



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

**PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA**  
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## EASTER SUNDAY

## 5TH APRIL 2026

| Day                    | Place      | Time  | Celebrating                   | Intention   |
|------------------------|------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Sunday<br>5th April    | Marnhull   | 9.00 am Holy Mass   | EASTER SUNDAY<br>SOLEMNITY    | Szymon  |
|                        | Gillingham | 11am Holy Mass  |                               |   |
| Monday<br>6th April    | Marnhull   | 9.30 am Holy Mass<br>followed by Rosary                         | EASTER MONDAY<br>SOLEMNITY    | Francis & Diana<br>Porteous, RiP  |
| Tuesday<br>7th April   |            | NO MASS   | EASTER TUESDAY<br>SOLEMNITY   |   |
| Wednesday<br>8th April | Gillingham | 10am Holy Mass<br>followed by Rosary                            | EASTER WEDNESDAY<br>SOLEMNTIY |   |
| Thursday<br>9th April  | Marnhull   | 9.30am Holy Mass<br>followed by Adoration                       | EASTER THURSDAY<br>SOLEMNITY  | For the relatives,<br>living & deceased of<br>Charles & Mary<br>McLaughlin. |
| Friday<br>10th April   | Gillingham | 5pm Confession, Adora-<br>tion, Evening Prayer<br>6pm Holy Mass | EASTER FRIDAY<br>SOLEMNITY    |   |
| Saturday<br>11th April | Marnhull   | 10am Holy Mass<br>followed by Confession                        | EASTER SATURDAY<br>SOLEMNITY  |   |

### 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.

**Sunday Readers:** 9am: Mary ; 11am: Joanna

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## *The Lord is risen, Alleluia!*

As we gather to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us embrace the profound hope and joy that Easter brings. This sacred season reminds us that through Christ's triumph over death, we are gifted with the promise of eternal life and the assurance of God's unwavering love. His resurrection is a testament to the triumph of life over death, hope over despair, and love over all.

This Easter, let us come together in gratitude and reflection, embracing the spirit of renewal and rebirth. May we find inspiration in the resurrection story we have relived during our Lenten preparation and the Triduum to renew our faith, strengthen our bonds in family and community, and extend our love and compassion to all those around us.

May I express a big thank you to all who helped us as a parish to celebrate this blessed season in our churches with prayer, song, and fellowship, and beautiful decoration. Let us rejoice in the promise of new beginnings and the everlasting hope that Easter brings.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.  
In Christ's Love,

Fr Cletus, Deacon James, Deacon Mike.

*He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

**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: PRC DTR 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

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 today!

### **\*\*New\*\* Thank you!**

35 Easter eggs and 52 lovely warm hats most gratefully received by Stella Maris in Southampton. Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

### **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

### **Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday & Divine Mercy Sunday on 12th April at 3pm in St Benedict's**

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.

Our Blessed Lord also asked that the Sunday following Easter should be dedicated to the Divine Mercy. **We will be saying the Divine Mercy chaplet on Sunday 12th April at 3pm at St Benedict's Church - All are welcome.**

### **Small Book Club Thursday 9th April at 2.30pm in Our Lady's Side-Chapel**

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. If you would like to come along, 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 9<sup>th</sup> April, which will be at Our Lady's, Marnhull.

**Confirmation Classes 2026** - The next class will be on 16th April at 4pm in St Benedict's Church hall.

**Holy Communion Class Dates 2026** The next class will be on **Saturday 11th April** (at 12 Noon in St Benedict's Parish Hall)

**St Benedict's Fundraising Appeal** [www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham](http://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham)

