

OUR LADY'S, MARNHULL & ST BENEDICT'S, GILLINGHAM

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227



EASTER SUNDAY

20TH APRIL 2025

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Saturday 19th April	Marnhull	9pm Holy Mass	EASTER VIGIL	
Sunday 20th April	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	EASTER SUNDAY	60th Wedding Anniversary of John & Teresa Graham
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		
Monday 21st April	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass <i>Followed by Rosary</i>	EASTER MONDAY SOL	Francis & Diana Porteous RiP
Tuesday 22nd April		NO MASS	EASTER TUESDAY SOL	
Wednesday 23rd April		10am Holy Mass <i>Followed by Rosary</i>	EASTER WEDS SOL	Mrs Elsie Lambe & Mr Peter Timoney, RiP
Thursday 24h April	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass <i>Followed by Rosary</i>	EASTER THURSDAY SOL	
Friday 25th April	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Adoration, Evening Prayer 6pm Holy Mass	EASTER FRIDAY SOL	
Saturday 26th April	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass <i>Followed by Rosary</i>	EASTER SAT SOL	

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Norma Wilcox.

Sunday Readers: 9am: Andrew; 11am: Rupert

For Confession outside the times mention, please call Fr Cletus to arrange an appointment.

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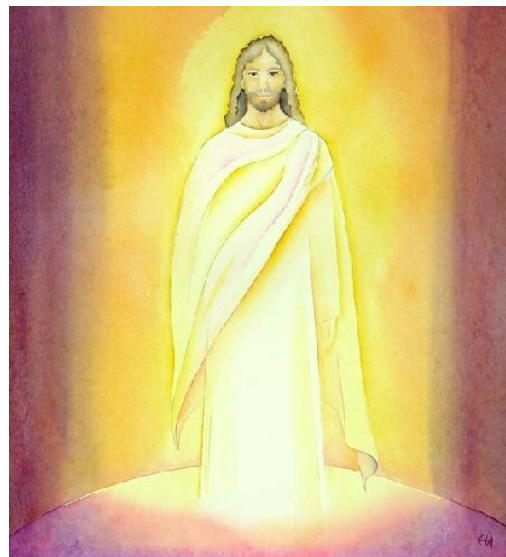
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As an act of corporal mercy in this glorious season of Easter, please pray for the many sick and housebound members of our parish, who whilst not able to leave home, pray for us and are an important part of our community.



The Lord is risen, Alleluia!



As we gather to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us embrace the profound hope and joy that Easter brings. This sacred season reminds us that through Christ's triumph over death, we are gifted with the promise of eternal life and the assurance of God's unwavering love. His resurrection is a testament to the triumph of life over death, hope over despair, and love over all.

This Easter, let us come together in gratitude and reflection, embracing the spirit of renewal and rebirth. May we find inspiration in the resurrection story we have relived during our Lenten preparation and the Triduum to renew our faith, strengthen our bonds in family and community, and extend our love and compassion to all those around us.

May I express a big thank you to all who helped us as a parish to celebrate this blessed season in our churches with prayer, song, and fellowship, and beautiful decoration. Let us rejoice in the promise of new beginnings and the everlasting hope that Easter brings.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

In Christ's Love,

Fr Cletus, Deacon James, Deacon Mike.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

****New** Easter offering**

The offerings given at Easter are the parish's gift to Fr Cletus. If you are a gift aider and pay by standing order and wish to make an Easter Offering, please can you use one of the envelopes which can be found at the back of church and add your name to it. This will ensure we can reclaim gift aid on your offering. Alternatively, you can make your offering online using the reference Easter Offering. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Paul Bowe on marnhull-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk All loose cash will be treated as Easter Offerings.



PARISH AWARENESS EVENT AT THE NEW CHURCH Wednesday 23rd April at 6.00pm

The New Church will be open to all parishioners - please come along anytime from 6-8pm for canapes & cake, wine & soft drinks & a presentation on progress & current costs. (It's not essential but if you can, sign up on the lists in both churches for an estimate for catering numbers).

Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Doors in Plymouth Diocese on 28th May.

There are some seats available on the coach for May 28th Pilgrimage. As Pilgrims of Hope this will be a great opportunity to pray for blessings on our parish community as we move forward into the next phase of our dear parish with its two churches, beginning with Holy Mass in the beautiful Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Buckfast Abbey.

****New** Churches Together -Lent Talks and Lunches**

Grateful thanks to all the wonderful people who made these talks a valuable witness to the message of the gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit. An average of 23 people attended the talks over the six weeks and a total of £380 was raised for Gillingham Food Bank. Our Lady's provided a soup lunch on three occasions, which was a big commitment, but one which was hugely appreciated. There was a real buzz when parishioners of the three churches arrived at Our Lady's for lunch and our little side chapel witnessed something very special indeed. In the concluding document of the Synod Pope Francis asks us to 'intensify the ecumenical journey with other Christian's', and I hope these short talks illustrate our commitment to put this into practice. Thank you. Jacintha

Assisted suicide Bill even worse than before - please take a red & white card from the back of the Church

Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims.

Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP today! Or click on the link to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvot>. Further resources: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

****New** Divine Mercy Sunday - 27th April**

In the visions which St. Faustina received in the 1930's, our Blessed Lord asked that the Sunday following Easter should be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that on the nine days preceding it (beginning on Good Friday) the faithful be encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Novena. We will be saying the Divine Mercy chaplet on Sunday 27th April at 3pm at St Benedict's Church - All welcome.