



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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, 9TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 31ST MAY 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 31st May	Our Lady	9.00am Holy Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	Lourda Byrne, RiP
	St Benedict	11am Holy Mass		
	Our Lady	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 1st June	Our Lady	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Rosary	St Justin - Memoria	
Tuesday 2nd June		NO MASS	Weekday in Ordinary time	
Wednesday 3rd June	St Benedict	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Mm Memoria	
Thursday 4th June	Our Lady	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Adoration	Week day in Ordinary Time	
Friday 5th June	St Benedict	5pm Confession, Adoration, Evening Prayer 6pm Holy Mass	St Boniface Bp M Solemnity, Patron of the Diocese	Major Freame & his relations, RiP
Saturday 6th June	Our Lady	NO MASS	Blessed Virgin Mary Memoria	

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, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams.

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Marnhull Parish Website: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/>

St Mary's RC Primary School, Marnhull:

Sunday Readers: 9am: Mary-Clare; 11am: Joanna; 6pm: June.

Letter from Bishop Nicholas Hudson PASTORAL LETTER THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ The sign of the cross: we make the sign of the cross several times a day. But, of course, it is the sign not just of the cross but of our faith in the Most Holy Trinity. We make it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" because each one of us is baptised into the Father, the Son and the Spirit. And, as Pope Leo declared just a few days ago in his first encyclical, "At the heart of the Christian understanding of the human person lies the great biblical affirmation that men and women are created in the likeness of the Triune God."

So the sign of the cross we can understand as a sign of our identity as sons and daughters of the Triune God. Saint Bernadette, who saw the Mother of God, used to say we must make the sign of the cross with deep sincerity – meaning, in so doing, that we know ourselves to be sons and daughters of the Triune God and united to the Son in his sacrifice on Calvary. To read the whole please go to: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter>

****New**** Please note there will be No Mass on 6th June at Our Lady's as there will be a baptism taking place in St Benedict's Church. Please pray for Sebastian D'Rosario-Green who will be baptised on Saturday 6th June; and for all his family at this special time.

****New**** The **final Holy Communion Class** will be on 6th June at 12.00 Midday in St Benedict's Parish Hall and the children will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 7th June. Please pray for Seweryn, Leja, Precious, Savannah, Heizal & Jo-haan & their families.

****New**** **Volunteers needed for tidying up the outside of St Benedict's Church**

If you can help to tidy up outside the church (sweeping, weeding etc), please meet on Saturday 6th June at 10am.

****New**** **Churches Together Marnhull**

Village prayer will take place at 12 noon at Our Lady's Marnhull on Friday, 12 June. All are welcome to this short service of unity. Pope Leo and Archbishop Richard Moth are modelling wonderful ecumenical practice, which is heartwarming to see. In these troublesome times, we need to strengthen the Christian voice, and fostering good ecumenical relationships goes a long way to challenging the narrative of secularism.

****New**** **Film Night Wednesday 10th June 6pm for 6.30pm start in St Benedict's Parish Hall**

We will be showing "The Robe" - U Cert, 1955 & in Glorious technicolour! Richard Burton plays the soldier at the foot of the Cross who won the Robe of Our Lord. Considered one of the greatest Biblical Epics. Bring food to share if you can & bring your friends!

There is now an **Orange box** in St Benedict's Parish Hall for your kind donations towards fund-raiding for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). See the leaflets for items needed and enjoy a Spring clear out!

****New**** The Local Governing Body of our parish Catholic Primary School, St Mary's School, Marnhull, is looking for Foundation Governors to replace members who have reached the end of their term of office. The commitment is 2 meetings per term, usually Tuesday evenings. If you would like to find out more, please contact Deacon Mike.

School Transport grants for the academic year 2026-27 The Diocese of Plymouth is now taking applications from parents/guardians wishing to apply for grants for transport to a Catholic or Catholic/CofE joint school situated in the Diocese of Plymouth. Applications for the academic year 2026-27 must be submitted in writing and be signed by the Parish Priest. Families will be notified at the start of the Autumn term if their application has been successful. There are limited funds and not all applications may be successful. You can obtain an application form from the parish office.

Parish Library

There is now a PARISH LIBRARY in St Benedict's Hall where you can borrow a collection of CTS pamphlets, biographies, books on prayer and the teaching of the Church plus some excellent DVDs. Please write your name and date of borrowing and sign on returning. Many thanks.

****New**** **Volunteering for youth ministry, in the Diocese of Plymouth**

Do you or have you thought about **volunteering** to work with the youth either in your parish or further afield? Please follow the link: [Volunteer Data Form – Youth Diocese Events – Fill in form](#) For further information please contact Ruby or Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Small Book Club meets on Thursdays, alternating between St Benedict's & Our Lady's. If you would like to come along, please get in touch with Tony Moore 07967 592849 for details.

****New**** **Confirmation Classes 2026** The next class will on Thursday 11th June at 4pm in St Benedict's Church hall.

Craft Group

The Craft group meets at 10am in the Side Chapel of Our Lady's every Tuesday. All are very welcome to join - please ring Mary Moore on 01963 365848 for details.

Caritas May Newsletter

Please click the link to read the latest news of love in action around our diocese <https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>

****New**** **Young Adults retreat, Sclerder 19th - 21st June**

A weekend retreat for **18 - 30 year** olds to to **reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth**, this is underpinned by the scripture Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude. Along with art workshops and time in the gardens. Young people are being asked to make a **contribution of £40** each. Transport will be provided from Lisk-eard Station both on the Friday night and Saturday morning, returning around 2pm on Sunday. It is important to **book**: [Sclerder Retreat \(18-30\) - Stewards of the earth – Fill in form](#) Any further questions contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Plymouth Diocese May newsletter <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

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

