



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

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

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Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227



3RD WEEK OF EASTER

4TH MAY 2025

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 4th May	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		Mrs Vera Pidgeon
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 5th May	Marnhull	9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary NO MASS	St Richard Reynolds Memorial	
Tuesday 6th May		NO MASS		
Wednesday 7th May		10am Morning Prayer & Rosary NO MASS		
Thursday 8th May	Marnhull	9.30am Morning Prayer & Adoration NO MASS		
Friday 9th May	Gillingham	5pm: Adoration & 20 Decades of Rosary NO MASS		
Saturday 10th May	Marnhull	NO MASS		

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Norma Wilcox, Lourdes Byrne.

Sunday Readers: 9am: Charles; 11am: Jill; 6pm: Christine

For Confession outside the times mention, please call Fr Cletus to arrange an appointment.

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Pope Francis



Requiescat in Pace

St Richard Reynolds is thought to have come from Pinhoe in Exeter and was a Bridgettine monk of Syon Abbey on the Thames. He suffered martyrdom with the Carthusians at Tyburn on May 4th, 1535 for refusing to take the oath of royal supremacy under Henry VIII. He was known for his personal holiness and was one of the forty martyrs canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970. Syon Abbey, one of the great medieval monasteries, was dissolved in 1539 by Henry. The expelled community moved from place to place in France and Spain, finally settling in Lisbon in 1594. This same community moved from Lisbon back to England in 1861, settling first in Spetisbury, Dorset then in Chudleigh, and finally in 1925 in South Brent. The community remained here until the closure of Syon Abbey in 2011.

Marian Month of May

Pope Francis: "I invite you to pray the rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life of Jesus the Saviour with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations". The Church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Mary Virgin. In honour of this we will be saying all four mysteries of the Holy Rosary, every Friday (20 decades) from 5pm at St Benedict's Church in Gillingham. Our Lady of Fatima first appeared to the three children on 13th May 1917 and exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace. St John Paul said: "To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother."



Assisted suicide Bill even worse than before - please take a red & white card from the back of the Church

Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims.

Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP today! Or click on the link to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvot>. Further resources: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Blessed Carlos Acutis "5 Steps to being a Saint"

Books are available for sale at the back of the church at the discounted price of £5 each. Please place money in the repository jar provided.

Sturminster Choral Society CON-CERT on Saturday, May 10th, 7:00pm-9:30pm, St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton.

John Rutter REQUIEM
Mozart VESPERS
Edward Elgar SEA PICTURES.

Tickets £15 on the door - booking 01258 820755

Gillingham Singers Spring Concert on Saturday 17th May at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Motcombe -

Faure's Requiem & other sacred & secular music.

Tickets: £10 in advance including a glass of wine or £12 on the door. Contact Carole on 07572 786416 or Novia stationery in Gillingham High Street.

Heatree Residential (TQ13 9XE) May 23rd-25th 2025

Heatree Activity Centre is situated on Dartmoor. This popular residential is aimed at young people aged 10 - 12 years old. Young people will explore the Sunday scripture whilst building rafts and climbing the high ropes. It's a great chance to meet other young Catholics from across the Diocese. The cost of the weekend is £90, which can be paid in installments. For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/AzTdSwy1VD>

The Sons and Daughters of God (I Figli di Dio) is a worldwide community based on prayer. The regular Friday meetings will resume on 2nd May at 7pm in the church hall, St Edwards, Shafestbury. If you would like to find out more please contact Shaun MacLoughlin on 07568942164 or David Minto on 07889035898. See- www.comunitafiglididio.net. All will be very welcome.

Evangelisation - the heart of the Church's Mission: - in the light of the death of Pope Francis, we recall that his first major encyclical to the Church was on the necessity to proclaim the Gospel and the mission to evangelise. The aim of this day is to explore the nature of this mission and how we can put it into practice in our daily lives. This day will be of particular interest to all who are already endeavouring to share their faith or who would like to know how to get started. This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 17th May 10am-3pm. (Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. Booking is **essential** and needs to be done through plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you at this inspiring day. Fr. Jon Bielawski (Delegate for Evangelisation and Catechetics).

Save the Date!

23rd May: St Mary's School May procession
28th May: Parish Pilgrimage
29th May: Ascension of the Lord
8th June: Pentecost Sunday
22nd June: Corpus Christi Sunday & First Holy Communion
6th July: Tercentenary of the Marnhull Mission (the main Mass and celebration of this 3-week event).