



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

## WELCOME

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Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

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### SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME & THE SEASON OF LENT 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

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The Catholic Safeguarding Resources  
<https://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/parish-resources>

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St Benedict's Church  
Cemetery Rd,  
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**Sunday 11th is a Day of Prayer for  
the Unemployed and World Day  
for the Sick and those who care  
for them.**

If anyone knows anyone who is  
sick or housebound and would like  
a visit, please let Deacons know.

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sun 11th Feb	Marnhull	9am	<b>Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
	Gillingham	11am	
	Marnhull	6pm	
Mon 12th Feb	Marnhull	9.30 Mass <i>Followed by Rosary</i>	
Tues 13th Feb		NO MASS	
Weds 14th Feb	Gillingham Marnhull	<b>10am followed by Rosary 6pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Thurs 15th Feb	Marnhull	9.30am <i>followed by Adoration</i>	
Fri 16th Feb	Marnhull	3pm: Stations of the Cross	
	Gillingham	5pm Confession 5.30pm: Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass	
Sat 17th Feb	Marnhull	10am <i>Followed by Confession</i>	

**Sunday Readers** Our Lady's 9am: Andrew & Eileen; St Benedict's: Susie; Our  
Lady's 6pm: Christine

**Please pray for those who are ill**

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony  
White, Bob Horton, Hilary & Clive Drake, Jan Carson, Nigel & Sarah Mackay,  
Pippa Turnbull, Brian White, John Graham

**Confession:** Please ring Fr Joseph on 01258 820388 to arrange an  
appointment outside of the times listed above



Please pray for the repose of the soul  
of

**Brian Extance**

who died on 19th January 2024

*Brian's funeral Mass will begin at  
11 am on Monday 12th February in  
Our Lady's*

*May he rest in peace*



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Fr John Smethurst

who died on 6th Feb 2024

*May he rest in peace*

## LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY (14<sup>th</sup> February)

Please pick up a Lent, Holy Week & Easter Programme at the back of the Church

At the two Masses on Ash Wednesday (10am at St Benedict's & 6pm at Our Lady's) the ashes from the burned palms of last year's Palm Sunday will be blessed and the priest will mark a cross on the foreheads of the faithful and say "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." This is to prepare us to better appreciate the Death and Resurrection of Christ, to express sorrow for our sins and to help us to see the need to prepare for a holy death. Lent is a time for conversion for all of us when we acknowledge the ways we have offended God and focus on turning our hearts and minds back to Him. The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which help us renounce whatever has distracted or derailed us from our path to Heaven. **If you have your palm from last year please bring it with you and put it in the basket in the church porch).** Thank you.

Also available "Walk with Me" Lenten Journey Booklets @ £1 each and Lent Calendars for children @ 50p.



### The parish would like to thank

**Patsy Gassman**, who worships at Our Lady's, for her 10 years of service to the lent lunches and talks. She is now stepping back to take a well earned rest. Over the years, Patsy and her team have been instrumental

in raising a significant amount of money for various charities during this fasting period, and they have done this silently, and with great grace. **Thank you Patsy.**



### CAFOD Free Will Writing service/ CAFOD Side by Side Magazine

"Gifts in Wills pay for over a third of our development work. With a gift in your Will, many more families can access nourishing food, clean water, and the tools they need to build a better life and a brighter future." Details are on the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service>. Please take a copy of the latest CAFOD magazine which has details of the funds raised & much more. If you would like to know more about CAFOD or consider becoming a Parish Volunteer, please speak to Steve Carrivick: details on the Charity page of our Parish website <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/charities-and-groups>

### Marriage Week : 7-14 February

Marriage Week is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God, as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him. Please see the Parish Website for prayers and reflections on the vocation to marriage and the sacrament of marriage:

<https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/>

**Weekend Retreats available for married couples of all ages on 9th-11th February 2024 & 25th -27th October 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)**

Information and Bookings: Booking is essential - Go to the website at [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk) or Contact: Jane Deegan [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or tel: 07517 906435. Further resources available online <https://smartloving.org>

**The Churches Together Lent Lunches and Talks** will all take place at Methodist Church Marnhull, Pilwell at 12 noon, followed by lunch:

**Feb 16th & 23rd: Faith** talk by St Gregory's

**March 1st & 8th: Hope** talk by Our Lady's (Jacintha)

**March 15th & 22nd: Charity** talk by Methodists

The talks on Hope will serve as a preparation for the [2025 Jubilee year of Hope](#). All are welcome to these wonderful and thoughtful talks which provide a focus for Lenten reflection. All proceeds will go to a UK Christian charity for the homeless. Our Lady's is responsible for preparing the lunch on Friday March 8th. If you could volunteer to help with the making of the soup, please see Jacintha or Jennie Burbury.

### A Zoom Lent Course 2024 Friday's at 7pm

The Parish of All Saints in Teignmouth is again organizing a series of Lenten Talks on Zoom to which anyone is welcome. The leaping off point for each talk is one of the great Gospels of Year A's Lenten cycle. No booking is needed and the code remains the same for all five evenings. Please do come and join us and share the journey.

16 Feb	The Temptations	Rev Nick Johnson
1 March	The Transfiguration	Fr Andrew Marlborough
8 March	The Woman at the Well	Mrs Deborah Fisher
15 March	The Man born blind	Fr Ignatius Raj SDM
22 March	The Raising of Lazarus	Mr Gerard Gillespie.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445840521?pwd=K3IKRFVgbnY0eEMzc3pVMVhOcnFCdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521

Passcode: 862737

### LENT RETREAT DAY ON THE SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2024 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE, HONITON at 9.30am

An opportunity for talks, Exposition, Adoration, Lunch followed by Mass and an opportunity for Confession. **Charge for the day, including lunch (3 course meal), is just £25.00.**

Booking can be made by phone, email or online

[www.stritascentre.org/events](http://www.stritascentre.org/events)

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635 & Payment can be made on the day.

### Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March is Dorset Big Lent Walk UPDATE\*



Parishes in Dorset are joining the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Marnhull and Gillingham parishes will be walking the trailway from Sturminster Newton to Shillingstone Station and back. (Shillingstone Station has toilets and a café). The walk will take about 75 mins in each direction. We will walk together with Sherborne parish and Blandford parish will walk from Blandford and meet us at Shillingstone. Saturday the 9th March is an opportunity for our Dorset Parishes to come together and support communities around the World.

**Come and join the walk or sponsor members of our parish!**

**Our walk commences at 09.45am from the entrance of the Sturminster Newton trailway.**

To sponsor us follow the link online:

[Our Lady's Marnhull and St Benedict's Gillingham is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

Alternatively sponsorship forms will be available shortly.