

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

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Peace Sunday</i>	<i>Jenny Foley</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. <i>followed by Rosary</i>	St. Anthony of Egypt	
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10.00 a.m. <i>followed by Rosary</i>	St. Wulstan	<i>Clare Schartau</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Sebastian	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration &amp; opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m.</i> <i>Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Agnes	<i>Kathleen White</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. <i>Mass followed by confessions</i>	Our Lady on Saturday	

**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.

Caritas Plymouth would like to invite you to an **online event on homelessness** on the 18th of January 2022 from 6-7pm. As Britain emerges from the crisis of pandemic and begins to come to terms with the impacts of the crisis over the last few years, the effects on homelessness are likely to be significant. It is predicted that the economic aftermath of COVID-19 risks a substantial rise in core homelessness, including rough sleeping. This event will offer an opportunity for prayer and reflection on how we can take practical action to support those who are homeless. If you can join us for this event, please register using the following link:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/NkUZyhwckf> or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)



*I've registered using the link above which is very easy; please join me and let's see what we can do about this important issue.*  
*Fr. Francis*

**PARISH SWEEPSTAKE 2022** To continue with this fun method of raising parish funds the **SWEEPSTAKE 2022** applications are available in both of our churches, to download from the bottom of Parish Website Newsletter, or email by contacting Pam Snell on [marnhull-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:marnhull-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk)

Costs £20 for the whole year. Each draw has prizes £10-£40

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January is designated by the Bishops as Peace Sunday. Here is an extract from Pope Francis' message for the 55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace:

“In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations. Here I wish to propose three paths for building a lasting peace. First, dialogue between generations as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, education as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, labour as a means for the full realization of human dignity.”

Let's spend a little time praying for peace and thinking of ways to promote peace, following the advice of the Holy Father. For more information, click the link:  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Octave of prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

In Gillingham there will be prayers and discussion at noon on the following days:

Tuesday	St. Benedict's
Wednesday	Methodist Church
Thursday	St. Mary's C of E
Friday	Community Church

Also in Gillingham, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, there will be a Service at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Church.



*We saw his  
 Star in the  
 East...*

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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## Parish Evangelisation Group

Sadly, the limitations on holding church meetings other than Mass look set to continue for a few weeks yet, so the meeting planned for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January is cancelled. Hopefully, things will have improved in a month's time, so we plan to meet on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February:

6 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's

6:15 p.m. Meeting in the side chapel at Our Lady's, supporting each other in our efforts to spread the Good News.

Everyone is welcome. Those who cannot attend in person are asked to pray for the success of the meeting and of the work of all members of the parish to invite others to walk with Jesus Christ.



## Diocese of Plymouth Synodal Pathway - Walking Together

We have been receiving lots of feedback from parish groups on our Synodal journey but would love to hear more from those who may not be able to or wish to participate in a group. There is a short online survey which can be completed anonymously:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9MVCQ7M>. Please share this link with family and friends.

If you want to keep in touch with the Synodal Journey, newsletter updates can be found on our website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/walking-together-the-process/>

Thank you, Deborah Fisher

Plymouth Diocese Youth Ministry is organizing a Zoom meeting for people aged between 11 and 17 years to discuss and share thoughts on the future of the Catholic Church. This is part of the Plymouth Diocese Synodal Pathway which seeks to hear from everyone.

The Zoom meeting will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7 p.m.

To obtain the Zoom link, please contact Saskia at [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

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Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, takes the lead in providing resources for Peace Sunday. Its National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says: "This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other." "The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times." Pax Christi provides parish resources, posters, podcasts, family activities, resources for children and more. Visit the Pax Christi website for more: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Prayer:

O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen

## Online Rosary

From Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January the Zoom online rosary led by Deacon Mike will be each Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. instead of Saturday evening. To access this please use the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9987746009?pwd=UHZuRmtPMno3MndWcDJYb0Y4VHBmZz09>

Meeting ID: 998 774 6009 Passcode: 856429

## Welcome the Stranger

An Online Event on Tuesday 8 February from 5-6pm to reflect on the challenges facing migrants and refugees.

All are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion. This free online event from 5-6pm on Tuesday 8th February 2022 will discuss the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery.

We look forward to welcoming guest speakers from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Brigid McEleney-Smith from Companions, Sidmouth who will highlight the amazing opportunities that can be achieved through community sponsorship.

The event will take place via Zoom and you can register to attend by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/K3uz5LLY2X>

or emailing: [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

*"A joyful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).*

Little Leroy wanted a new bicycle. His Mum said "It's not Christmas and we don't have the money. Why don't you pray to Jesus for one?"

Reluctantly, little Leroy put his hands together: "Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy and would appreciate a new bike. Your friend, Leroy." But little Leroy new he hadn't been good at all, so he tried again: "Dear Jesus, I've tried to be good this year and I want a new bike. Yours truly, Leroy." Still, he knew he hadn't been completely truthful. Frustrated he ran outside, wandering aimlessly. Little Leroy found himself at a Catholic Church. He went in, but he didn't really know what to do. All of a sudden, he grabbed a small statue and ran out. At home he hid it under his bed, put his hands together and tried again: "Jesus, I've got your Mama. If you ever want to see her again, give me a bike. From you know who."

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