

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 22ND JANUARY, 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Dorota Gandor</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Feria	<i>Maria Robinson</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Conversion of St. Paul	
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Ss. Timothy & Titus	
Friday	Gillingham	11 a.m.	Requiem of Peter Mattei	<i>Peter Mattei RIP</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	No Mass		

On Friday 27th July the funeral Mass of Peter Mattei will begin at 11 a.m. in St. Benedicts. There will not be Mass at 6 p.m. on that day, but adoration & confessions will begin as usual at 5 p.m.

Fr. Francis has to be away on Saturday 28th July so there will not be Mass or Confessions at Our Lady's on that day.

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th – 25th January



This year's theme is **Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice**
Services in Gillingham:

Combined Service
Sunday 22nd January at 3 p.m.
St. Benedict's Church
Please come along if you can

Daily Meetings at 12 noon:

Monday 23 rd	Methodist Church
Tuesday 24 th	Community Church

Talk on Angels

Jacintha will give a talk on Angels at 2 o'clock on Friday, 3 February. This will take place in my own home, a warm room, but places will be limited as I live in a bungalow. Please telephone 01258 821184 or email jacynthabowe@gmail.com

Magnificent!

Those who attended Mass in St. Benedict's last Wednesday had to suffer the effects of a broken-down heating system. Thank you for shivering bravely and not complaining!

I'm even more thankful to those of you who dashed off after Mass to collect electric heaters from home and lend them to the church so that it could be heated for the funeral which took place later that morning. What a great way to show that we imitate the love of Jesus by doing all we can to make strangers feel welcome in our church. Thank you! Fr. Francis

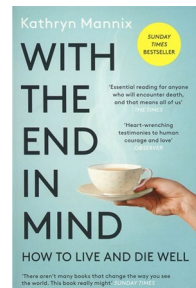
ps: the heating is now working!

I want to recommend a beautiful book to you which deals lovingly, compassionately and positively with a subject we can all tend to avoid these days: dying.

I'm grateful to Mary and Peter Wardley for lending me Kathryn Mannix's book "With the End in Mind: How to Live and Die Well."

Kathryn is a consultant in palliative medicine and through anonymized stories of her work shows that, even for those who are seriously ill, the process of dying is made calm, peaceful and pain-free by the advances in her branch of medicine, so that the important conversations and actions of transition from this world to the next have the space and time to take place. It's a powerful response for those whose impulse to kindness is misguided by people who advocate artificially ending life to avoid pain and distress.

Mary & Peter, I've nearly finished the book and I promise to give it back!
Fr. Francis



Average Weekly Collections for November 2022:

Collections in Church		Other	Standing Orders
	Gift Aided		Gift Aided
£263.45	£62.50	£86.25	£381.88

Average Weekly Collections for December 2022 excluding Christmas:

Collections in Church		Other	Standing Orders
	Gift Aided		Gift Aided
£235.17	£81.67	£108.33	£825.83

Average Weekly Collections for Christmas 2022:

Collections in Church		Other	Standing Orders
	Gift Aided		Gift Aided
£656.31	£760.00	£100.00	£160.00

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 Sweepstake – time to sign up for 2023!

Please take the 2023 form from church to complete and an envelope.

Please put the subscription (Cash or cheque) into the envelope and leave in the box, tray OR Collection basket

WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

All information is on the reverse of each form

OR Download an application from Parish Website link & make payment online quoting SWEEPSTAKE to the parish account.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LOOSE CASH IN THE BOX / TIN

Our Lady's will oversee the Warm Wednesday in Marnhull Methodist Church on the 25th of January from 9.30 until 3.30. Thank you to those people who have volunteered to oversee its running.

As we enter Lent, the concept of a Warm Room will transfer to the dates scheduled for the Friday Lent Talks, starting on 24 February with a talk at 12 midday followed by soup and a convivial chat, and every subsequent Friday thereafter finishing on the 31st of March. The subject of the Lent Talks is Pilgrimage and Our Lady's dates are 3rd and 24th March.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January
The NBCW Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee are hosting a Webinar with Doctor Clare Watkins, University of Roehampton.

Discerning the Body: Theology, spirituality and practices for Christians walking together.

an examination of the discernment process in relation to ecumenism. 7.30pm – 9.00pm Monday January 23rd

To join the meeting on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 838 9519 1684 Passcode: 369225

Stay Awake' is taking place for the **FIFTH** year on Saturday 11th March 2023, at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth, 10:00 – 19:00. This is YOUR Invitation! Please come and bring your friends and neighbours to an inspirational day of growing closer to Jesus. There will be Mass, Praise and Worship, Kids' activities, Fellowship, Workshops, a Prayer Room and Pizza in the evening for dinner! What's not to love?!

Tickets are **FREE** for those in Year 9 and under and only £10 for everyone else! Please see www.stayawakejc.com for more information and to book tickets!

Stay Awake has been described as "Such an inspiring, fruitful and enjoyable day!" "Glorious!", "Such a joy!", "Encouraging!", "Awesome!", "It was wonderful to see God's love in action!" "I offered to leave at lunch time but neither of the children wanted to!"

Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group

LENTEN RETREATS	SUMMER RETREATS
Feb 24 th – 26 th (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat	Jun 30 th – 2 nd July (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat
Feb 27 th – 3 rd March (Mon – Fri) Midweek Retreat	July 3 rd – 7 th July (Mon - Fri) Midweek Retreat
Feb 24 th – 3 rd March (Fri - Fri) 6-day retreat.	Jun 30 th – 7 th July (Fri - Fri) 6-day Retreat
Venue: St Rita's Centre Honiton, East Devon. A well-appointed retreat house with comfortable ensuite accommodation situated in the Vale of Honiton.	Venue: Sclerder Abbey, nr Looe, Cornwall The retreat house in its tranquil setting and with a large garden and pleasant rural walks nearby is situated near Looe in Cornwall.

Cost includes full board & lodging. Recommended donation: Weekend Retreat £140; Midweek Retreat £240; 6 – day Retreat £450.

Please contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637 for further information or booking form.

Save the date - LOUDfence in the Diocese of Plymouth (15th – 17th February)

The diocese will be holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth starting on Wednesday 15th February and concluding on Friday 17th February. A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. Attendees are encouraged to tie ribbons around a fence which could also include a message of support. We want survivors to know that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. We hope that you can join us. More details will follow soon.

Dr Caroline Farey is offering two further talks on synodality. In person or join the day online via zoom. The talks will take place at St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX For those attending the day there will be 10.30am Refreshments and 12.15pm Lunch break. (Bring your own lunch). There is also Mass at 9.30am.

To request a zoom link please email: carolinefarey@btinternet.com Saturday 11th February 2023:

11.00am:	Sharing the priesthood of Christ.
1.15pm:	Should women share in the hierarchy?