

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, 15TH AUGUST 2021

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<p>Saints & Feast days: <i>Mon</i>, St Stephen of Hungary, St Rock; <i>Thurs</i>, St John Eudes, St Ezekiel Moreno, St Oswin; <i>Fri</i>, St Bernard of Clairvaux; <i>Sat</i>, St Pius X; <i>Sun</i>, St John Kemble.</p>	
<p>Sunday, public Masses: Marnhull 9.30 am. Beryl & Cooper James Gillingham 11.00 am Pierrette Plumridge Offertory baskets are NOT passed around, to avoid infection, but will be available inside the church doors at all Masses. All cheques to be made to "PRCDTR Marnhull RC Parish".</p>	<p>Weekdays, public Mass in bold: Mon Iulia Tuesday Mary Oliver Weds Gillingham 10.00 am The parishioners Thurs Marnhull 9.30 am Pat Riches Friday Gillingham 10.00 am Saturday Marnhull 10.00 am Francie & Jerry Confessions: After midweek Masses or telephone Father for an appointment.</p>

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

The funeral of Mrs Joan Duggan, of Gillingham, who died last week, will be at St Benedict's on *Friday 27th August* at 1.00.pm.

St Benedict's, Gillingham. At this Sunday's Mass, Leon Felix will be baptized – Congratulations to Magdalena and Michal. New vestments, especially suitable for the feasts of Our Lady, have been given by Mrs Sylvie Timoney in memory of Peter; they will be used for the first time this Sunday!

Gift Aid Donors - you should have received recently, by post, a personal letter stating how much you have contributed during the past Tax Year to 5th April 2021, so that you can check that you have paid enough tax to cover the Gift Aid tax rebate that will be claimed by the Parish. That letter has been posted to the address currently held by the Gift Aid Organiser. If *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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you should expect a letter but do not receive it please contact Brian White, tel.01747 835640.

Also, please respond quickly to the letter should there be any changes in your personal circumstances which affect your tax situation or if you have any queries. Thank you.

COVID Safety. As outlined in last week's Newsletter, we must still maintain vigilance. Please remember to fill in the track and trace forms and use the hand sanitiser as you enter the church. Last Sunday, we resumed the distribution of Holy Communion at the usual point during Mass. Please follow the direction of the stewards. Thank you to the stewards who are there to make sure that we are all as safe as possible.

Farewell Mass. On *Saturday 28th August*, Father Martin will be celebrating Mass at Our Lady's, Marnhull at 12 noon, for parishioners from both Our Lady's & St Benedict's. Because of the numbers expected and the restricted space, it is asked that you book a place by emailing Steve Carrivick at carrivick79@gmail.com or phone on 07887 988123. There will be no restrictions on numbers to Father's party, in St Mary's School next door, which will follow the Mass, but again, we would like to know how many to expect so we can cater accordingly. Please book a place in the same way.

If you know of a parishioner who has not returned to the church since lockdown, please invite them to come.

Diocesan Youth Rally. The youth Rally (at St Rita's, Honiton) is open to all young people aged 8-16. It is hoped that parishes will bring groups of young people. Traditionally parishes have supported groups of young people to attend the event by making a contribution towards travel costs and the entry fee. There is a coach that will pick up from Parishes in North Devon. It is planned to start at Oakhampton but could start at Tavistock if there is demand. It will also pick up from Exeter. Please email me for more details. If there is a large enough group we could look at doing the same, starting from Saltash, through to Plymouth, Ivybridge, Newton Abbot. Groups using the coach service will need to come with the necessary ratio of adults to young people. Please note the date of this event is *26th September* (it has changed from the original date of 19th September). Contact Deacon Michael , or Saskia on youth@prcdtr.org.uk or 01364 64540. Or Patrick on 01837 851438/ 07880 734088.

Voice of the Churches, the monthly newsletter for Sturminster churches, has been online during the lockdown, but hopes to resume paper format in the New Year. The Churches Together committee are taking the opportunity to review the publication, with a greater sharing of production between the four participating churches, both physically and financially, making it a truly ecumenical venture. There is also the possibility of including some community pages, with space for some advertising. The present editorial team will remain, but a new distribution manager will be needed. *Voice of the Churches* is a valuable tool in making a Christian presence in Sturminster and the surrounding villages: any offers of help will be welcome. Further details from Judith Bennett 01258 471623

Good Counsel Network is one of the organisations active in the pro-life movement. If you look them up, be sure to go to Maria Stops Abortion blogspot where there is a fascinating account of how a major London abortion centre has closed after eleven years of vigil and prayer, which included asking the intercession of Gilbert Keith Chesterton. Well worth a read.

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Book Sale 4th/5th September 10am-2 pm in the barnyard of Grafthayes, Nash Lane, Marnhull DT10 1JZ, in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK. Donations welcome, call Charles 01258 821463.

New to this Parish? You are most welcome to our community whether as brand new parishioners or existing ones drifting back to the fold after the imposed separations. Since early on during Covid, parishioners have been encouraged to contribute to the upkeep of the parish and many have thankfully opted to donate via Standing Order as collecting cash was difficult. Whether you are a tax payer or not this is a simple method, and even better for fundraising is the option of Gift Aid from taxpayers. If you would like applications for either or both of these it would be most valuable to the parish. Please contact the Treasurer, Pam Snell via admin@marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk or click on Parish Collections on our website. Thank you, Pam.