

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	<i>Peter Dooman & others</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. <i>followed by Rosary</i>	St. Cecilia	<i>Shirley Vines & others</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10.00 a.m.	The Martyrs of Vietnam	<i>Sandeep Nair & others</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	10.00 a.m.	REQUIEM MASS	<i>Marie Jordan RIP</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m.</i> Mass 6 p.m.		<i>Ann Bosco & others</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10am. Mass <i>followed by Confessions.</i>	Our Lady on Saturday	<i>Cyril & Bernadette Bastable RIP</i>

Please note that Mass on Thursday will begin at 10 a.m. and will be the funeral Mass for Mrs. Marie Jordan

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen and David Paris, Brendan Colohan, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden, Pat Edwards Jones and Fr Louis Beesley-Suffolk.



A message from Bishop Mark: "Father Robbie Low, a priest of our Diocese, has written a lovely new Christmas children's book, 'The Night Journey'. I highly recommend it as a beautiful reflection on the Mass which leads us to the manger and the child in the arms of Mary. It is beautifully illustrated by Jan Burrell and begins and ends in the parish church and family home. I think it would make a great Christmas gift for children and grandchildren – a little work of

evangelisation and, as you will find in the book, a key link across the generations."

All proceeds go to charities working with disadvantaged children. Copies of the book are available for purchase in both churches. They cost £7.50 each. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to PRCDTR Marnhull R.C. Parish. A parish cheque for total sales will then be sent to Fr. Robbie



Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In both churches of the parish the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for veneration for a holy hour which will end with Benediction.

This will take place in both Marnhull and Gillingham from 2 – 3 p.m.

Diocesan Synodal Process

The question the Pope is asking us to consider is:

"A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'Journeys together.' How is this 'journeying together' happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together'?"

Please come to a meeting in the hall at Marnhull church **after the 10 a.m. Mass on Saturday 27th November**. The meeting will last one hour and will involve listening to each other's answers to this question. EVERYONE is welcome, so please bring a friend, especially if they might doubt they would be welcome. Fr. Francis



The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have written a letter to all the Faithful regarding the observance of Sunday as The Lord's Day. Copies of the letter are available on the parish website. If you need a printed copy, please speak to Fr. Francis

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News from our parish school

Our Headteacher, Mrs. Betts, writes

Reading – the gateway to learning! It has been great seeing how much progress our youngest children have made with their phonics this term. I've had visits from several of them, keen to read to me! Alongside learning the skills for reading we are also developing a love of reading with weekly visits to our beautiful library. I look forward to hearing more readers.



It was great to see so many children and staff wearing odd socks on Monday to launch our Anti-Bullying Week. This week has been strongly led by the School Council who met and agreed upon activities for all classes to undertake. The main theme this year has been 'One Kind Word' and all of the children have been thinking about how they play their part in showing kindness.

We are offering a number of opportunities for parents of children due to start school in September 2022 to come and look around our lovely school. These begin at 9.30 a.m. on the following days: 22nd November, 29th November, 6th December and 10th January. Please come along, or encourage any parents you know to do so. Thank you for helping us to help as many children as possible to benefit from the wonderful learning experience we offer.

CAFOD World Gifts

The True spirit of
Christmas giving



Each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work. When you choose a gift, you support the area of our work that this gift represents.

When you buy chickens, you support our work with poor farmers in rural areas of the countries we work in, by contributing to our Livestock, Agriculture and Livelihoods fund. Gift ideas: Vegetable garden £5, Trees for life £8, Energy saving stove £9. Chickens £20

Gift catalogues are available at church or online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

The Vale Pantry, Sturminster Newton, has asked us to join them in a 'Reverse Advent Calendar', to raise food for Christmas for local people in poverty. We're asked to pop an item of suitable food into a box at home, each day of November, (or as many days as we can).

Please note: they're always short of childrens' cereals; tins of spaghetti hoops, beans, pasta sauce (but not dry pasta nor soup. They have loads.); then personal care things like toothpaste and deodorant.

When it's full, drop the box into the Pantry or the Medical Centre in Stur, at the beginning of December. If you can't get the box to them, Tony Moore will collect it from you and deliver it to The Pantry. 01963 365848

Ever worried that you haven't understood the Gospel reading at Mass? Join Mauro Ianicelli on Youtube for his Wednesday evening 7.00pm live sessions between now and Christmas to "Break open each Advent Sunday Gospel ...before you go to Sunday Mass". First session is this Wednesday 24th November. To register free, go to www.comeandsee.org Mauro has just finished the excellent 8 week course "The Bible Timeline" which he plans to run again during Lent 2022.

The sacristans in St. Benedict's are looking for someone who could make the Advent wreath this year. If you are able, please speak to them about doing this valuable work for the parish. Thank you.

Many thoughtful & lovely gifts have been donated for this year's **Shoe Box Appeal**; may the Lord bless your generosity!

If you would like to come & help fill the boxes, please speak to Annette after Mass or ring 07986301357. Refreshments provided - it is an enjoyable get-together!

"On present action we are heading towards warming of 2.7C, or 2.4C if countries live up to their current 2030 NDC targets (national greenhouse gas reduction plans). COP26 presented an opportunity to put us on track for 1.5C. It didn't achieve this, but what it has done is give countries a year to do so. The parties ultimately agreed to come back within a year to enhance ambition through their NDCs. The key issue is it didn't tell them that their NDCs must be aligned to 1.5C, so we must hope that in 2022 new NDCs will be the real deal and implementation is well on its way."

"Given countries that account for over 85% of the world's population – around 6 billion people – came up with and agreed on a credible plan to provide new, additional and needs-based loss and damage finance and a system to deliver it, it is shocking that the rich countries – including the UK – blocked it. Given the shortcomings on mitigation and adaptation action, loss and damage is already very real. Communities that CAFOD and its partners work with are regularly experiencing destruction to their homes and livelihoods, and even loss of life. Countries have ultimately failed to deliver at COP26 on loss and damage and have kicked the can down the road to 2022. For many families on the frontlines of the climate crisis this is already too late."

Robin Mace-Snaith, CAFOD's Policy Lead for Climate and Energy

"The Catholic community has been a driving force in calling for climate justice. We will be redoubling our efforts to hold rich nations to account on ensuring that the world's poorest and most vulnerable get the support they need."

Neil Thorns, CAFOD's Director of Advocacy.

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