



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

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

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Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227



THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH OCTOBER 2025

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 26th Oct	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	The MacLaughlin Family, Living & Deceased
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		Mariusz Czyzewski, RiP
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 27th Oct	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass <i>followed by Rosary</i>		Mrs Molly Kelly
Tuesday 28th Oct	Marnhull	NO MASS	SS Simon and Jude - Apostles Feast	
Wednesday 29th Oct	Gillingham	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		
Thursday 30th Oct	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Adoration & HOLY ROSARY		Michael Kelly
Friday 31st Oct	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Adoration, HOLY ROSARY 6pm Holy Mass		
Saturday 1st Nov	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	Blessed Virgin Mary	

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, Peter Wardley, Carol Shaw.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Rosie; 11am: Susie; 6pm: Richard



All Saint's Day has been transferred from Saturday 1st November to Sunday 2nd November and All Soul's Day has been transferred to Monday 3rd November. Mass on Monday will be at 9.30am in Marnhull & 6pm in Gillingham. Blessing of the graves will take place after each Mass on Monday.

Holy Souls envelopes will be available at both churches - please return to Fr Cletus or the Deacons.



****New** Bishop of Plymouth Appointed**

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop of Plymouth.

Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Southwark in 1986, Bishop Hudson has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of St Germans in Cornwall since 2014. On hearing of his appointment, Bishop Hudson, Bishop-elect of Plymouth said:

"I am deeply grateful to Pope Leo XIV for appointing me; and I do not take lightly the trust he has placed in me. I am aware how long the clergy, religious and laity of Plymouth Diocese have waited for a bishop. I come with a desire to listen and to learn. I hope we can apply all the strengths of synodality to discern together ways to deepen the diocese's outreach, mission, and presence to the people of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset. I look forward greatly to meeting all who belong to the diocese."

To read the article in full: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-3D44E10F9BB463122540EF23F30FEDED>

****New** A Day out to Westminster Cathedral**

Salisbury Catenians along with several of our parishioners and Fr Cletus made the journey to Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday. Our journey along the A303 was broken by 'We have a Bishop!'. Our trip suddenly had a deeper purpose, 'Could we bring our new bishop back with us to Dorset today?'

We attended mass concelebrated by Fr Cletus. Following Mass, we met the Dean of Westminster Fr. Witon, who spoke very favourably of Bishop Elect Nicholas Hudson. Our prayers are being answered. Our tour guides Breda and Catherine took us in hand explaining the history and distinct character of the Byzantine style Cathedral. Our guides were absolutely splendid in sharing their knowledge. Westminster Cathedral decor comes with marble from 125 countries and many different mosaics. The symbolism of the decoration was truly amazing. Our journey home could not commence without first enjoying a meal together. A most memorable day!

****New** Average Weekly Collections for : SEPTEMBER 2025**

Collections in church		Other/Online	Standing Orders	New Church APPEAL
Loose Plate	Gift Aid		Gift Aid	
251.97	68.75	91.25	£608.50	£32.50
Average Weekly Total £ 1,020.47				£32.50

Rosary & Benediction at St Benedict's

Pope Leo urges "As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world." To celebrate this Devotion, there will be Holy Rosary & Benediction at St Benedict's at 5pm on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Update HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

I have advertised both First Holy Communion Preparation and Confirmation preparation for several weeks and I would like to start both groups after the School Half Term break.

I will have a meeting at **St Benedict's Church on Saturday 25th October a 4.00 pm for anyone interested in either of the two groups**. Many parents have taken application forms but few have been returned. I need to know numbers as soon as possible for both Sacramental preparation groups - **First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. **Application forms are available in both Churches**. **Please return them to Deacon Mike A.S.A.P. Or contact me on 07504821558**. Many thanks, Deacon Mike.

****New** Sunday Churches Together**

Royal British Legion Village Remembrance Sunday Service takes place at St Gregory's church Marnhull on **9th November 3pm**. This is a well-attended event with all 3 churches present. Every year someone from Our Lady's is invited to read. The RBL have asked for even more visible involvement from the other churches this year. If you think you would like to read or lead the prayers at this very special event, please could you let Jacintha know as soon as possible.

(jacinthabowe@gmail.com). Your details will be forwarded to Reverend Gaenor who is coordinating the event.

Former Presbytery for sale

The former presbytery in Marnhull is to be auctioned on 14th November by Symonds and Sampson in Sherborne

[3 bedroom detached house for sale in Lot A Old Mill Lane, Sturminster Newton, DT10 | Symonds & Sampson Auctions](#)

Advent Retreat for 18-30 year olds, Sclerder Abbey. 21st - 23rd November 2025 Join young adults from across the Diocese of Plymouth to prepare for Advent. During the weekend you will explore John's scripture; 'The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us' (J1:14) whilst experiencing elements of the Chemin Neuf Community, listening to talks from Fr Robbie Lowe and exploring the area. A recommended donation of £30 is to help with the accommodation and food costs. For further information contact Saskia; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/se4zasSM7B>

Daily Rosary for the Family

Every Day on Zoom at 7:45pm BST
To find out more and join the Zoom meetings:

<https://voiceofthefamily.com/daily-rosary-for-the-family/>

****New Update** CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES**

Next weekend is the final opportunity for the collection of items (2nd November.) The date for packing up the boxes will be announced soon. Please visit House of Opportunity to see how your beautiful, thoughtful gifts bring such happiness. Thankyou!

Admissions for St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026? Do come and visit St Mary's on one of the mornings listed below. We look forward to showing you around

our lovely school and seeing our fantastic children enjoying their learning. Please telephone or email to book a date. Time: 9:30 am Dates: 2nd October, 8th October, 17th October 2025. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026 Dorset School Admissions: Contact: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/educationand-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-school-place> Please see St Mary's Catholic Primary School website for further information on our admissions policy: [St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull - Home](#)

Gillingham New Church Fundraising Appeal: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham>

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