

# OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF EASTER. 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022

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| Day       | Place      | Time  | Celebrating                               | Intention                                    |
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| Sunday    | Marnhull   | 9.30 a.m.   | <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>           | <i>Bridie Logue</i>                          |
|           | Gillingham | 11.00 a.m.  |   |  |
|           | Marnhull   | 6 p.m.  |   |  |
| Monday    | Marnhull   | 9.30 a.m. followed by rosary  | Eastertide                                | <i>Sarah Mackay</i>                          |
| Tuesday   |            | No Mass   |   |  |
| Wednesday | Gillingham | 10 a.m. followed by rosary  | St. Justin, Martyr                        |  |
| Thursday  | Marnhull   | 9.30 a.m.   | Eastertide                                | <i>Her Majesty the Queen</i>                 |
| Friday    | Gillingham | <i>Adoration &amp; opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m.<br/>Mass 6 p.m.</i> | The Martyrs of Uganda                     |  |
| Saturday  | Marnhull   | 10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions  | <b>St. Boniface Patron of the Diocese</b> | <i>The People of the Diocese of Plymouth</i> |

*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*

**Book Sale in aid of Alzheimer's Research.**  
**This year I will have a stall at the Marnhull Fest Saturday 4th June, do please come along and find yourself a book ! If you wish to donate books then you can contact Charles or Pam on 01258 821463.**

A Mass for Marriage  
 To bless, strengthen and celebrate your married vocation. Plymouth Cathedral. 16th July, 2022. Mass begins at noon, with a pre-celebration event from 11 in the Cathedral rooms. Refreshments after Mass.  
 For information and to register anniversaries and forthcoming wedding dates, contact:  
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The World Communications Day is the only world level celebration established by the Vatican II, and has been continually observed since 1967. The message of the Pope sets the agenda for reflections and a variety of activities across the world throughout the year. The 2022 World Day will be the 56th, and the ninth during the pontificate of Pope Francis. The pope's theme is based on the words of the Gospel of Luke, "take care, then, how you listen." The search for truth, the Vatican statement said, "begins with listening" as does "bearing witness through social communications media."

The **second collection** today will be used by the Catholic Communications Network established by the Bishops of England and Wales to support Catholic websites and social media channels and to continue to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people.

**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global ecumenical prayer movement for evangelisation occurring annually from **Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> May -5<sup>th</sup> June 2022)** which mobilises Christians across different denominations and traditions worldwide to pray for loved ones to know Christ's transforming love. Here's a link to Catholic resources by which to join in this movement:

<https://www.cpo.org.uk/static.aspx?key=product&q=114>

On Saturday we celebrate Saint Boniface; it's a Solemnity because he is patron of our diocese. Because his ministry was exercised in other countries perhaps we don't always appreciate what a great saint this native of Crediton was. Pope John Paul II, on a visit Fulda where St. Boniface is buried, said to the German people, "The holy Boniface, bishop and martyr, signifies the beginning of the gospel and the church in your country."



In the Catholic Church in Crediton the bas-relief pictured above, depicting the felling of the Donar Oak was unveiled by Princess Margaret.

This is a day to pray to St. Boniface as patron of our diocese, that through his intercession we will be able stewards of the Good News, as dedicated to convincing people of the love of Jesus Christ as he was.

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A day at the seaside.

Last Thursday, the parish clergy attended a 'Deanery Meeting' in Weymouth. You may know that Catholic dioceses are arranged in deaneries consisting of groups of neighbouring parishes. While each parish is a separate entity, this arrangement facilitates coordination, communication and mutual support. A dean is appointed by the bishop after consultation with the clergy.

Deanery meetings take place three or four times a year and provide a forum for discussion of matters of general interest or concern across the diocese. They also provide an opportunity for fraternal contact between the clergy.

Fr. Anthony O'Gorman kindly hosted our meeting this time at Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Weymouth. We were welcomed by our dean, Canon John Webb. Our deanery covers the whole area of Dorset within the Diocese of Plymouth and most of the parish clergy were able to attend.

