

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 5TH FEBRUARY, 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Patrick McLaughlin RIP</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>Frances Crouch RIP</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Paul Miki & Comp.	<i>Mary Lacon RIP</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Feria	<i>Eleanor Chichester RIP & Anne Blount RIP</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	For a Bishop	<i>The Holy See</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Andrew Straw RIP</i>

Advance Notice: Fr. Francis will be away for a few days from 14th February, so there will not be Mass or confessions in the parish from 15th to 18th February inclusive. On Sunday 19th February Fr. Patrick O'Bierne of the Missionary Society of St. Columban will be celebrating all the Masses and will make the annual Mission Appeal, now restored after some years in abeyance due to covid.

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

Open Church St Benedict's Shrove Tuesday 21st Feb 2.30 - 4.00pm

Votive Candles, prayer support and generous listening to mark the start of Lent

Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to join us for a time of quiet welcome and reflection. Any and all questions welcome.

Volunteers to help are invited for prayers and preparation from 1.45pm. Please contact Tony Moore, Annette Lyons or either of the deacons to offer help

Would you like to join me for a Mardi Gras supper on Shrove Tuesday, 21st Feb, from 6 p.m. in the Chapel Room at Our Lady's? I will be offering my meat-free paella (ingredients available on request) and the punch made from Buckfast Tonic Wine which was a happy discovery to many parishioners on a previous occasion. There will also be pancakes! There will be no charge, but small donations (~£1) to defray costs will be welcome.

Do please let me know by Friday 10th February if you will be joining me so that I know roughly how many to cater for.

Fr. Francis

The Diocese of Plymouth communications team is relaunching regular spiritual reflections and sharing other information through a Diocesan-wide e-newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please click on the 'Sign Up to our Newsletter' button on the front page of our website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/> and enter your details.

Pact's Faith in Action team and Caritas Diocese of Plymouth are hosting a JustPeople Plymouth Diocese Roadshows in **Poole on Saturday 18th March**. We will share a morning of learning, reflection, and faith-into-action ideas. and hear voices of lived experience, get connected with local services in the diocese and meet prison chaplains, volunteers, and other diocesan groups, as well as The Welcome Directory. Come along and find out more about Prisons Ministry and how you can get involved: Refreshments will be provided.

Caritas Plymouth is also running an **online** lunchtime event on **Thursday 9th February from 12.00-12.40pm** to share resources that parishes and groups can use to support people who may be struggling. The event will last around 40 minutes and will offer participants useful links and ideas to signpost those who may be looking for help and advice about crisis grants. There will also be an opportunity to share your local insights and offer suggestions and where you think people might welcome further guidance.

If you register to join us <https://forms.office.com/e/ScddxBXVMu> we will send you a Zoom link.

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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Job Vacancy

Plymouth Diocese is recruiting a Bookkeeper for the Dorset Deanery. The role reports to the Parish Finance Team Leader, with responsibilities that range from entering monthly receipts/payments on to an online accounting system to training non-financial team members.

Candidates need a bookkeeping qualification and/or sufficient relevant experience, excellent organisational skills and the ability to act as a key representative for the Diocese of Plymouth.

Homebased in Dorset with travel across the County (mileage paid). 2 days per week (21 hours) Circa £26,000 per annum FTE pro rata'd (Actual salary circa £15,600 per annum). Closing date for applications 13th February 2023 at 12 noon.

To apply please send your CV to Gemma.Patton@reed.com More information on the Plymouth Diocese website.

Vocations to Priesthood - Day of Reflection at Christ the King, Plymouth, Saturday 18th February, 2023.

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 18th February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Christ the King, Armada Way, Plymouth, PL12EN.

The day will include Mass; a time of Adoration; a short conference; an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). 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 14th February 2023 at the latest. *Arrangements can be made to collect you from Plymouth Railway Station and returned after, if required.*

Save the date - LOUDfence in the Diocese of Plymouth (15th – 17th February)

The diocese will be holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth starting on Wednesday 15th February and concluding on Friday 17th February. A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. We want survivors to know that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. We hope that you can join us. Attendees are encouraged to tie ribbons around a fence which could also include a message of support.

The event is open to everyone, and the LOUDfence will be in place at the front of Christ the King church from 2:00pm on Wednesday 15th February until 4:30pm on Friday 17th February, for ribbons and messages to be added. Members of the safeguarding team will be present during working hours.

Here is a full schedule of events for the LOUDfence:
Wednesday 15th February at 2pm – Opening of the LOUDfence.

Speakers: Fr Mark Skelton (Clergy Lead for Safeguarding) and Antonia Sobocki (LOUDfence).

Thursday 16th February – LOUDfence open all day.

Friday 17th February – LOUDfence open until 4:30pm.

A Survivors Mass will be held at 12 Noon, celebrated by Fr Mark Skelton.

If you are unable to attend the LOUDfence but would like to send a message of support for this, please visit: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/vicariate-for-safeguarding-and-pastoral-care/loudfence/> and complete the online form, or send an e-mail to: sophie.scagell@prcdtr.org.uk

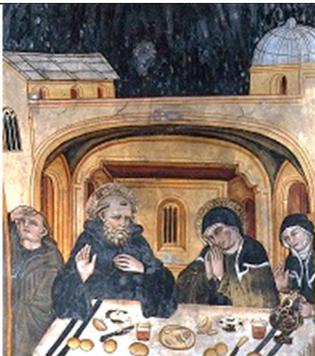
It is with great sadness that the trustees of the **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** share the news that our Co-Chair, John Larter died suddenly on Friday, 30th December 2022. And so we continue our work with an empty chair at the table. Could you be the person to fill it?

We need enthusiastic trustees who can commit to serving on the board. Your skill set might be just what we need. We need people with professional skills in areas such as business/finance, HR and social care. This is a voluntary position, both rewarding and challenging.

We are also looking for youth trustees to bring the views of young people to our work. Maybe you are at university or have just completed your studies and think you would enjoy making a difference to some of the most deprived families in our Diocese?

This volunteering role would give you good business experience, an ability to find out how a small charity works, knowledge of safeguarding, as well valuable experience working as part of a diverse team and much more. You will need to be aged 18+.

Contact the office on 01364 645420 or by emailing ccs@prcdtr.org.uk to find out more about becoming a Trustee Director for CCSP.



This fresco of St. Scholastica and St. Benedict at Subiaco in Italy depicts the amusing story of how she taught her brother that God never wants us to value human rules about religion more than being kind to each other.

<https://www.osb.org/gen/scholastica.html>

St. Scholastica, pray for us!

Parish Sweepstake – time to sign up for 2023!

Please take the 2023 form from church to complete and an envelope. Leave in the box, tray OR Collection basket WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION OR Download application from Parish Website link & make payment online quoting SWEEPSTAKE to the parish account. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LOOSE CASH IN THE BOX / TIN