

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 12TH JUNE, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Most Holy Trinity	<i>Andrew Straw RIP</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by rosary	St. Anthony of Padua	
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Feria	
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Richard of Chichester	<i>Jacqui Mesquita Morris RIP</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Feria	<i>Jo-Ann Hudson RIP</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Our Lady on Saturday	

NEXT Sunday, 19th June, we celebrate a Day for Life. Here is the Bishops' message for the occasion:

"The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing. We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations."

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection to support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until natural death.

This is an appropriate moment to pass on a message from Life Charity:

"We are increasingly mindful of how successful the abortion industry has been in repositioning itself as healthcare, in marginalising the pro-life movement and distorting the message of hope that we hold dear. That's why we are repositioning Life as a pregnancy support charity. We see this as the most positive, compassionate and attractive way of engaging with pregnant women. Rest assured, we will never change our ethics: All people are special and equal, including the unborn." For more information about this charity, go to <https://lifecharity.org.uk>

Please pray for those who are ill: 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

Diocese of Plymouth Youth Rally 2022 at St. Rita's Honiton. Saturday 9th July noon to 6.30 p.m.

Deacon Mike is hoping to take a group of young people (age range 8 – 16) to this event. The £8 entry fee and transport costs will be paid by the parish. Bring a packed lunch.

Activities include it's a knock out, football and netball, didi cars amongst many other things. There will be a BBQ available mid-afternoon and a tuck shop offered all afternoon.

Please contact Deacon Mike to join in.

LET'S SEE IF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF MARNHULL AND GILLINGHAM PARISH CAN SWEEP THE MEDALS BOARD



Churches Together in Marnhull met for prayer last Friday in the Methodist Church. This was one of a series of meetings which alternate venues between the Methodist, Anglican and Catholic churches. On this occasion Rev. Lin Francis, the Methodist Minister, encouraged us to reflect on change as an essential part of life. Whether in our church life, in our national life, or internationally, change is a constant feature, and one which many of us find difficult to accept, much less embrace.

Rev. Lin asked us to pray that we would be able to discern God's blessings in the changes which come our way; especially

in these days following Pentecost, to accept that the Holy Spirit may be in the changes, inspiring us to focus on what we have, rather than what we have lost, so that we can make most of the potential of every day, for the good of our own future and the good of those who follow us. These remarks brought to my mind the saying of St. John Henry Newman: "To live is to change, and to be holy is to have changed often."

Our church wasn't well represented at the meeting, which is a shame because it was a lovely moment of prayerful solidarity, helped by the beautiful sunshine streaming in through the windows of the Methodist Church. Perhaps it's because we've lost the dates of these meetings, so I'll copy them here: 8th July at St. Gregory's; 9th September at Our Lady's; 14th October at the Methodist Church; 11th November at St. Gregory's.

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

It's lovely to hear the children playing next door during their breaktimes, now that St. Mary's School has returned for the final half term before the summer holidays. The school newsletter tells of the lovely tea party they had before the half-term break to celebrate her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The school is looking for a practising Roman Catholic to join the governing body as a Foundation Governor. (Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to support the headteacher and the school in maintaining its Catholic ethos, as well as doing all the other things which are part of a governor's remit). Canon Mark O'Keefe, appointed by Bishop Mark to head the Diocesan Schools Commission, has written about the role of Foundation Governors. The document is attached to the parish newsletter email or can be downloaded from <https://www.plymouthcast.org.uk/web/governance/596270> Please contact Mrs. Betts at the school or myself if you would like to put your name forward for consideration.

Fr. Francis

The latest edition of Fresh Start, the newsletter of the Prisoners' Advice and Care Trust (PACT) is available. You can sign up to receive it on their website, <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk> Fr. Francis has a printed copy – just ask him if you would like it. It highlights the plight of the large number of people with serious mental ill health who receive little support in prison. A recent File On 4 radio programme heard from the mother of 18-year-old Annelise Sanderson, who took her own life in HMP Styal in December 2020. Following years of trauma and mental ill health, she pleaded guilty before magistrates to stealing a pair of trainers, damaging a foil blanket provided by emergency services and assaulting police officers and a paramedic. Sentenced to 12 months in prison, despite records showing she suffered depression and was a suicide risk, she was prescribed antidepressants, but was not seen by a doctor. Discharged by the mental health team on 17th December, she was found dead in her cell five days later.

In mid-July, we will be observing Sea Sunday, when we pray especially for those who work at sea. On that day there will be the usual 'second collection' for The Apostleship of the Sea, or Stella Maris. The local lay chaplains have written asking for volunteers to collaborate with them in their invaluable work, either by donating items which seafarers need, knitting hats and scarves for them, volunteering as a ship welfare visitor or becoming the parish representative for Stella Maris. There are leaflets in each church describing these different ways of making a vital difference to the lives of seafarers who often feel alone and far from home.

Synodal Journey Update. A pdf of the Update will be emailed with the Parish Newsletter to those on that mailing list. It is also available to download at <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/June-newsletter-2022.pdf> Anyone without computer access is welcome to ask Fr. Francis for a printed copy.

16th July 2022 - Vocations to Priesthood - Day of Reflection. Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 16th July 2022 from 10:00 to 16:00 at Holy Trinity church, Dorchester. Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. For further information and to register for the event, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or speak to your Parish Priest by 11th July 2022 at the latest. Arrangements can be made to collect you from Dorchester Station and returned after, if required.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – MAY 2023 – Fr. John Rice and Fr. Guy de Gaynesford will be leading a ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16th - 25th May next year. The cost is £1,389 per person, and this includes: return flight from London Heathrow to Tel Aviv with El Al • 6 nights in Bethlehem Star Hotel, 3* or similar standard • 3 nights in Astoria Tiberias 3* or of similar standard • half board (dinner and breakfast) • entrance fees as per itinerary • transfers between airport and hotel • executive coach for touring • professional local guide • boat ride on the Sea of Galilee • taxis to the summit of Mt Tabor to the Church of Transfiguration • personalised luggage label and badge • hymn booklet and prayer booklet • headsets for touring • check-in luggage 23kg +hand carry • ATOL protection contribution includes half board. For further details and itinerary Tel. 01793 881166 / 07515 819700.



Join CAFOD's Diocesan Fix the Food System Online Meeting, 14 June, 6pm

The global food system is broken. There's enough food to feed everyone in the world, but, even before the invasion of Ukraine, 800 million people were hungry each day. Now following the Ukraine conflict many more will be pushed into hunger. The way we produce and distribute our food is driving many into poverty and creates a third of all of the global greenhouse gases that are put into our atmosphere each year! All is not lost, we can fix this broken system!

Join the CAFOD Plymouth Team online with CAFOD's Head of Campaigns, Andrea Speranza, on 14 June, 6pm, to learn more about how we can *Fix the Food System* and CAFOD's new campaign.

To register to join the Zoom meeting please email:

plymouth@cafod.org.uk

The Called and Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn what the spiritual gifts are and prayerfully discern which gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

Over 2000 people across the UK have experienced the Called and Gifted discernment process and, for many, it has led to a more active and fulfilling life. Please visit the Called and Gifted website to see examples of testimonies from previous participants, including an inspiring video testimony by a priest from Leeds Diocese who has experienced Called and Gifted himself and seen the difference it has made in his parish after inviting parishioners to discern their spiritual gifts: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>



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