



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

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD 29TH MARCH 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 29th March	Marnhull	9.00 am Holy Mass	PALM SUNDAY	Fr Niall Thornton
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		Chris Cowan RiP
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 30th March	Marnhull	9.30 am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		Norman Routledge RiP
Tuesday 31st March	Marnhull	12 Noon Funeral Service for Terry Cox		
Wednesday 1st April	PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL	12 Noon CHRISM MASS		
Thursday 2nd April	Gillingham	9am Morning Prayer 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
Friday 3rd April	Gillingham	9am Morning Prayer 3pm Passion and Veneration of the Cross	GOOD FRIDAY	
Saturday 4th April	Gillingham	9am Morning Prayer 11am Blessing of the Easter Food	HOLY SATURDAY	
Saturday 4th April	Gillingham	9pm EASTER VIGIL	EASTER VIGIL	
Sunday 5th April	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Heather ; 11am: Philip; 6pm: June

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, Vicki McHugh, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams, Michael Hoy.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Cox who died on 5th March 2026.

May he rest in peace.

Terry's funeral service will take place on Tuesday 31st March at 12 noon in Our Lady's Church.

Please be sure to join the 50:50 Club before Easter! Entry forms are now available in the narthex of both Churches or downloadable on the Parish website: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/finance>
The 1st Draw will be on 5th April!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GILLINGHAM

**WALK OF WITNESS
2026**



Please join us on
GOOD FRIDAY MORNING
3rd April 2026
11.00 a.m.

Starts outside
The Barn Surgery

****New** Walk of Witness on Good Friday at 11am outside the Barn Surgery, Gillingham**

****New** Thank you!**

Many thanks for your support of the CAFOD Lent Fast Day and to all those who donate on a regular basis: The collection came to £611.

****New** Craft Group First Meeting!**

It is hoped to have our initial meeting on Tuesday 14th April at 1pm in the Parish Room at Our Lady's, where we'll discuss the projects we will start with. Any problems, please ring Mary Moore on 01963 365848

****New** Easter Offering Collections** are your gift to your priest. These contributions make up the annual allowance that does not come from parish offertories or Standing orders.

Online banking details: Bank: Natwest; Sort Code: 55-61-09; A/c no: 07388381; A/c name: PRCDTR Marnhull RC Parish; Reference: **Easter Offering**. If you prefer to donate manually with cash /cheque and are a Gift Aider **PLEASE** write your name on the donation envelope so that the parish can claim back the tax. If you wish to be a Gift Aider there are forms in the churches for completion.

Thank you for your generosity and support for Father Cletus. *Pam Snell*, Parish Treasurer

****New** Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday**

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. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray on each day of the Novena: * Good Friday – All mankind especially sinners. * Holy Saturday – The souls of priests and religious. * Easter Sunday – All devout and faithful souls. * Easter Monday – Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him. * Easter Tuesday – The souls of separated brethren. * Easter Wednesday – The meek and humble souls and the souls of children. * Easter Thursday – The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy. * Easter Friday – The souls who are detained in Purgatory. * Easter Saturday – The souls who have become lukewarm. - The Divine Mercy Chaplet should be offered for each day's intention.

****Update** Small Book Club**

Our recently formed Parish Small Book club has been discussing a number of short Catholic Truth Society (CTS) publications, including the spirituality of St Therese of Lisieux; and then the life of the recently canonized Carlo Acutis. More recently we've studied CTS pamphlet "Life Within Us", comprising short sections by Caryll Houselander on "Christ within Me"; Delia Smith on "Journey into Prayer" and "Surrender to God" by Herbert Fincham.

Our studies have proved deeply fruitful and encouraging. During these sessions we often learn as much from each other as we do from the reading material! These themes will be continued in the next small booklet to be read during April (we read one each month), and rotate locations each month – Our Lady's February/ St Benedict's March etc. 2.30pm on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to come along and try us out, please ask Tony Moore 07967 592849, for April's booklet as soon as possible to enable you to read the first section of "Artificial Intelligence, What do advances in AI mean for society, the Church and the World?" with Fr Andrew Pinsent and others, ready for our next session on 9th April, which will be at Our Lady's, Marnhull.

Gift Aid Envelopes

For our Gift Aiders using envelopes, next financial year's envelopes are now available at the back of both churches. If you have any queries please contact Paul at marnhull-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk

Chrism Mass 1st April, 12 Noon at Plymouth Cathedral - a message from the Bishop's PA

"We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April at 12 noon. Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating our Chrism Mass, so it will be a great occasion to support him as well as our clergy with our prayers and presence." The Cathedral will provide a pasty as you leave after the Mass, so please email me on marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk to confirm your attendance, so that the Cathedral have an idea of numbers for catering. Thank you, Harriet.

Saint Carlo Acutis (1991 - 2006) International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Saint Carlo Acutis & First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis

This inspiring exhibition is currently touring the UK and is now in Southampton at St Boniface Church until 29th March. For more details of the exhibition dates and locations please click on the link: <https://www.ukmiracles.com/>

Brass Plaques in St Benedict's Church

The "Please pray for" plaques for the pew in St Benedict's church cost £25 which will remain so until Easter, after which the cost will increase considerably. Please contact Harriet in the office on marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to order.

Confirmation Classes 2026 - The next class will be on 2nd April at 4pm in St Benedict's Church hall.

Holy Communion Class Dates 2026 Please note that there will be **NO class on Saturday 21st March, 28th March or 4th April. The next class will be on Saturday 11th April (at 12 Noon in St Benedict's Parish Hall).**

Newsletter for March: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED>

St Benedict's Fundraising Appeal www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham

Thank you.

