

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT. 3RD APRIL, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Lent (the start of Passiontide)	<i>Szymon Gandor</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	Lent	<i>Rachel Milton</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Lent	<i>Bridie Logue</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Lent	<i>Judith Bennett</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Lent	<i>Francis Rossiter RIP</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by <i>confessions</i>	Lent	

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.

The Holy Week Services will take place at St. Benedict's, Gillingham this year:

Maundy Thursday	14 th April	6.30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	15 th April	3 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	16 th April	11 a.m.	Blessing of Food
		8.30 p.m.	The Easter Vigil

On Good Friday there will also be Stations of the Cross in Our Lady's at 11 a.m. and a Walk of Witness in Gillingham, starting outside The Barn Surgery, also at 11 a.m.

Confessions: From the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday until the Easter Vigil, the Sacraments of the Church are not celebrated except *in extremis*. The Sacrament of Confession will therefore not be available on Friday 15th or Saturday 16th. **Fr. Francis will be available for confession on Tuesday 12th April from 6 p.m. in St. Benedict's, Gillingham.**

Mass on Easter Sunday:

9.30 a.m.	Our Lady's, Marnhull
11.00 a.m.	St. Benedict's, Gillingham

There will not be Mass at 6 p.m. in Marnhull on Easter Sunday



Congratulations to the first winners of this year's parish sweepstake: Mr. Paul Dallyn wins £40, Ms. Alison Hassell wins £30 and Mrs. Ana Richards wins £20

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 or telephone 01364 645383.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in both of our churches at 3 p.m. on each of the Sundays of Lent and at 7 p.m. on Zoom on Thursdays during Lent. Please contact Fr. Francis by email if you would like to receive the link for the Thursday Zoom

Churches Together in Marnhull

The final gathering is in the Methodist Church at noon this Friday for a reflection on the Crucifixion, followed by a Lent lunch. All welcome



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.

Eileen O'Hare has kindly organised an Easter clean of the Marnhull Church on Wednesday 13th April, between 9.30am and 11am.

Anyone not on the normal rota who could join in would be very welcome.

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:



On Friday 18th March, Tricia and Ros from Marnhull Green TEAMS came to school to deliver their very kind donation of books for our school library. These books are to support our learning about looking after the environment. The children really impressed them with their understanding of ways in which we can look after God's wonderful world.

We have a new climbing wall! The School Council decided on our new addition to the playground, replacing the old one. The children were very eager to try it out! It was so lovely to see the older children helping

the younger ones along the wall, so that they too could enjoy traversing along the routes. We have some new additions to our St Mary's family – 5 new chicks! Miss Gould has been looking after our eggs for 21 days now so it was thrilling to see them hatch! It's all been very 'eggsiting' watching the eggs start to wobble, hearing faint chirps, then a little crack, followed by a tiny beak poking through and finally freedom as the shell comes away from the tired little chick. Very soon after, the chicks are up and some are still a bit wobbly, but the transformation a day later into little bundles of fluff. The children have all been keen to



visit the eggs/chicks to see the progress made. These eggs were from the chicks we hatched last year, so it's great to see how the generations are thriving. It's now up to each class decide on a name for each of the chicks.

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. Paul Bowe, Gift Aid Organiser.

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 th – 12 th August	Years 3-6
Senior Camp	31 st July – 5 th August	Years 7-10
St. Petroc's Camp	31 st July – 5 th 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

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 Cliff, 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 23rd 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

You may be aware that Father Ralph Candy, who grew up in this very parish, is appointed by Bishop Mark to be the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Plymouth. In that capacity, he has written to all parishes asking that we keep at the forefront of our minds and hearts the ongoing need for men to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to 'leave all things and follow' him in the ministry of Sacramental Priesthood. Fr. Ralph asks for our help with his work in the following ways:

PRAY for vocations; perhaps we could say a prayer for vocations at the end of each Sunday Mass? **INVITE** – be ready to plant the thought in the head of a young, or somewhat older, man that God may want to bless him with the beautiful, inspiring, grace filled, fascinating, enjoyable life which is the blessing enjoyed by Catholic Priests. **CELEBRATE** – express love, support and gratitude for our priests and their dedication to their ministry. I know from experience that this happens constantly on a personal level in this parish; we could bring it to each other's attention by planning a special way of marking it on Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter (this year it falls on 8th May) Fr. Ralph also suggests we think of attending ordinations when they occur in the diocese. These are beautiful occasions and our attendance will enhance the experience for all priests – and future priests – who are there.

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

"On Wednesday 30 March, an amendment to the Health and Care Bill overturned the Government's decision to end 'DIY' abortion and fundamentally changes access to abortion in England and Wales. Such a move diminishes the seriousness with which these decisions should be taken. Not only will this endanger the lives of the unborn, but also the lives of women. It is clear from the evidence over the last two years on the self-administration of these drugs at home that they pose grave physical and psychological dangers to women. I would like to thank all those who wrote to their MP asking them to oppose this amendment. In the face of this disappointing outcome, we must now strengthen our resolve to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life, and to continue to pray and work for better legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb."
Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group

St. Rita's Centre, Honiton, Devon. EX14 1AP. 6th – 13th May 2022 Donations invited: £400 includes full board. All rooms single & en suite. Contact: Paddy Rylands paddyrylands@gmail.com or 01492 868616 for further details and application form or visit: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events/contemplative-retreat>

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