

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

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## TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>		
Tuesday		<b>No Mass</b>		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	Ss Andrew Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions—Memorial	
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>St Mathew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist - Feast</b>	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration, Evening Prayer &amp; Opportunity for Confession 5.00-5.45 p.m.</i> Mass 6 p.m.	<b>Dedication of the Cathedral (Plymouth) - Feast</b>	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass <i>followed by confessions</i>	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) - Mem	

**Please pray for those who are ill:** David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden, Jan Carson, Nigel & Sarah Mackay, Brian White, Richard Holden, Pippa Turnbull

**Sunday Readers:** Our Lady's 9.30am: Mary; St Benedict's: Patrick; Our Lady's 6pm: Christine

If anyone knows anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit, please let Fr Joseph or the Deacons know.

**Confession:** Please ring Fr Joseph on 01258 820388 to arrange an appointment outside of the times listed above.

### Today is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: there is a 2nd Collection

In 2013, the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation on the joy of the Gospel titled *Evangelii Gaudium*.

In it, he encouraged the Christian faithful to “embark on a new chapter of evangelisation” marked by this joy, whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today's world. This is the challenge and opportunity we take up on **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**. Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. To read more: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-Sunday>

### Visit to Westminster Cathedral

Salisbury Catenians have arranged a coach trip to Westminster Cathedral on **Friday 6th October**, the Mother Church of Catholics in England and Wales.

The visit includes a guided tour of the Cathedral providing a fascinating insight into its history; a supreme achievement of art and home to many distinguished works of artistic merit, including beautiful mosaics.

The cost of the coach trip is £25 per person. Parishioners and friends wishing to join this trip should contact Steve Carrivick to book:  
email: [carrivick79@gmail.com](mailto:carrivick79@gmail.com) or  
mobile: 07887988123

## First Holy Communion Preparation and Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

There have been several enquiries from parents regarding the preparation of young people for both First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have a young person you believe is ready to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact either Deacon James, Deacon Mike or Father Joseph and collect and complete an enrolment form which will be at the back of Our Lady's and St Benedict's Church. Forms are also available on the Parish website: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter> Alternatively, please email the parish office to request a form ([marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk)). Preparation groups will begin in September, and details of dates and times will be available nearer the time. Please complete a form promptly so that we know how many people we have.

### Sturminster Choral Society

If you would like to take up/return to choral singing, try us out! Sturminster Choral Society meets again on **Monday 18th September, 7pm**, at The Exchange in Sturminster to rehearse for its Christmas concert (9<sup>th</sup> December):

***Fantasia on Christmas Carols*** by Vaughan Williams. We would be delighted to welcome you – sopranos, altos, basses and tenors all;

No need to audition - just turn up or ring 01258 472274

**September 29th is Michaelmas**, one of the ancient Quarter Days, when servants were hired, school terms began and rents were due to be paid.



Many towns and cities held great fairs and celebrations such as the famous Nottingham Goose Fair. The other Quarter Days were 24th June (Midsummer Day), 25th December

(Christmas day) and 25th March (Lady Day) - i.e. the Feast of the Annunciation; this day was also the first day of the civil New Year but later, due to the change in the calendar from the Julian to the Gregorian, it became the 5th April.

This year the Mass of Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael falls on a Friday. Why not make an extra effort to come to Mass in Gillingham at 6:00pm and if you have any Michaelmas Daisies in your garden please bring along a small sprig, the vase will be waiting.

### **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 23rd September 2023**

We are all invited to reflect on the challenges facing migrants and refugees and how we as Christians are called to respond.

You can find a link to Pope Francis' Message and an inspiring story of our parish's answer to the call to Welcome the Stranger on the diocesan website: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/csstory/>

## **Diocese of Plymouth, Youth Events Youth Rally**

**Save the Date: 23rd September 2023**



Groups of 6; Under 11's (min age 6) and 11 to 17  
Held at St Rita's, Honiton  
School, parishes or social groups welcome  
Contact Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) to express interest



**If you would like more information about the Youth Rally, or are in need of transport for it, please contact Deacon Mike on 07504821558**

### Churches Together in Gillingham

**Thursday 21st September at 12.00 Noon  
St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church**

Please join us for a period of prayer in Gillingham

### Churches Together Marnhull

**13<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm Marnhull Village Hall**

**Harvest Village Supper**

As Friday is a fast day, there will be a few vegetarian options and a fish pie. Any surplus food will go to the Gillingham Food Bank.

Please bring a poem related to the harvest so that we can read them out during the meal. Jacintha has the tickets which are £8.00

Thank you to all those wonderful people who volunteered last year, your generosity was much appreciated. Once again, I will be looking for volunteers to make stew and puddings. Please let Jacintha know if you can help: [jacinthabowe@gmail.com](mailto:jacinthabowe@gmail.com)