

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 6TH FEBRUARY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Lacon
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		The people of the parish
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by Rosary	Feria	Eleanor Chichester RIP
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10.00 a.m. followed by Rosary	Feria	James Augustine Roche RIP
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Scholastica	Private intention
Friday	Gillingham	Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes	Andrew Straw RIP
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Our Lady on Saturday	Anne Blount RIP

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen and 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.

Churches Together in Marnhull meet for prayer once a month. Please come along and enjoy this reflective half hour. Here is the revised schedule for the next few months. We begin at noon.

Friday 11 th February	St. Gregory's
Friday 13 th May	Our Lady's
Friday 10 th June	Methodist Church
Friday 8 th July	St. Gregory's

During Lent, we meet in the Methodist Church on Fridays at noon for a reflection, sometimes* followed by a Lent lunch:

4 th March	Forgiveness
11 th March	Forgiveness*
18 th March	Compassion*
25 th March	Compassion*
1 st April	Charity
8 th April	The Crucifixion*

Be ready to help stop assisted suicide amendment

Right To Life UK has had a challenging and busy month, with the assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government's Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law.

The Health and Care Bill will shortly move onto Report Stage where there is a high risk that Lord Forsyth will retable his amendment. As such, Right To Life UK is asking parishioners to sign up to their Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in their efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. You can do so by visiting the following link: www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts

Johnny Harrow's funeral will take place in Our Lady's on Friday 11th February, beginning at 1.30 p.m.

"What is God saying to the Church?"

Everyone is welcome to gather in Our Lady's chapel room on **Tuesday 1st March at 6 p.m.** to join in the online event organized by Divine Renovation. To find out about the event, please visit:

<https://www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event/>

As it is Shrove Tuesday, we hope to follow this with something of a

Mardi Gras Party, each bringing some food to share.

Tony Moore is coordinating this for us, so please contact him for further details. If you don't have his contacts, get in touch with Fr. Francis

Would you like to spend one hour a week online, with others, doing Franciscan at Home course from the **Parenting** and the **Lay Vocation** series? (Titles include *Preventive System of St. John Bosco*, *Introducing the Scriptures to Children*, *Faith and Moral Development: Ages 3–6*, *Catholic Social Teaching* and many more. Let us know what interests you, and what times you are free to meet and we can set up a free course. For more information email:

deborah.vanKroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Have you asked the question 'Is God calling me to be a Priest': Day of Reflection - Accompanying you in your journey of discernment of vocation. Fr Jacek Kostuch is offering a day of reflection for men (18 + ... if younger we would still like to hear from you with parents' permission) from 10:00-17:00 on Saturday 26 February at Fowey Retreat House. Fr Jacek will be accompanied by at least one other priest. The day will be a time for Mass, additional time praying, reflection, and sharing a meal together.



For further information and to register for the event, please contact Fr Jacek on:

Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk by 23rd February 2022 at the latest please. Arrangements can be made to collect you from St Austell Station before 9:15, and returned after, if required.

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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News from our parish school

Please remember our school in your prayers; our children and our staff have had a tough couple of weeks with several positive covid cases to manage. Besides the illness, this has meant extra work for the teachers, who have gone out of their way to ensure the children continue to enjoy their learning, both in school and at home.

Synodal Journey

Now that we are again able to meet together, we have a short time to produce our responses to the synod questions. The diocese would like to receive them by mid-February, so **please come to a meeting on Saturday 12th February after the 10 a.m. Mass at Our Lady's, Marnhull.** The meeting will last about one hour. The questions are available in advance for you to consider before the meeting. It would be great if you could bring along a friend who can offer us a perspective which the Church doesn't often hear.

The Plymouth Diocese Synod group has published an update on how the process is going across the diocese. To see it, use this link <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Synodal-newsletter-Jan-2022-3.pdf>

Bishops are invited to convoke a pre-synodal meeting to culminate the diocesan phase. This gathering should have wide representation from across the diocese with the aim of coming together to pray, listen, reflect, and discern the synodal path along which God's Spirit is calling the whole diocese. Our Pre-Synodal events are being held in Poole (26 February) and Plymouth (12 March) and we are asking parishes and other groups to nominate participants to ensure we get participation from across the Diocese.

Please contact Fr. Francis if you would like to represent our parish at the event in Poole.

Parish Evangelisation Group

All are welcome to the meeting on Thursday 17th February:

6 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's

6:15 p.m. Meeting in the side chapel at Our Lady's, supporting each other in our efforts to spread the Good News.

Those who cannot attend in person are asked to pray for the success of the meeting and of the work of all members of the parish to invite others to walk with Jesus Christ.

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

The Diocese of Plymouth environment policy was agreed a year ago. The policy commits us to enhancing biodiversity of all Diocesan-owned schools and gardens; increasing energy sustainability; and encourage ecological education in our schools and parishes. There is a great opportunity to take action during the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. All schools and parishes can participate in a national tree planting project - the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC). The project aims "to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations." The Queen's Green Canopy is a country-wide tree planting initiative. You can find out more about how to get involved here <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Plant-a-Tree-for-the-Jubilee.pdf>

Come and join us for LIGHT OF LIFE - an afternoon of family worship and fellowship. This event is suitable for all ages so please do invite your children, parents, grandparents and friends. Why not bring a family along from your parish?

DATE: Saturday 12th February 2022. LOCATION: St Anthony Church, 8 Pinehurst Road, West Moors BH22 0AP

TIME: 2pm - 5pm During our time together we enjoy praise, prayer, input and reflection in a number of creative ways and we will finish with a time of fellowship. Children will remain with their families and the afternoon is designed with this in mind. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided but if you usually have an early supper, or if you have a long journey home, then please do bring a picnic meal with you so we can enjoy some community time together towards the end of the afternoon. In order to make appropriate preparations and ensure we maintain good health and safety practices surrounding Covid in the church environment, we're asking you to book a space for yourself and anyone who you will be bringing using the link: [CELEBRATE BOOKING FORM](#)

For more information or to be added to our mailing list for future events, please contact Lizzie Barnsley-Parsons at lizzie@barnsley-parsons.co.uk or 07908559770

Welcome the Stranger

An Online Event on Tuesday 8 February from 5-6pm to reflect on the challenges facing migrants and refugees. All are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion. This free online event from 5-6pm on Tuesday 8th February 2022 will discuss the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery.

We look forward to welcoming guest speakers from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Brigid McEleney-Smith from Companions, Sidmouth who will highlight the amazing opportunities that can be achieved through community sponsorship.

The event will take place via Zoom and you can register to attend by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/K3uz5LLY2X>

or emailing: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

'Stay Awake' is taking place for the fourth year on **Saturday 23rd April, 2022** - in-person - at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, from 10:00 – 19:00. It will be a day of inspiring and encouraging talks, Mass, praise and worship, kids' activities, fellowship - all of this will allow ourselves to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship! There will be pizza in the evening for dinner (and garlic bread and dips)! This is an event for everyone and anyone. **Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under and only £10 for everyone else!** Please see www.stayawakejc.com for more information and to **book tickets!**

PARISH SWEEPSTAKE 2022

To continue with this fun method of raising parish funds the **SWEEPSTAKE 2022** applications are available in both of our churches, to download from the bottom of Parish [Website](#) Newsletter, or email by contacting Pam Snell on marnhull-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk **Costs £20 for the whole year. Each draw has prizes £10-£40**

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