

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 10TH JULY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 10 th July	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Fr. Chris Findlay-Wilson</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday 11 th – Saturday 16 th July No Mass				
Sunday 17 th July	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday 18 th – Thursday 21 st July No Mass				
Friday 22 nd July	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Mary Magdalene	<i>Br. Nicholas Marsh OSB</i>
Saturday 23 rd July	Marnhull	<i>10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions</i>	St. Bridget of Sweden	<i>Teresa Harrow</i>

Father Francis is required to attend the General Chapter of the English Benedictine Congregation beginning on 11th July at Buckfast Abbey. This is why, with regret, it will not be possible to have Holy Mass in the parish as noted above. As you see, the Sunday Masses in the parish will take place as usual and 'normal service will be resumed' on Friday 22nd July.

Sea Sunday – 10th July 2022



THIS weekend you are asked to kindly support the work of *Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)* through prayer and financial contributions.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before.

Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church at our "Second Collection", by visiting:

www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

This collection is vital to enable *Stella Maris* to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

In each church there is also a list of items you could donate and boxes to receive them, as well as knitting patterns for hats and scarves to keep the seamen warm. Ring 07986301357 if you can't find them.

Please pray for those who are ill: David Paris, Brendan Colohan, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden

Summer Camps are back.... Deacon Mike, and Barbara are heading off on 30th July to help run the Senior Camp at Grangehurst House, Buckfast Abbey. In previous years, the parish has been generous in supporting Camps with donations of cake and fruit. Boxes will be placed in both churches for any donations you may be able to offer. With many thanks, Deacon Mike

Many thanks to Annette who is re-launching the Film Club which was so popular before lockdown. The first film will be shown on Thursday 4th August in Our Lady's Hall. Arrive 6.30 p.m. for a 6.45 p.m. start.

The film is "Outside the City", a documentary about the life of the monks of Mount St. Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire. Followed by discussion, social time and refreshments.

Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference New Dawn in the Church

Come and experience the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit!
1 - 5 August 2022

Catholic National Shrine and Basilica
of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Amazing faith-filled and inspirational speakers from all over the world, a gifted music ministry, healing/prayer ministry and children's and youth ministries. We are especially excited to share that this year's youth ministry will be headed up by two expert youth ministers from the USA to provide fun, faith-filled, and practical ways for our young people to live out their Catholic Faith! Register now at www.newdawn.org.uk

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Some items from the latest newsletter of the Plymouth Diocese Synod coordinators:

What next in our Diocese? The synodal journey continues in our Diocese with the materials we sent out with our diocesan synthesis and the questions raised by Bishop Mark which can be found on our website: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/key-documents/parish-resources/>

Cardinal Nichols reflected that accompaniment is a challenge for every parish He invites us to consider w ho are those who feel that they do not belong, or fear they may not be made welcome?

"It is a challenge for every organisation to look at itself and ask how easy is it for those who are different to join in our activities It is a question for each one of us do we try to be close to those we meet regularly, with whom we might work or live, simply making it clear that no matter what happens we will not turn away, not in judgement, nor in disdain, nor in fear?"

Let's continue to listen to the Holy Spirit and to each other as we reflect on how we accompany each other in the coming months and years. We will be sending out further resources later this year.

In his homily on 29th June, (at the Mass at which our former Bishop received the Pallium as Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff), Pope Francis reflected on the synodal journey:

"The Synod that we are now celebrating calls us to become a Church that gets up, one that is not turned in on itself, but capable of pressing forward, leaving behind its own prisons and setting out to meet the world, with the courage to open doors."

The English Benedictine Congregation is the oldest of the twenty Benedictine Congregations in the world. It traces its origins to the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 A.D. Under Henry VIII, the Congregation nearly came to extinction. Queen Mary Tudor restored the ancient abbey of Westminster, but this revival ceased on the accession of Elizabeth I. By 1607, only one monk of the pre-Reformation Congregation survived: Dom Sigebert Buckley. On 21st November 1607, he aggregated two young English monks of the Cassinese Congregation to his own congregation, thus ensuring a certain continuity of the congregation. The English Benedictine story stretches all the way back to St. Augustine of Canterbury, the Benedictine monk sent by Pope Gregory the Great to evangelise the Angles.

The two monks joined other English monks exiled in France who were training for work on the English mission. For the next two hundred years, many monks worked secretly in England, serving recusant Catholics as priests. Several were martyred and three, Ambrose Barlow, John Roberts and Alban Roe, were canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970. In the nineteenth century monasteries were once again established in England.

At present, the English Benedictine Congregation consists of ten abbeys of monks and two abbeys of nuns. Three of the abbeys of men are located in the United States. There are also priories in Peru and Zimbabwe.

The General Chapter is a meeting which takes place normally every four years (this year's is five years after the last one, since 2021's was postponed because of covid.). Benedictine monasteries enjoy substantial independence; each community is free to discern the will of the Holy Spirit about the details of their monastic life and the ways in which they are called by God to spread the Good News; the role of the General Chapter is to discuss matters of common interest, to be an organ of mutual support for the monasteries and to decide on the Constitutions which set standards of best practice and apply the precepts of the Rule of St. Benedict to the current time and culture.

On Monday, the Abbots and Abbesses of all the monasteries, together with a delegate elected by each community and the officials of the congregation, will assemble at Buckfast. The first item of business will be to consider the application of three monasteries of nuns which wish to join the congregation. The Abbesses and delegates from Kylemore Abbey in Connemara, Ireland, Jamberoo Abbey in New South Wales, Australia and MariaVall Abbey near Malmö in Sweden will be hoping to be welcomed into the Chapter and the signs are positive.



General Chapter 2017

You are kindly requested to keep the English Benedictine Congregation, it's constituent monasteries and every monk and nun in your prayers as we face the challenges of the future with faith and hope. We wish to be worthy successors of our saintly forebears and continue to offer the world places of prayer and peace where all who seek the face of God are welcomed as if they were Jesus Christ himself. (Rule of St. Benedict, Chapter 53)

Have you seen the Orange Box in the side chapel of Our Lady's?

This is to receive your donations of items which you might otherwise throw away, but which can help the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) to raise funds for their wonderful support of children and families throughout the diocese. These are the kinds of things you can put in the box:

Used foreign stamps or UK stamps before 1970, coins and banknotes of any denomination, precious metals, metal ornaments, keys and cutlery, medals, old watches. If you don't attend Our Lady's you can give them to Fr. Francis

Vicki Dunstone of the Society writes: "These orange boxes really are a fantastic way to raise much needed funds for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). So far this year, two collections from parishes in Dorset, one collection from parishes in Cornwall and a couple of smaller individual parish collections have raised almost £1,300 !"

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