



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

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

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



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 15th March	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY	Naoise Ker-Reid
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 16th March	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		
Tuesday 17th March	Gillingham	12 Noon Funeral Service for Bridget (Bridie) Logue	St Patrick, Bp Missionary - Feast	
Wednesday 18th March	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		
Thursday 19th March	Marnhull	9.30am Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity	HOLY SOULS - for the deceased friends & families of our parishioners
Friday 20th March	Gillingham	5.30pm Confession Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass		
Saturday 21st March	Marnhull	Penitential Service followed by individual Confession (No Mass)		

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.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Garth ; 11am: Jill; 6pm: Tony

Confession will be available at 5.30pm on Fridays (St Benedict's) during Lent and at 10am on Saturdays at Our Lady's. Please ring Fr Cletus on 01258 820388 to arrange an appointment outside of these times.

Happy Mother's Day!

Penitential Services

Please note the first of the Penitential Services is on Saturday 21st March at 10am at Our Lady's. Please make the most of this wonderful opportunity to prepare spiritually for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on your life and then taking the opportunity for individual Confession & Absolution.

50:50 Club Membership 2026 Entry forms are now available in the narthex of both Churches, and downloadable on the Parish website. **The 1st Draw will be at Easter - 5th April!**

****New** Calling All Crafty People!**

It is hoped to start a craft group (knitting, sewing, crocheting, paper craft etc) after Easter, at Our Lady's on a day of the week to be decided. If anyone is interested in joining, please ring Mary Moore on 01963 365848 to discuss availability. Tea & coffee will be supplied and perhaps cake! You don't have to be proficient in any craft, just interested - we'll all learn together.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Welcomers needed for St Benedict's Church Can you help with welcoming parishioners at Sunday Mass? If so, please speak to Barbara or the Deacons after Mass.

Churches Together in Marnhull Lent Talks and Lunches 20th February until 27th March Our Lady's will be hosting the talk and the lunch on March 20th. The reflections should last approximately 30 minutes followed by a soup and cheese lunch, the proceeds of which will go to a local charity. Please see Jacintha if you need any details - jacynthabowe@gmail.com.

LENTEN LUNCHEAS AT ST BENEDICT'S, GILLINGHAM - ALL are welcome!

We will continue serving Lent lunches at 12 Noon on Wednesday 18th March and 25th March.

****New** Parking at St Benedict's on Sunday**

A gentle reminder: if you do need to drive to Sunday Mass at St Benedict's, and park in Barnaby Mead, please be sure not obstruct residents' driveways.

****New** Saint Carlo Acutis (1991 - 2006) International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Saint Carlo Acutis & First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis**

This inspiring exhibition is currently touring the UK and is now in Southampton at St Boniface Church until 29th March. For more details of the exhibition dates and locations please click on the link: <https://www.ukmiracles.com/>

****New** Catenian Meeting**

Our next meeting at the Swan Inn, Sturminster Newton at 8pm. Ladies & Gents are welcome. Please contact Steve for details 07887988123

The National Board of Catholic Women invites you to a webinar exploring the faith journey of women during life seasons. On **March 24th, 7pm-8pm** our very own Emma O Connell will be "in conversation" on the topic of *Embracing New Life: Pregnancy, Birth and Motherhood in Faith*. All are welcome but registration is required <https://www.nbcw.co.uk/>. If you are interested in joining the National Board of Catholic Women, please see Jacintha Bowe.

Parish Small Book Club - All Welcome! Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th March at 2.30pm, St Benedict's to discuss our current booklet: "Life Within Us" If you are interested in joining, please ring Tony Moore (07967 592849).

****New** An Invitation to meet Bishop Nicholas Hudson at Stations Mass, Dorchester**

Please come and join parishioners from Holy Trinity and our neighbouring parishes to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Nicholas. There will be a simple reception at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre after the Station Mass on Friday 27th March: Mass 6pm at Holy Trinity Church, High West Street, DT1 1UP; Reception from 7pm at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road North DT1 1QG. All are welcome. Please note that there is NO parking at Holy Trinity Church. You may park at the town centre car parks. There is parking at the Parish Centre for the reception.

Lent Bible Studies Free Online 17th Feb-24th March (6 Weeks) Register here: <https://comeandsee.org./lenten-bible-studies>

Fr Mark Skelton's Online Lenten talks at 7pm Thursday 19th March: The Parable of the Prodigal Son. 7pm. ID : 895 7188 9251 Password is 125755

Brass Plaques in St Benedict's Church

The "Please pray for" plaques for the pew in St Benedict's church cost £25 which will remain so until Easter, after which the cost will increase considerably. Please contact Harriet in the office on marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to order.

Confirmation Classes 2026 - The next class will be on 19th March at 4pm in St Benedict's Church hall.

Holy Communion Class Dates 2026 Please note that there will be **NO class on Saturday 21st March, 28th March or 4th April. The next class will be on Saturday 11th April (at 12 Noon in St Benedict's Parish Hall).**

****New** Extreme Amendment to Abortion Law** - the last chance to remove this amendment will be at Report Stage expected on the 17th March. Please act now to stop this barbaric proposal. Find out more and use SPIUC's tool to write to the members of the House of Lords by going to: <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>

Stella Maris Easter Eggs for Seafarers

Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Easter! Please place any donations in the boxes provided at the back of each church. Thank you.

Newsletter for March: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED>

Gather conference 20-22 March, Torquay 20th-22nd March at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay.

We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas. Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

St Benedict's Fundraising Appeal www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham Thank you.

