

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

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## SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<i>Peter Holroyd-Smith RIP</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Feria	<i>Morgan and Ernestine Families RIP</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	For a Bishop	<i>The Holy See</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Wulstan	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration &amp; opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Sebastian	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	St. Agnes	

**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

The second collection due this Sunday 15th January to help fund warm spaces is deferred. Thank you very much to those generous people who offered to help with the Warm Space in Marnhull, and to Jacintha for all her work in helping to organize it, but it now appears that this service is not needed. We are finding out whether the Warm Space Gillingham Community Church is happening and needs our support.

### Open Church event. St. Benedict's last Sunday

Our prayers were answered for the Open Church event at St Benedict's.

A total of twelve parishioners turned out for Adoration, then a brief input from Deacon James and Tony Moore on what to do and how to do it.

At 3pm the rain stopped (the time planned to get outside the church) and we took it in turns in pairs to invite passers-by to come into the church. Whilst no-one was actually counting, an estimate for that hour we were outside inviting, a total of about 9 or 10 people accepted our invitation, came in and chatted with our volunteers about the church itself, about faith, and we all learned to listen better! Some lit candles too.

We stopped at [4.pm](#) as planned, just as the rain resumed!

Our emphasis was on prayer, with the prayer to the Holy Spirit "Lord, bring me someone today to share you with" being our daily prayer.

Our Parish Evangelisation group meet after Thursday morning Mass at Our Lady's and everyone is welcome: next meeting will be this Thursday (19th January). We begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Next Saturday morning (21st January) after Mass at Our Lady's, we will hear from our Diocesan Outreach worker, Michele Thompson, who will travel from Plymouth to talk to us about "How to Listen". Michele is an excellent speaker, who is passionate about her work. Please come and bring a friend.



A STRANGER and You  
WELCOMED ME

### UKRAINE APPEAL

We have had a wonderful response to our appeal for help. Thank you very much to everyone who donated all the items we received. Hope and Aid direct now have the 100 boxes we packed on two lorries which are making their way directly to Kyiv. We are so grateful to everyone who helped to make the appeal such a success.

Thank you so much,  
Alexia

### Listening Workshop.

#### Saturday 21st January 2023 at Our Lady's Marnhull After Mass

You are invited to attend a 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 folly and shame to him."*

**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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Since 1998, the Bishops' Conference's Department for International Affairs has organised the annual meeting of the Coordination of Episcopal Conferences in Support of the Church of the Holy Land. The Holy Land Co-ordination focuses on the three 'P's: Prayer, Pilgrimage and Persuasion. Prayer is the framework of the annual meeting, with daily celebration of the Eucharist, often in different rites. Pilgrimage to the local Catholic communities is always a key part of the visit. The 'Persuasion' component usually occurs when the delegates return to their home countries and share their views with parliamentarians, diplomats and the media on a wide range of issues affecting the lives of Christians in the Holy Land. This year, Bishops from 11 countries gathered on 14<sup>th</sup> January in Jordan to meet with the Christian community. There are more than 200,000 Christians in the country. Its Catholic parishes, schools and social projects form an important part of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. As well as visiting parishioners and young people throughout Jordan, the Bishops will be meeting Christian refugees from Iraq and Syria who have sought sanctuary in the country over recent years. The Bishops will be celebrating Mass at the site of the Baptism of the Lord and exploring how pilgrimages from their own countries can best continue to support the local Christian communities.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January



This year's theme is

### **Be-Longing. Praying for Unity amidst Injustice**

Services in Gillingham:

Daily Meetings at 12 noon:

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary the Virgin C of E
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Benedict's RC
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Methodist Church
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Community Church

**Combined Service**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 3 p.m.**  
**St. Benedict's Church**

## **Pilgrimage to Lisieux, Lourdes, Rocamadour & Nevers by Coach** **September 2023**

Led by Monsignor Francis Jamieson, Parish Priest of Blandford Forum.

Outline itinerary (times subject to change)

7 <sup>th</sup>	0530 depart Blandford DT11 7BN Portsmouth to Caen by ferry. Arrive Lisieux ~ 1700
9 <sup>th</sup>	0800 depart for Lourdes, arriving ~ 1900
12 <sup>th</sup>	0930 depart for Rocamadour, arriving ~ 1400
13 <sup>th</sup>	0900 depart for Nevers, arriving ~ 1400
14 <sup>th</sup>	0800 depart for Caen, arriving ~ 1430 2115 arrive Portsmouth 2355 arrive Blandford

Full or half board each day; includes Mass in Basilica of St. Therese, at the Grotto in Lourdes, the sanctuary Notre-Dame de Rocamadour and the shrine of St. Bernadette Soubirous.

More details and a booking form available from Fr. Francis or [blandford@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:blandford@prcdtr.org.uk)

### 'Synodality Series'

Dr Caroline Farey is offering two further talks on synodality. In person or join the day online via zoom.

The talks will take place at St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX For those attending the day there will be 10.30am Refreshments and 12.15pm Lunch break. (Bring your own lunch). There is also Mass at 9.30am.

To request a zoom link please email: [carolinefarey@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinefarey@btinternet.com) Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023:

11.00am:	Sharing the priesthood of Christ.
1.15pm:	Should women share in the hierarchy?

### **Save the date - LOUDfence in the Diocese of Plymouth** **(15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February)**

The diocese will be holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth starting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February and concluding on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. Attendees are encouraged to tie ribbons around a fence which could also include a message of support. We want survivors to know that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. We hope that you can join us. More details will follow soon.



Have you noticed the big orange box by the door of the Chapel Room in Our Lady's? It is there to collect household items which the Plymouth Diocese Catholic Children's Society can raise money from. Vicki Dunstone, Communications Officer, has written: "Since 2011, we have raised over £18,000 averaging around £1,500 over the last three years. But 2022 has broken all previous annual totals as

£3,542.63 has been raised thanks to the kindness of many of our parishes and schools, some of whom have only recently started collecting using our Orange Box recycling scheme.

Items that can be collected in the Orange Boxes include: Stamps, Coins & Banknotes, Medals, Gold, Silver & Precious metals, SMALL household metal items (Including cutlery and old kitchen utensils), ornaments and watches (working or not) and Catholic memorabilia such as rosaries, crucifixes, pendants etc.

As Spring approaches (*hope springs eternal!*) and we feel the urge to Spring clean, don't forget this handy way of de-cluttering and supporting children at the same time.

Putting All Children First