, 31st Jan; 7th Feb. There will be no class during school holidays.

Volunteers to be Sacristans

We are generously served by sacristans in both churches. This is an essential role for appropriate preparation for the mass and the smooth running of the liturgy; it is a vital service. It is important we have enough trained and willing volunteers when needed. Please consider joining the existing teams and if you so wish, speak to one of the deacons. All training and induction will be taken with great care and you will be fully supported. Thank you, Deacon James.

Christian Unity Week - Service Friday 23rd January 12 noon at Our Lady's, Marnhull

Churches Together in Marnhull will observe Christian Unity Week with a unified service on **Friday, 23 January at midday**. The service will incorporate materials developed by the Armenian Church under the guidance of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches. Christian Unity Week holds significant importance within the global ecumenical calendar, as it highlights both the diversity present in Christianity and the unifying threads established through shared beliefs and teachings. The theme for the 2026 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is drawn from the Letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Eph 4:4). Please come and share this lovely service of unity. Jacintha.

Small Book Club

The next small book club will be on Thursday 22nd January at 2.30 in St Benedict's Parish Hall. We will be looking at the writing of St Therese of the Child Jesus and her "Little Way".

****New** The Plymouth Diocesan Newsletter for January 2026**

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-562C2F808AB4C5622540EF23F30FEDED>

Online Course on the Theology of the Body

Discover St John Paul II's profound reflection on what it means to be embodied persons made in the image of God. A four-part course for £60pp starting on January 20th. Organised by the Buckfast Institute. Please see website to book:

<https://www.buckfast.org.uk/events/theology-of-the-body/>

Teens residential, 23rd - 25th January 2026, Est Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor

The 2026 teens residential (those aged 13-17) are invited to explore lives of people holding the a refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. There is time to question refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. Once listening to the stories there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what action they would like to do. This event cost £50pp. To book: [Booking form for 13-17 year olds Residential Jan 26 - Fill in form](#) For further information: youth@prcdtr.org.uk . Bless Youth Ministr, Saskia

Dilexi Te - The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission

A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson 21st February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre. Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission". Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

[Click here to register](#) or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

****New** LAST CALL for online marriage programme**

Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? **Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.**

Next date: 12th February 2026.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

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St Benedict's Fundraising Appeal: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham>