

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

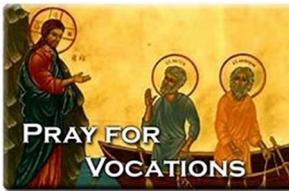
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF EASTER. 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>Elizabeth McCorry RIP</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by rosary	Eastertide	<i>The monks of Douai Abbey</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Eastertide	<i>Achille Faber RIP</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Eastertide	<i>Fr. Matthew Burns OSB</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration &amp; opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Our Lady of Fatima	<i>Achille Faber RIP</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	<b>St. Matthias, apostle</b>	

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



**Today Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a day of special prayer for vocations.**

**Fr. Francis will lead a Holy Hour beginning at 4 p.m. in St. Benedict's at which we will ask the Lord to inspire men to feel the call to priesthood and give them the generosity to give themselves to this blessed way of life**

Churches Together in Marnhull meet most months for half an hour of reflection and prayer in one of the churches of the village. On 13<sup>th</sup> May it is Our Lady's turn to host this and Fr. Francis will be leading it. Everyone is most welcome to join in.

Bishop Mark will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on 30th May at 12.noon. Fr. Francis won't be able to attend because he says Mass in Guys Marsh Prison on Monday afternoons. You are welcome to attend, but there is no parking at the Cathedral. There is a multi-storey car park about 10 minutes' walk away: in Flora Street, PL1 1TQ. If you will be attending, please tell the Bishop's Secretary: [emma.neville@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:emma.neville@prcdtr.org.uk) by 13th May.

*Jacinta Bowe would like to thank all those who sponsored her in her Walk Against Hunger during Lent. She managed to walk 124 miles in six weeks. Proceeds will go to CAFOD*

Congratulations to the winners of this month's parish sweepstake draw: Mr. Rory Herbert wins £40, Mr. Peter Forrester wins £30 and Ms. Camilla Mackay wins £20



As part of Laudato Sí Week 2022, Caritas Plymouth and CAFOD would like to invite you to an online event to reflect on our Diocesan Environment Policy, what Pope Francis means by 'integral ecology' and how together we can make a difference as stewards of creation. Please register at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKiqby9p4Zaca73jzxgOQNhsGHGCFRchfhUNFNKQ09UTjhWWIVVQ0ZFUTNKTlpTRTBQWSQIQCN0PWcu>

More info from [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) 01364 645421

**Vocations to Priesthood - Day of Recollection** Our next Day of Recollection for men discerning their vocation will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 from 10:00 to 16:00 at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, Cornwall. The day will include Mass; a time of Adoration; a short conference; an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission.

For further information and to register for the event, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on [Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk) by 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the latest. It's possible to collect you from Liskeard Station before 9:15, and returned after, if required.

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**News from our parish school** *Mrs. Betts, our headteacher, writes:*

We've had a really super start to the Summer term! The children and staff have all come back refreshed, settled and ready for the term ahead. It was great to see them all come in on our first Monday back, wearing summer uniform and smiling. What was also exciting about last week was that we were able to invite the parents of children in St Anthony's & Explorers to our Celebration Assembly. It was lovely to see the children share their work and St Anthony's astounded us with their beautiful artwork inspired by the book they are sharing in class – Handa's Surprise.

It has been great seeing how much progress our youngest children have made with their phonics this year. I continue to get visits from several of them, keen to read to me!

A date for your diary:

On Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Father Francis will be joining us for our May Procession in honour of Our Lady. Everyone is very welcome to join us, at least for the outdoor parts of this lovely ceremony.

## Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act.

Following the pandemic, many household now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

Pope Francis says when we speak about vocations, we are speaking about making God's dream come true. The Holy Father made the observation in a Message released Thursday for the 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which falls this year on 8 May, and has as its theme "Called to Build the Human Family." The Church observes the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

In his message, the Pope reminded religious and clergy that they are called: to be protagonists of the Church's mission; to be guardians of one another and of creation; to welcome God's gaze; to respond to God's gaze; and to build a fraternal world. The Pope encouraged everyone to "journey and work together in bearing witness to the truth that one great human family united in love is no utopian vision, but the very purpose for which God created us."

You can read the whole message here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vocations-sunday-message-2022/>

## **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) – forthcoming events:**

# **Great Big Diocesan Quiz – Friday, 1 July 2022**

We are delighted to announce that we have a new date for our next Great Big Diocesan Quiz, as the last two planned quizzes have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

We're looking for parishes to join us on **Friday, 1 July 2022 at 7.30pm** and we would love to make this our biggest quiz ever. The last quiz in 2019 saw **9 teams** including one school compete for the trophy, which was won on the night by Heretics from Blessed Sacrament and **almost £1500** was raised.

All you need is a quiz master and a venue to host your parish quiz and then ask for teams to come forward to compete against each other in your parish on the night and against all the other parishes. If you would like to register an interest to take part or would like to discuss the quiz in more detail, please email [vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk) - all materials will be supplied by CCSP – you just need to find a venue, a quiz master and some teams to compete. **Good luck !**

## **2022 Annual Appeal – Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August**



The theme of our CCSP Annual Appeal this year is '**Extend a Hand: Give Hope**'. Packs will be sent to all parishes soon and we hope that even more parishes will be able to support this year's annual appeal as 30 parishes helped to raise over £17,000 in 2021. We have just received £875.90 in Gift Aid from last year's donations so it's wonderful if supporters are able to tick the Gift Aid box if you can, as this money alone can help an extra 5 families through our Essential Grants programme.

**From November 2022, packs of Christmas cards will be on sale slightly earlier this year following feedback received last year.**

The feast of St Rita of Cascia will be celebrated at **St Rita's Centre, Honiton, Devon on Sunday 22nd May with Mass at 12 noon** followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3.30pm. Two shops will be open that day for sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website [www.stritascentre.org.uk](http://www.stritascentre.org.uk) and collect their items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day but visitors should bring a packed lunch.

**Welcome newcomers and visitors. You can find out more about our parish on our website – address at top of this page.**