



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



FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

26TH APRIL 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 26th April	Marnhull	9.00am Holy Mass	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Michael Hoy, RiP
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		Digby Hague-Holmes, RiP
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 27th April	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Rosary		
Tuesday 28th April		NO MASS		
Wednesday 29th April	Gillingham	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary	St Catherine of Siena, V., Dr, Patron of Europe FEAST	Janet, Sean, Owen Holmes, RiP
Thursday 30th April	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Adoration		
Friday 1st May	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Adoration, Holy Rosary 6pm Holy Mass		Mary Ainger, RiP
Saturday 2nd May	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass followed by Confession	St Athanasius, Bp, Dr Memoria	

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Joyce West, Tony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Frances Mowbray, Vicki McHugh, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Pam; 11am: Rupert; 6pm: June.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is an opportunity to pray for vocations and to encourage those who may be considering ordained or religious life. The Diocese of Plymouth also asks for your assistance in supporting our seminarians through their training and formation, both through prayer and financial support.

If you are able to contribute to our **Seminarians' Fund** we would be grateful for your donations at the retiring collection or you can donate online at <https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/donate>

Bishop Nicholas has recorded a short video about vocations in advance of Good Shepherd Sunday. Apologies if this is too late for your newsletters. We are also sharing via our website and social media.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_uH7mi3Rhk

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS AN OPTION TO DONATE BY CARD ON THE CASHLESS GIVING MACHINES IN BOTH CHURCHES .



Please pray for the repose
of the soul of

Michael Hoy
who died on 22nd April

RiP



Please pray for the repose
of the soul of

Clive Baker
who died on 23rd April

RiP

Please continue to pray for John Turnbull (Deacon Mike's brother) whose funeral will take place in Nottingham on Monday. May he rest in peace.

****New Update** Quiz night at St Benedict's Church Hall on Friday 8th May in aid of Catholic Children Society Plymouth.**

Please sign up the Quiz night - it's less than 2 weeks away. There are sign up sheets at the back of each Church or email the parish office marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk. Tickets cost £9 per adult or a family ticket of 2 adults and 3 children for £25. We ask all ages to support our social evening event. A ploughman's meal of cheeses, pickles and breads is included. Please bring your own drink. Many thanks.

****New** Please save the Date. St Mary's School May Procession will be on Thursday 21st May.**

****New** Holy Communion Class Dates 2026 Please note that there will be NO class on Saturday 2nd May.**

Confirmation Classes 2026 The next class will be on **30th April at 4pm** in St Benedict's Church hall.

Craft Group

The Craft group meets at 10am in the Side Chapel of Our Lady's every Tuesday. All are very welcome to join - please ring Mary Moore on 01963 365848 for details.

Small Book Club next meeting: Thursday 30th April at 2.30pm in Our Lady's Side-Chapel

We are currently reading "Artificial Intelligence, What do advances in AI mean for Society, the Church and the World?" If you would like to come along, please get in touch with Tony Moore 07967 592849.

Help Needed for Charity in Gillingham

NorDDis is a small independent charity run exclusively by volunteers serving Gillingham and the surrounding areas. We sell new and used items for the elderly and disabled. We also hire items for short term use. Due to ill health, our Treasurer has had to resign from the Charity so we are actively seeking someone to take his place. If you think you could help to fulfil this position, we would be pleased to hear from you. For further details please contact Terri Murphy on 07780 845070.

***New** Sturminster Choral Society Spring Concert:** Rossini's Stabat Mater & Schubert's Mass in G. Saturday 9th May at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £12.50 - Cash on the door. Book: 07975 570381

***New** Gillingham Singers' Spring Concert on Saturday, 16th May, at 7.30 pm** at St Michael's Church, Mere. The Concert includes Rutter's Requiem.

Bishop Nicholas Hudson is coming to **Stay Awake on 2 May, 2026 @ The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester!** The day runs from 10 am until **Mass with Bishop Nicholas** (celebrating early Saturday evening). Please get your tickets from www.stayawakejc.com (£12.50 for Adults and **FREE** for children). An all age event with appropriate children's streams (so that parents can engage), keynote speakers (**David Wells and Maria Heath**); workshops and **free pizza** after Mass. Bring a packed lunch but there will be plenty of **free** refreshments throughout the day and plenty of spiritual nourishment for all. **YOU** are invited to celebrate and grow in your faith at Stay Awake, 2026!

***New** Heatree Residential 15th - 17th May, 'Go make disciples of all nations' Matt 28:19**

Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor. The weekend is open to those aged 9 - 12 (school years 5 - 7). whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities) young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90. To book follow the link: [Heatree 2026 15th-17th May - Fill in form](#) Further information email; Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

***New** Thank you from CAFOD**

Thank you to all the parishioners of Our Lady's & St Benedict's for your generous donation of £621 received in April.

A Deeper Dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Monday evenings at 7pm online, from **Monday April 13, 2026**. Spend just one hour a week with others online, going gently but deeply and prayerfully into the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Sessions are for catechists, those who hope to be catechists, those seeking to know more about their faith, anyone interested in discovering more about the teaching of the Church.

Vicariate for Catechesis and Evangelisation - Shifting to Family-Centred Formation on Wednesday evenings at 7pm online, beginning Wednesday April 15 2026. This workshop considers parish ministry centred on family catechesis, in which the parish helps families by providing the education, encouragement, and accompaniment they need. The seven weekly sessions aim to support families as well as catechists and anyone interested in family faith formation. Spend just one hour a week with others online, in prayerful reflection on the topic. To find out more, please contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

****New** Plymouth Diocese are Recruiting for 2 new roles:**

Communication Officer (35 hrs a week, based at Boniface House, Newton Abbot)

Executive Assistant to the Bishop (35 hrs a week, based in Plymouth)

For details of both roles please see website: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter>

Plymouth Diocese April newsletter <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EB016AF080443C792540EF23F30FEDED>

Please be aware that there is a cashless donation machine in the Side Chapel of Our Lady's, so please do make use of this if you don't have cash on you.

St Benedict's Fundraising Appeal www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham Thank you.

