

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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Sunday, public Masses in bold: Marnhull 9.30 am. Gillingham 11.00 am Weekdays, with Saints & Feast days: Mon Marnhull 9.30.am The Martyrs of Korea Tues (no public Mass) St Matthew Weds Gillingham 10.00.am Dedication of Plymouth Cathedral Thurs (no public Mass) Fri Gillingham 10.00.am Our Lady of Walsingham Sat Marnhull 10.00.am Our Lady on Saturday <i>Confession: following Holy Mass on Saturday morning.</i>	
Mass intention: Eric Foster RIP	
Offertory baskets are NOT passed around, to avoid infection, but will be available inside the church doors at all Masses.	Offertory Collections , both physical and via the bank, Total for August 2021 = £3,930.98 Cheques to be made to "PRCDTR Marnhull RC Parish".

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, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden, Pat Edwards Jones and Fr Louis Beesley-Suffolk.

Coffee Morning, in aid of the Breast Cancer Unit Appeal, Yeovil Hospital, on *Wednesday 22nd September*, 10.00. – 12.30.pm at 18 Barnes Close, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1BN. Craft stall and a raffle. Organiser, June Chown.

Bible Timeline course, so enjoyed by several parishioners the last time it was run, online, after Easter last year, will be repeated each Wednesday evening, from *29th September*, from 7.00.pm till 8.40.pm. until 17th November. This course is free, but please register at www.comeandsee.org Heartily recommended by Mary & Tony Moore, Heather Johnson and Andrew Donaldson. 'Bible unravelled!'

Our Lady's Marnhull:

We need to reinstate a regular clean of our church probably once a fortnight. Many thanks to the good souls who did what they could during lockdown.

With last week's reading from St James about 'good works' ringing in our ears could we think of lending a hand with church cleaning? We have lost several valued members of the team there may be more who are unable to continue. Please contact: Eileen O'Hare on 01963 364079 or e.ohare29@btinternet.com

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

What a fantastic start to the new school year! As new Headteacher, I have been made to feel very welcome by the staff, children and parents and as a result, I already feel part of the St Mary's family. After a couple of busy weeks getting into new routines, everyone is now firmly settled in their new classes, ready to learn. It has been wonderful to once again see the playground full and hear all the children. This week has culminated in the 'launch' of our Out of This World theme, with all of the children having great fun exploring the Dorset Science Dome, which visited the school on Thursday. *Sharon Betts*

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Assisted Dying Bill. Fr Francis writes:

It is the particular vocation of lay Catholics to "seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God." (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, "Lumen Gentium", Chapter 4).

This is one of the most important ways in which the Catholic faithful engage in evangelisation.

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords on 22nd October. The letter and other resources can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill-2021/>

Bishop Mark has this week written to all parish priests of the diocese asking us to encourage all our people to join with us in writing to Peers, as Bishop Sherrington asks. You may be encouraged to do so by the evidence in a recent article which appeared on the Catholic news website, '[Runaway train': Doctors warn UK politicians against Assisted Dying Bill | Crux Now](#). It reports a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Dying Well, a group of politicians opposed to the Assisted Dying Bill. The group has its own website, <https://www.dyingwell.co.uk/> and you can watch the meeting at [APPG DW 7th September - YouTube](#)

I urge you to read the article or watch the video, which contain shocking evidence of the lack of respect for human life which is growing in those countries which have legalised assisted suicide.

For instance, Dr. Leonie Herx, past president of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians, warned the politicians, "Administering death is cheaper and easier than providing care, and it will quickly become the solution for any form of human suffering, as we have seen in Canada."

DVD. Are you in possession of the "Evangelium" catechesis DVD? If you find it please pass it to Deacon James, many thanks.

Diocesan Youth Rally. The youth Rally (at St Rita's, Honiton) is open to all young people aged 8-16. It is hoped that parishes will bring groups of young people. Traditionally parishes have supported groups of young people to attend the event by making a contribution towards travel costs and the entry fee. Please note the date of this event is *26th September* (it has changed from the original date of 19th September). Contact Deacon Michael, or Saskia on youth@prcdtr.org.uk or 01364 64540. Or Patrick on 01837 851438/07880 734088.

After a successful on-line "Virtual" Camp this summer we're delighted to announce that **Senior Camp for youngsters** in Years 7-11 is taking place this *October 24-27* in Grangehurst at Buckfast Abbey.

Cost: £120. To apply, simply follow the QR code in the poster, attached.

Applications close *8th October*. Enquiries to seniorcamp@prcdtr.org.uk Look forward to seeing you there. Please share! Deacon Michael

Walking With the Poor - A free event at St Rita's *Saturday 9 October 2021*. We are really excited to be hosting our first face to face Caritas event this year at St Rita's, Honiton. Speakers include Bishop Mark O'Toole and Raymond Friel from the Caritas Social Action Network. We very much hope that you can come and join us from 10.30am to 3.00pm. Places limited in order to increase social distancing and Covid safety measures, so please book soon if you are interested, by copying and pasting this link into your browser address bar. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/walkingwiththepoor/>

Very best wishes, Deborah Fisher, Caritas Manager 07761 595567

New to this Parish? Welcome to our community, whether as brand new parishioners or existing ones drifting back to the fold after the imposed separations. Since early on during Covid, parishioners have been encouraged to contribute to the upkeep of the parish and many have thankfully opted to donate via Standing Order as collecting cash was difficult. Whether you are a tax payer or not this is a simple method, and even better for fundraising is the option of Gift Aid from taxpayers. If you would like applications for either or both of these it would be most valuable to the parish. Please contact the Treasurer, Pam Snell - via: admin@marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk or click on Parish Collections on our website. Thank you, Pam.

Home Mission Sunday this Sunday!

Home Mission Sunday is the day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Please click (or copy and paste) this link to support it: <https://www.homemission.org.uk/home/donate>

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