

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	First Sunday of Lent	<i>Bishop Cyril Restieaux RIP</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>Fr. Christopher Wyvill RIP</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Lent	<i>Slawek Gawlik & family</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Saint David	<i>Abbot David Charlesworth</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Lent	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Lent	<i>Ignacio Eguiguren Cosmelli RIP</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Lent	<i>Sarah Kelly</i>

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

Special offerings in the parish during Lent:

Stations of the Cross 3 p.m. 1st to 5th Sundays in Lent in St. Benedict's and Our Lady's.

Discussion group, led by Deacon Mike, 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Chapel Room at Our Lady's on the Theme of "A Place for Us"

28th Feb: "Belonging", 7th March: "Otherness & Difference", 14th: "The Gift of Love", 21st: "The Promise of a Place for Us." 28th: "The Tragedy of Betrayal"



I'm very grateful to Deacon James for telling me how wonderful Season 3 of The Chosen is and that it's available on the internet.

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

I'd really like to watch it with others, to share the moment and talk about it afterwards, so I'll be putting it on the screen in the Chapel Room at Our Lady's for the next few Mondays and would be delighted if you'd like to join me.

Monday 27th February starting at 5 p.m.

Following Mondays starting at 5.30 p.m.

Fr. Francis

Churches Together in Marnhull :

Lent lunches and talks will take place every Friday during Lent at 12 midday in the Methodist Chapel, beginning 24th February and finishing on 31 March. There will be a short talk, or reflection, lasting about 30 minutes, followed by a shared interdenominational lunch of soup and a roll, all proceeds will go to support those suffering in Ukraine. (In the magazine run by the charity "barnabas aid" there is a very good article on how donations are spent in Ukraine.)

The theme of the Lent Lunches/Talks is Pilgrimage and Deacon Mike will speak about his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land on 3rd of March and Jacintha will speak about the interior pilgrimage on another Friday.

Please do come and support this worthy initiative, which has a very long history nationally, and also in Marnhull. Thank you to Patsy Gassman and volunteers for organising the food.

In his message for World Day of the Poor 2022, Pope Francis reminded us to share 'the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without'. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. **Caritas Diocese of Plymouth** has created a Lent Calendar <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/lentcalendar/> to suggest ways in which we can use this time for prayer, reflection and action as the service of the poor.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please take an envelope on Sunday 26th February and put it in the **Second Collection on Sunday 5th March**. Or donate online at cafod.org.uk/give. Please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.



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Thank you to everyone who came to the parish party on Shrove Tuesday. There were over 30 of us, so most must have been hiding when this picture was taken.

We had a nice supper together, chatted with old friends and made new ones. It was a really lovely way to spend the eve of Lent.

Thanks especially go to those who did the washing up and to Mary, whose expert pancake making helped to erase the horrible memory of my feeble attempts!

With typical generosity, those present gave a lot more than the £1 each which was requested, so that, when a contribution to costs had been taken, **£125** remained. We will have to decide what to do with that – perhaps give it to charity?

Fr. Francis

We know that our parishes connect with many people who will be struggling with the cost of living crisis and may be asked for support and advice. **Caritas Diocese of Plymouth** recognises that every human being has the right to a life where basic needs are met and should be able to live a dignified life, free from poverty.

A number of parishes joined us for a presentation on the cost-of-living issues last week, and the feedback we received was so positive that we have created a guide to different sources of support on a range of issues such as energy, benefits, debt etc., to support parishes in their work to reach out to those who are in poverty. Those who receive the parish newsletter by email will find the guide attached. We hope that you will find this useful.

Dorset Deanery Big Lent Walk on Saturday 25th March.

Our parishes are walking different routes on the Same Day.

We will meet at Sturminster Newton at 11am at the entrance to the trailway. We will walk to Shillingstone Station and meet a group from Blandford Parish before walking back to Sturminster Newton. The walk is about an hour each way.

Join us on the day. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

If you prefer not to walk the full distance you can meet us at Shillingstone Station at about 1230hrs.

Please register your interest by emailing Steve: carrivick79@gmail.com



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. Refreshments will be provided.

Many thanks to Steve and Maureen Carrivick who have stepped up to organise the Catholic Children's Society Quiz Night in our parish on Friday 28th April. Our Lady's, 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets will be £10 per person, which includes admission to the quiz and a Ploughman's Supper. All proceeds to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Why not get some friends together in a team to enjoy this fun night out. Teams can be up to 6 members. Info: <https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/great-big-diocesan-quiz/>

Plymouth Diocese Lent Series on Zoom:

Reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries Thursdays at 7 p.m.

2 nd March	The Agony in the Garden	Deacon Anthony Carey
9 th March	The Scourging at the Pillar	Fr. Mark Skelton
16 th March	The Crowning with Thorns	Mr. Francis Harrington
23 rd March	Jesus Carries His Cross	Msgr Robert Draper
30 th March	Jesus dies on the Cross	Fr. Jonathan Stewart

Access to Zoom: Meeting ID: 897 1938 9363 Passcode: 362564

LENT RETREAT DAY ON SATURDAY 18th MARCH AT ST RITA'S CENTRE

"HOLY SHROUD OF JESUS - ICON, RELIC, WITNESS" led by Fr. Romero.

The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. First Talk will start at 10am, second talk will be at 11am. Exposition and Adoration of the holy Sacrament in silence will be at 12pm. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm, Mass at 2.45pm and there will be an opportunity for Confession. Charge for the day, including lunch (3 course meal), is just £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, email or online (www.stritascentre.org/events) Payment can be made on the day.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

Advance Notice: Holy Week Services will be at Our Lady's Marnhull this year:

Maundy Thursday	6 th April	6.30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	7 th April	3 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	8 th April	11 a.m.	In St. Benedict's: Blessing of Food
		9 p.m.	The Easter Vigil

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 offered on Friday 7th or Saturday 8th April.

Average Weekly Collections for January 2023:

Collections in Church		Other	Standing Orders
	Gift Aided		Gift Aided
£253.01	£70.00	£87.00	£385.50

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