There were two substantive agenda items. One of the important responsibilities of a diocesan bishop is his care for and support of the clergy so that they can give themselves wholeheartedly to their mission. Both Bishop Christopher and Bishop Mark have asked Canon Paul Cummins to take a leading role in that, and I, like many clergy, have been most grateful for his accompaniment, particularly as we move from one parish to another. Bishop Mark has appointed a group to assist him in his ongoing ministry to the clergy. A project is currently being developed to listen to the priests' and deacons' experience of ministry, to understand the pressures they cope with in their ministry and identify any further support which the diocese might provide. A member of the group, psychotherapist Mr. Steve Lowe, introduced this project to the meeting. The ensuing discussion strongly supported this initiative and heard moving testimony from priests of the care which the Bishop and Canon Paul had offered them in times of difficulty or burn-out.

The meeting then moved on to a consideration of how to encourage vocations to the priesthood. A very good discussion ensued; many parishes held a holy hour and other prayers on Good Shepherd Sunday, which the Church sets aside as a day of special prayer for vocations. The fruit of the discussion was mainly a wish to find ways of helping people to see what a wonderful life is that of a Catholic priest. We encouraged each other to talk of that and to show it by our joyful demeanour. Always supported by prayer, two most important ways of encouraging vocations are when people can see holy and joyful priests and when they can feel encouraged by their family and friends when they sense that God might be calling them to follow the Lord Jesus in this special way.

An important feature of deanery meetings is the opportunity for clergy to get together on a social level and so we very much appreciated the convivial meal which followed the formal meeting.

Fr. Francis

The latest edition of Mission Today (copies are available in each church) includes current statistics of the Catholic Church alongside many interesting articles. The statistics filled me with joy at being a member of the Church and admiration for the countless brothers and sisters in faith who do so much good in the world:

1 in 7 of all people alive on earth today are baptised Catholics and this is some of what they do:

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| Lay missionaries  | 410,440    |
| Pupils in Catholic primary and secondary schools          | 64,488,066 |
| Catechists working with children, young people and adults | 3,074,034  |
| Religious Sisters   | 630,099    |
| Priests   | 414,336    |
| Permanent Deacons   | 48,635     |
| Homes for the elderly, chronically ill or disabled        | 15,429     |
| Hospitals   | 5,245      |
| Dispensaries and clinics                                  | 14,963     |
| Care homes for children                                   | 9,374      |

This doesn't include all the Christian love which is impossible to count: the countless acts of kindness in every parish community, the care of parents for children, of children for parents... We have so much to thank God for.

Gillingham Food Bank, which the parish supported regularly before lockdown, is very short of some items as the demand is increasing.

Tins of meat, tins of fish, UHT milk, fruit juice, instant potato are particularly needed.

We will have a collection box in both St Benedict's and Our Lady's. Deacon Mike has kindly offered to convey your donations to the foodbank.

The Called and Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn what the spiritual gifts are and prayerfully discern which gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

Over 2000 people across the UK have experienced the Called and Gifted discernment process and, for many, it has led to a more active and fulfilling life. Please visit the Called and Gifted website to see examples of testimonies from previous participants, including an inspiring video testimony by a priest from Leeds Diocese who has experienced Called and Gifted himself and seen the difference it has made in his parish after inviting parishioners to discern their spiritual gifts: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

## **Join CAFOD's Diocesan Fix the Food System Online Meeting, 14 June, 6pm**

The global food system is broken. There's enough food to feed everyone in the world, but, even before the invasion of Ukraine, 800 million people were hungry each day. Now following the Ukraine conflict many more will be pushed into hunger. The way we produce and distribute our food is driving many into poverty and creates a third of all of the global greenhouse gases that are put into our atmosphere each year! All is not lost, we can fix this broken system!

Join the CAFOD Plymouth Team online with CAFOD's Head of Campaigns, Andrea Speranza, on 14 June, 6pm, to learn more about how we can *Fix the Food System* and CAFOD's new campaign.

To register to join the Zoom meeting please email: [plymouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:plymouth@cafod.org.uk)

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