

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT. 26TH MARCH, 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Lent	<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The children preparing for First Holy Communion</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	Lent	
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	Lent	<i>Canon Paul Cummins</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Lent	<i>Coral & Johnny Harrow</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Lent	<i>Brian White, in thanksgiving</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. <i>Mass followed by confessions</i>	Lent	<i>Inmate of Guys Marsh preparing for baptism</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, Judith Forrester

Special offerings in the parish during Lent:

Stations of the Cross 3 p.m. 1st to 5th Sundays in Lent in St. Benedict's and Our Lady's.

Discussion group, led by Deacon Mike, 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Chapel Room at Our Lady's on the Theme of "A Place for Us" March 28th: "The Tragedy of Betrayal"



Holy Week Services will be at Our Lady's Marnhull this year:

Maundy Thursday	6 th April	6.30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	7 th April	3 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	8 th April	11 a.m.	In St. Benedict's: Blessing of Food
		9 p.m.	The Easter Vigil

From the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday until the Easter Vigil, the Sacraments of the Church are not celebrated except in extremis. The Sacrament of Confession will therefore not be offered on Friday 7th or Saturday 8th April.

Sunday morning, 26th March is your last chance to donate easter eggs to **Stella Maris (formerly called the Apostleship of the Sea)** as Annette will kindly take them to Southampton this week.



Churches Together in Gillingham. **Walk of Witness 2023**

Good Friday morning, 7th April. Begins at 11 a.m. outside The Barn Surgery

Churches Together in Marnhull: **Lent lunches and talks in the Methodist Church** Fridays at noon until 31 March. The theme of the Lent Lunches/Talks is Pilgrimage. About 30 minute talk followed by homemade soup lunch.

Sign up for the Catholic Children's Society Quiz Night on Friday 28th April. Our Lady's, 7 for 7.30 p.m. It'll be great fun in a good cause. Tickets will be £10 per person, which includes admission to the quiz and a Ploughman's Supper. All proceeds to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Why not get some friends together in a team to enjoy this fun night out. Teams can be up to 6 members. Info:

<https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/great-big-diocesan-quiz/>

We will have the lovely ceremony of the Washing of the Feet at Maundy Thursday Mass again this year. Please tell Fr. Francis if you are willing to take part.

You are invited to a farewell Mass and lunch on On Easter Monday, 10th April. The Mass will begin at 11 a.m. in Our Lady's and then lunch will be served in the school hall.

If you are able to come, it would be so helpful if you could let Mary Moore (Email: mandtmoore@btinternet.com Tel:01963 365848) or Annette Lyons know so that we can make sure there's plenty of food.

Father Francis

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

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Listening Workshop (repeat)

Saturday 29th April 2023 at 11.00.am. at St Benedict's, Gillingham.

Following the success of the first Listening Workshop event, by Michele Thompson, held at Our Lady's in January, Michele would like to give the congregation at St Benedict's the opportunity to take part in the same workshop.

Designed to help us to learn to listen with the ears of the heart, just as Pope Francis suggests. You will learn the vital difference between listening in order to respond and listening in order to react.

You will learn about yourself, how you may be perceived and how to speak the truth in love, without conflict.

This is a stimulating workshop suitable for anyone who wants to build better relationships through more effective communication, and perfect the art of listening. *Proverbs 18:13 "He who gives an answer before he hears, it is a folly and shame to him."*

Open Church St Benedict's Palm Sunday. 2nd April. 2.30 - 4.00pm
Votive Candles, prayer support and generous listening, as we share with our Gillingham neighbours, the significance of the start of Holy Week.
Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to join us for a time of quiet welcome and reflection. Any and all questions welcome.
Volunteers to help are invited for prayers and preparation from 1.45pm. Please contact Tony Moore, Annette Lyons or either of the deacons to offer help. Come Holy Spirit!

Canon John Deeny writes: "On 14 March, the Department for International Affairs of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, published **Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees**.

We would like to invite you to support Bishop Terrence Drainey's call on the Catholic community to write to their MPs, asking them to protect rather than punish refugees and create an effective asylum system which is just and compassionate. CSAN have produced a template letter to MPs and further guidance which can be found on their website <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/csan-statement-on-the-illegal-migration-bill/>"



Living Theology 2023. Friday 16th June – Sunday 18th June.
The Ammerdown Centre, Radstock BA3 5SW

"The Future of the People of God – The Synodal Church & Ecclesial Ethics"

Bed Friday and Saturday and full board plus all lectures and plenaries. £330 single, £290 pp for two people sharing.

Non-residential including lunch and evening meal: £190.

email ltammerdown@gmail.com for further information or to book

The John Bradburne Memorial Society will be hosting an event at Buckfast Abbey, South Devon on Saturday 10th June 2023 at 12 noon, to commemorate his 102nd Birthday.

This ticketed event will involve a Mass, lunch, talks, music and an exhibition.

if you would like to attend, please contact JBMS: 07979 187498 or info@johnbradburne.com Tickets are available on the JBMS website www.johnbradburne.com



JBMS

John Bradburne Memorial Society



Please pray for the repose of
the soul of

Fr. Kieran Kirby

Priest of the Diocese of
Plymouth

who died on
Thursday 20th March
after a long illness

May he rest in peace.

The £125 you kindly donated at the Mardi Gras party has been sent to Aid to the Church in Need to support their work relieving poverty in Syria. Thank you again for your generosity.

On Thursday, 18 May 2023, the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is holding an Ascension Day fundraiser at Buckfast Abbey.

The event starts at midday with Holy Mass in the Abbey, followed by a 2 course lunch, raffle and then finishing off with a guest speaker. We are delighted to announce that Rear Admiral Chris Snow CBE, the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Devon will join us to talk about his role assisting the Lord-Lieutenant of Devon, who is His Majesty the King's personal representative in the county.

Tickets are available on a first come-first served basis and are priced at £30 with all proceeds going towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. Please call the CCSP office **01364 645420** or email vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk to book your tickets (or you can speak to XXX in the parish office who has a few tickets to sell on behalf of the CCSP).

On Sunday 7th May 2023, Gillingham Methodist Church will be hosting a performance of Edward Elgar's sublime choral work

'The Dream of Gerontius'

with a 50-strong choir and the international concert organist, David Briggs playing our Sweetland organ and taking the place of an orchestra.

There will also be three well-known soloists, including tenor, John Graham-Hall (of ROH fame) taking the role of Gerontius.

Elgar composed this profoundly moving work in 1900 and the score was set to the text of a poem by Cardinal John Newman.

It relates the journey of a pious man's soul from his deathbed to his judgement before God and settling into Purgatory with the promise of everlasting glory.

Tickets £20 from 07817 379006 or The Copy Shop in Gillingham High Street or

www.wegotickets.com/event/492351