

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

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

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<b>Parish website:</b> <a href="http://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk">www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:admin@marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk">admin@marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk</a>	Deacon Mike Turnbull 07504 821558 <a href="mailto:michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk">michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk</a>	<b>Saints &amp; Feast days.</b> <i>Tues</i> , St Asicus; <i>Weds</i> , St Peter Chanel, St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort; <i>Thurs</i> , St Catherine of Siena; <i>Fri</i> , Pope St Pius V, St Marie of the Incarnation, Our Lady, Mother of Africa; <i>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> May</i> , St Joseph the Worker, <i>Sun</i> , St Athanasius.
<b>Sunday, public Masses:</b> <b>Marnhull 9.30.am.</b> Mary Wood <b>Gillingham 11.00am.</b> Herbert & Dorothy Marshall  <b>Offertory baskets</b> are NOT passed around, to avoid infection, but will be available inside the church doors at all Masses. <b>All cheques</b> to be made to "PRCDTR Marnhull RC Parish".	<b>Weekdays, public Mass in bold:</b> Mon The parishioners Tuesday Phil Coyne <b>Wednesday Gillingham 10.00.am.</b> Digger Hague-Holmes <b>Thurs Marnhull 9.30.am.</b> Janet Gargaro (C.R.) Friday Saturday Mary Ainger <b>Confessions:</b> After midweek Masses or telephone Father for appointment.	

**Please pray for those who are ill:** Ellen and David Paris, Brendan Colohan, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Joe Briffa, Judith Davidson, Mary Hawtree, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Joan Duggan, Hilary Drake, Joyce Healey, and Eileen Chimes.

**Monica Goode** was taken to hospital last week and went to her rest on *Tuesday 20th April*. There are no funeral arrangements yet. May she rest in peace.

**St Mary's school.** As I write, trailers are arriving with all manner of livestock for a sort of pet fair this afternoon. Dogs have been excluded ( probably wisely). I remember a similar event at the school in my last parish which ended in some chaos, although I recall that a snake and a mouse were the main antagonists then. The children have also been observing the wildlife in the paddock at the end of the lane this morning.

**May is Mary's month.** We hope to arrange a May procession at the school but no firm date has been fixed yet. Further news later.

**On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**, at the Civic service for the celebration in Sturminster Newton, of the life of HRH Prince Philip, the Catholic community was represented by Judith Bennett.

### A Precious Place of God's Grace – Your Parish, Your Church: the next step.

Bishop Mark has invited International speaker Michael Dopp to present to the clergy and laity of our diocese. . Drawing on the themes of missionary discipleship that are emphasized in the document, we will explore how to concretely live this out in our own lives, as a parish, and throughout the diocese. Join us on *Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May*, for the two-part presentation 11am – 12noon. 1pm – 2pm.

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

Please register via the following link and you will receive a further link to join the session:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-precious-place-of-gods-grace-michael-dopp-on-missionary-parishes-tickets-145433789379?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

**CAFOD** has written a letter of thanks to all the parishioners (and others) who sponsored Zoe and Jacinta who recently completed the 'Walk for Water' and raised £1753.00!! CaFOD explain that "Solar powered pumps giving clean water are life-changing." The CaFOD water project is currently focusing on the crisis in Ethiopia, helping provide clean water to 30,000 people.

**As people become more confident** in leaving their homes and coming to Holy Mass, it will be more important to establish regular teams of parishioners to share the work of preparing flowers for decorating our two churches, and for regular cleaning of them both. If you feel able to help at either church, please speak to Father Martin, Deacon James or Deacon Michael, or sign up in the porch at St Benedict's, or contact Mary Moore (01963 365848) for floral help at Our Lady's, or Eileen O'Hare (01963 364079) for cleaning at Our Lady's. Many thanks on behalf of the parish. Meanwhile, many thanks to Deacon Michael and Barbara Turnbull and Annette Lobb at St Benedict's and Steve and Maureen Carrivick at Our Lady's, and others, for all the stewarding and church disinfecting during the restrictions.

**Our Parish Community:** Almost from the first lockdown, groups of our parishioners have been meeting, using the online facility "Zoom". This has helped us stay in touch with friends and often pray together. Deacon Michael organises this, using the link below. Following the success of the online course "The Bible Timeline", run online on *Wednesday* evenings in Advent last year, we met at 7pm the following evening on Zoom, to discuss what we had heard the day before. The course is currently being repeated, with the follow-up meetings taking place on Zoom at 7pm on *Thursdays*, as before.

*Friday* evenings at 6.00pm we have The Angelus, followed by the Holy Rosary. (except 'First Friday'). Bring your dedications to add to that of relief from the coronavirus pandemic.

*Sundays at 12.15pm* we have a 'coffee' morning until we are called for lunch!

On *Sunday afternoons* during Lent, at 3.00pm, Deacon Michael led us in Stations of the Cross. We will continue this Sunday afternoon session *each Sunday till Pentecost* following the Stations of the Resurrection (mainly from the Acts of the Apostles). Everyone welcome. Bring a friend. Best wishes and blessings, You'll find us on Deacon Michael's link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9987746009?pwd=UHZuRmtPMno3MndWcDJYb0Y4VHBmZz09> The first Stations of the Resurrection last Sunday afternoon, prayed for vocations to the priesthood, and were beautiful!

**Holy Mass online:** A reminder that Mass can be 'streamed' online from churches all over the world. To find a mass streamed from a church in England, Ireland, N. Ireland or Scotland to suit your schedule, go to <https://www.churchservices.tv/>. This is in addition to our cathedral at [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk)

**Some churches remain closed**, despite being permitted to open. To find churches remaining open during this lockdown, go to <https://uklockdownchurches.wordpress.com/>

**Mental health and COVID-19**. The ongoing pandemic will cause many people to feel stress and anxiety. CARITAS Plymouth has put together a range of resources to guide Catholics in looking after their mental health including access to prayer resources and links to organizations offering support.

<http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12Mental-Health-Note.pdf>