



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

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23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 6th September	Our Lady	9am Holy Mass	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kazimierz Garrard
	St Benedict	11am Holy Mass		Alicja Dublinska, RiP
	Our Lady	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 7th September	Our Lady	9.30am Holy Mass, followed by Rosary		Tony & Elisabeth, RiP
Tuesday 8th September	NO MASS		The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary FEAST	
Wednesday 9th September	St Benedict	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		For sick parishioners
		12.00 Funeral Service for Thomas Gray		
Thursday 10th September	Our Lady	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Adoration		
Friday 11th September	St Benedict	5pm Confession, Benediction Evening Prayer 6pm Holy Mass		
Saturday 12th September	Our Lady	10am Holy Mass followed by Confession	Blessed Virgin Mary Memoria	

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Joyce West, Tony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Frances Mowbray, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams, Petronella Sellick, Timothy Harris, Mary George.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Garth; 11am: Paul; 6pm: Catherine.

URGENT - Please be sure to fill out and send to your MP the postcard: "Assist us to live, not to die." These cards have been organised by NOT DEAD YET, a network of disabled people who oppose legalising assisted suicide. Postcards have been sent to Parishes throughout the UK - if all parishioners were to send one, MPs will receive tens of thousands of postcards before 11 September - with only 12 MPs needing to change their minds, that could make a profound difference. Thank you for your support.

20th Sept **Evangelii Gaudium Day (Mission Sunday)**
For the courage to live lives faithful to the Gospel
For the ability to recognise Christ in all whom we meet. (There will be a retiring collection after Sunday Mass on 20th September).

HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ Saturday September 19th, St Benedict's Parish Hall.

Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can organise numbers for catering. A 6pm start with Blessing and drinks followed by a buffet (provided) and Fun Quiz. £2 per person to enter the quiz and donations towards food are welcomed - all donations will go to Church Funds. There will also be a Raffle - the proceeds will go to Let the Children Live. Bring a small raffle prize, if possible, and any surplus garden produce. Sign up on the lists in the Churches. Teams of 4 - fun for all the family!

****New** The Legion of Mary meets every Friday evening in St Benedict's parish hall after 6pm evening Mass - all are welcome! Please speak to Dave Minto for more info.**

****New** Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates for 2026-2027**

If your child is 7 years old or over and would like to make their 1st Holy Communion, please speak to one of the Clergy after Sunday Mass. If your child is 13 years or over and is ready to be confirmed, please speak to a member of Clergy.

****New** Our Parish small Book Club** is meeting on Thursday 10th September, 2.30pm at **Our Lady's Parish hall**. We will be reading and discussing the CTS booklet "Why go to Confession". Please speak to Tony Moore on 07967 592849 if you have any questions about the book club.

This week's book recommendation from the CTS "100 Books You Really Should Read" is from the Biography section of the CTS pamphlet "100 Books You Really Should Read" and is called "A Long Retreat" by Andrew Krivak. *"Brought up in a mid-west American Catholic family, with Ruthenian roots, Krivak spent 7 years as a Jesuit novice.."*

****New** The Sycamore Course** takes place on **Monday 7th Sept at 7.00pm** and our next topic is **The Bible**. All are welcome for stimulating discussion and refreshments and it is not too late to come along if you didn't attend the other sessions. If you have any questions please speak to Deacon James - 07906 599389.

****New** 'Evangelisation Roadshow' Saturday 26th September at St Benedict's, Gillingham 10 am to 2.15 pm.** We (the Diocesan Evangelisation Team) are bringing the Roadshow to different areas of the diocese so that you can hear about the latest outreach projects and participate in the excitement of sharing ideas with others from Dorset. Refreshments (coffee/tea, croissants and fruit) will be provided but please bring a packed lunch to see you through! Fr Cletus will start the day with Mass at 10 am with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The presentations will start at 11 am then a workshop so that we can harvest/discuss your ideas from the day. We finish with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking forward to growing in mission with you in north Dorset! (Queries? Contact: pippa.worth@prcdtr.org.uk)

****New** URGENT - Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide - Deadline 11th September**

In April 2026, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament. However, Lauren Edwards MP has now reintroduced essentially the same Bill, with a **Second Reading scheduled for Friday 11th September**. It appears that the assisted suicide lobby is intending to invoke the Parliament Acts, whereby if the House of Lords rejects the same Bill in two consecutive Parliamentary sessions, it can be passed without their consent. **If MPs reject the Bill at Second Reading, it will not progress further.** We have **just a small window of time to persuade MPs to reject the Bill**. If you haven't done so already, please do get in touch with your MP - the charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this - please click on this link to send your letter: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suiciderighttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote.

****New** Blandford and District Catenians: A Network of Catholic Friends.**

The Catenians meet regularly at the Swan Inn, Sturminster Newton. Our next meeting and dinner is **Wednesday 23 September**. We will be welcoming our clergy in thanksgiving for all their commitment to us in our parishes. We are also delighted to be enrolling 3 new members on the evening and would like to have the support of our parishioners. Ladies and Gents please join us on Wednesday 23 September at the Swan Inn. The buffet dinner is £20 per person. For further information or book please message Steve Carrivick: carrivick79@gmail.com or 07887988123.

Save the Date - Celebration of Marriage Saturday 12th September 12 Noon in Plymouth Cathedral

Please join us at our Celebration of Marriage, where the Celebrant will be Bishop Nicholas. Marriage enriches us all and all are welcome, including those whose spouses are no longer with them here. Let us know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date. For more information please contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk.

Rosary for Pro-Life in Shaftesbury - Thursdays at 7pm. Everyone Welcome!

Please remember that there is a Rosary every fortnight on Thursdays at 7pm outside Shaftesbury Abbey gates - the next Rosary will be on **Thursday 10th September at 7pm**.

A message from Fr Chris Findlay-Wilson: "We are planning a day-return coach for the **Eucharistic Congress** in London 10th October. It would leave Plymouth at 5am and pick up at Exeter Services - and possibly Taunton or Wincanton" There are currently 32 places available - please contact Fr Chris if you're interested in going 01202 746539 www.catholicparkstone.org

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Cashless Giving machines Please do consider using these, as it's a very convenient way to support the Parish if you don't carry cash to Mass.

St Benedict's Maintenance fund: www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham Thank you.

If you would like to receive the Sunday Newsletter by email, please fill out a form at the back of the Church - "Keeping in touch with us".