



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

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



22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH AUGUST 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 30th August	Our Lady	9am Holy Mass	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	St Benedict	11am Holy Mass		For sick parishioners
	Our Lady	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 31st August	Our Lady	9.30am Holy Mass, followed by Rosary		
Tuesday 1st September	NO MASS			
Wednesday 2nd Sept	St Benedict	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		
Thursday 3rd Sept	Our Lady	10am Requiem Mass for William (Bill) Carrivick	St Gregory the Great FEAST	.
Friday 4th Sept	St Benedict	5pm Confession, Bene- diction, Evening Prayer 6pm Holy Mass		
Saturday 5th Sept	Our Lady	10am Mass followed by Confession	Blessed Virgin Mary Memoria	The Repose of the Souls of George & Mary Fowler

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, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams, Petronella Sellick, Timothy Harris, Mary George.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Tony; 11am: Philip; 6pm: Jonny.

Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal: Grateful Hearts - Serving Others" will take place this weekend and there will be a retiring Collection after Holy Mass today.

Please pray for Kazimierz Alisdair who will be baptised on Sunday 6th September during 9am Mass at Our Lady's Marnhull. Please pray for his parents and family at this special time.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Thomas (Tom) Gray
Who died at home on 16th August. A funeral service will
be held at St Benedict's Church on
Wednesday 9th September at 12 Noon.
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****New** HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ**
Saturday September 19th

6pm start with Blessing and drinks followed by a buffet (provided) and Fun Quiz. £2 per person to enter the quiz and donations toward food are welcomed - all donations will go to Church Funds. There will also be a Raffle - the proceeds will go to Let the Children Live. Bring a small raffle prize and any surplus garden produce and sign up on the lists in the Churches. Teams of 4 - fun for all the family!

New Average Weekly Collections for JULY 2026				
Collections in church		Other/Online	Standing Orders	New Church & Maintenance APPEALS
Loose Plate	Gift Aid		Gift Aid	TOTAL FOR THE MONTH of JULY
414.45	97.50	32.50	£509.00	
WEEKLY AVERAGE		1053.45		£180.00

****New** Our Parish small Book Club** will resume on 3rd September at Our Lady's. This week's recommendation from the CTS "100 Books You Really Should Read" is from the section entitled "Theology, teaching and faith". The book is: "Bad, Mad or God? - Proving the Divinity of

Christ from St John's Gospel" by Fr. John Redford"; the best work of apologetics since Newman's *The Grammar of Assent*, Fr John Redford's work on the historical Jesus is one of those rare things in theology - an exciting read! Please speak to Tony Moore 07967 592849 if you have any questions about the book club.

The Sycamore Course will take a break over the summer and will reconvene on **Monday 7th Sept at 7.00pm** for our next topic - The Bible. All are welcome for stimulating discussion and refreshments and it is not too late to come along in September if you didn't attend the other sessions. Please talk to Deacon James if you'd like to join.

Save the Date - Celebration of Marriage Saturday 12th September 12 Noon in Plymouth Cathedral

Please join us at our Celebration of Marriage, where the Celebrant will be Bishop Nicholas. Marriage enriches us all and all are welcome, including those whose spouses are no longer with them here. Let us know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date. For more information please contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk.

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide - Deadline 11th September

In April 2026, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill fell at the end of the Parliamentary session failed to complete its passage through Parliament. However, Lauren Edwards MP has now reintroduced essentially the same Bill, with a **Second Reading scheduled for Friday 11th September**. It appears that the assisted suicide lobby is intending to invoke the Parliament Acts, whereby if the House of Lords rejects the same Bill in two consecutive Parliamentary sessions, it can be passed without their consent. **If MPs reject the Bill at Second Reading, it will not progress further. That is why the next few weeks are so important.** We have just a small window of time to persuade MPs to reject the Bill. Much of this time falls over the summer recess, which means MPs are spending more time in their constituencies. That makes the summer one of the best opportunities to **meet or write** to your MP before the September vote.

Here is a SPUC link to help you: [How-to-defeat-the-Terminally-Ill-Adults-End-of-Life-Bill-A-guide-to-lobbying-your-MP-in-person-JULY-2026.pdf](#) Hand written letters do carry more impact but if you prefer to send your letter online, the charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. For more information and resources, visit: cbcw.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suiciderighttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote.

March for Life on Saturday 5th September in London

"The theme for this year's March for Life is **"Abortion Hurts the Family"**. If you've never attended a March for Life before, then just to assure you that it's a peaceful, family-friendly event that attracts thousands of people of all ages and denominations, including many children and young adults. Come to this year's event and be a voice for the voiceless - if you can come as a group or church event better! Lastly and very importantly, your prayers are needed, this work is for the Glory of God, nothing can be done without His help! Thank you." (Church talk from March for Life team). Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church for more details and see the website: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

****New** Rosary for Pro-Life in Shaftesbury - Thursdays at 7pm. Everyone Welcome!**

Please remember that there is a Rosary every fortnight on Thursdays at 7pm outside Shaftesbury Abbey gates - the next Rosary will be on **Thursday 10th September at 7pm**.

Save the Date! Mission Made Possible Roadshow organised by the Diocesan Evangelisation Team on **Saturday 26 September 10am -2.15pm** at St Benedict's Gillingham. **All are welcome!** More details to follow.

A message from Fr Chris Findlay-Wilson: "We are planning a day-return coach for the **Eucharistic Congress** in London 10th October. It would leave Plymouth at 5am and pick up at Exeter Services - and possibly Taunton or Wincanton" There are currently 32 places available - please contact Fr Chris if you're interested in going 01202 746539 www.catholicparkstone.org

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Cashless Giving machines Please do consider using these, as it's a very convenient way to support the Parish if you don't carry cash to Mass.

St Benedict's Maintenance fund: www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham **Thank you.**