



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

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

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



### 4TH WEEK OF EASTER

11TH MAY 2025

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 11th May	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 12th May	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		
Tuesday 13th May		NO MASS	Our Lady of Fatima Memorial	
Wednesday 14th May	Gillingham	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary	St Matthias, Apostle Feast	Hugh Lambe & Paul Lambe, Anniversary of their birth- days, RiP
Thursday 15th May	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Adoration		
Friday 16th May	Gillingham	5pm: Adoration & 20 Decades of Rosary 6pm Holy Mass		Holy Souls of Purgatory
Saturday 17th May	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass Confession		

#### Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Norma Wilcox, Lourdes Byrne.

**Sunday Readers:** 9am: Rogie; 11am: Meriel; 6pm: Christophe

For Confession outside the times mention, please call Fr Cletus to arrange an appointment.

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#### HABEMUS PAPAM!



"... God has blessed us with a new shepherd to guide His Church, Pope Leo XIV. This is a moment of pure joy and hope for all of us in the Diocese of Plymouth, in England and Wales, and indeed across the world. Thanks be to God for this great gift. The election of a Pope is always a significant moment for the Catholic Church, so I invite you to support Pope Leo XIV in his new ministry of service as we join in prayer for him.

**May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days. Amen.**

**May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm. Amen.**

**May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen.**

Canon Paul Cummins, Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Plymouth

## **\*\*New\*\* Tercentenary Celebration Event 2025**

Most of the Reformation-imposed restrictions on Catholic practice in Britain were only lifted by The Roman Catholic Relief Acts of 1791 and 1829. Yet in 1725, a Catholic mission was established at Marnhull, a point of historical importance for religious tolerance, and placing Marnhull firmly on the national Catholic map.

This summer, our Parish will celebrate this Tercentenary across a two-week period in early July. There will be an associated spiritual programme at Our Lady's Church, but local walks with a relevant historical focus, an exhibition of historical records, a planting event at St Mary's School and a summer flower festival, together with displays of art and drawing by the school children and a local radio podcast to capture the history provides a focus for everyone.

In terms of the main event, on Saturday 05 July at 11am, an open-air Parish Mass to acknowledge the humble mission beginnings will be celebrated under a tented canopy on the school field, and there will be a Parish Tea Party in the same place on Sunday 6th July in the afternoon.

Please pencil this into your diaries now. But to make this historic Parish celebration a real success, can we now please call upon your volunteer spirit? Can you make cakes, or sandwiches / sausage rolls etc or help to pour tea? Could you lend a hand to move tables and chairs for the event and to help transform an open-air church into a tea venue? If you can help, please pass your details to Rob Vitali ([Rob.vitali@me.com](mailto:Rob.vitali@me.com)), Steve Carrivick, the Deacons or the Parish Secretary (Harriet Cornwall). In the spirit of VE Day: "Your Parish needs you!" Let's plan on a really fitting celebration!

## **Heatree Residential (TQ13 9XE) May 23rd-25th 2025**

Aimed at young people aged 10 - 12 years old, the children will explore the Sunday scripture whilst building rafts and climbing the high ropes. It's a great chance to meet other young Catholics from across the Diocese. The cost of the weekend is £90, which can be paid in installments. For further information contact Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) or to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/AzTdSwy1VD>

## **\*\*New\*\* ST. RITA'S OF CASCIA FEAST DAY ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2025 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE**

The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for the sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website [www.stritascentre.org](http://www.stritascentre.org) and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm. We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30 am. Car parking stewards will be on duty to help you, and there will be a small army of volunteers working in various places helping to ensure a smooth running of the day and a happy feast day for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

**Evangelisation - the heart of the Church's Mission:** – in the light of the death of Pope Francis, we recall that his first major encyclical to the Church was on the necessity to proclaim the Gospel and the mission to evangelise. The aim of this day is to explore the nature of this mission and how we can put it into practice in our daily lives. This day will be of particular interest to all who are already endeavouring to share their faith or who would like to know how to get started. This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10am-3pm. (Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. Booking is **essential** and needs to be done through [plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk) Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you at this inspiring day. Fr. Jon Bielawski (Delegate for Evangelisation and Catechetics).

## **\*\*New\*\* CAFOD Jubilee Reflection Day & Diocesan Launch of the Worldwide Church Debt Campaign** **Venue: Buckfast Abbey, Schiller Hall, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 10.30am – 3pm**

Join us to pray and reflect on CAFOD's Jubilee themes and be inspired to take action on the worldwide Church debt campaign, with a *live* Link to Kenya! In the last year of his life, Pope Francis repeatedly spoke about the global debt crisis impacting many of the world's poorest countries. Calling for urgent action to be taken in this Jubilee Year, he said, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice". At his request, the Church has launched a worldwide debt campaign. Join CAFOD to find out more about the campaign and what you can do to answer Pope Francis' call to action. **Keynote speaker live from Kenya:** Fr Charlie Chilufya SJ, Jesuit priest based in Kenya, who is an expert on the debt crisis and on the human suffering that this is causing in Kenya. Fr Charlie is Director of JENA (Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network, Africa) he fosters and coordinates the Jesuits' work in economic, social, migration, juvenile, gender, and climate justice in Africa. He speaks globally at the African Union, United Nations, G20, and IMF/World Bank meetings, advocating for debt relief, climate justice, and economic systems that serve people over profit. All welcome. Booking not necessary, but appreciated:  
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## **Gillingham Singers Spring Concert on Saturday 17th May at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Motcombe**

Faure's Requiem & other sacred & secular music.

Tickets: £10 in advance including a glass of wine or £12 on the door. Contact Carole on 07572 786416 or Novia stationery in Gillingham High Street.



## **Marian Month of May**

**Pope Francis:** "I invite you to pray the rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life

of Jesus the Saviour with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations".

The Church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Mary Virgin. In honour of this we will be saying all four mysteries of the Holy Rosary, every Friday (20 decades) from 5pm at St Benedict's Church in Gillingham. Our Lady of Fatima first appeared to the three children on 13th May 1917 and exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace. St John Paul said: "To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother."

## **Assisted suicide Bill even worse than before - please take a red & white card from the back of the Church**

Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims.

**Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP today! Or click on the link to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvot>. Further resources: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>**