

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 17TH JULY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 17 th July	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday 18 th – Thursday 21 st July No Mass				
Friday 22 nd July	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Mary Magdalene	<i>Br. Nicholas Marsh OSB</i>
Saturday 23 rd July	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	St. Bridget of Sweden	<i>Teresa Harrow</i>

Father Francis is required to attend the General Chapter of the English Benedictine Congregation beginning on 11th July at Buckfast Abbey. This is why, with regret, it will not be possible to have Holy Mass in the parish as noted above. As you see, the Sunday Masses in the parish will take place as usual and 'normal service will be resumed' on Friday 22nd July.

SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY (SSG) – SUMMER SCHOOL, 3-6 AUGUST 2022

Venue: Belsey Bridge Conference Centre (CCT), Ditchingham, Norfolk NR35 2DZ

Theme: *'Talking, Listening, Responding: the call to be a synodal church'*

A residential Summer School exploring and considering ways of responding to the Pope's call to build synodal communities in our own parishes from the perspective of liturgy and music. Invited speakers include Bishop Peter Brignall (initiator of "The God Who Speaks", Dr Sue Price (Margaret Beaufort Institute), Maria Hall (Pontifical University of Maynooth), Bob Hurd (USA), Rev Deacon Peter Tibke (Archdiocese of Birmingham). Talks and workshops, liturgies and music, shared meals and social time - something for everyone of all ages. Reduced rates for bookings before 1 May and Bursaries are available.

Further details, and online booking, are available at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2022/> or by emailing summerschool@ssg.org.uk

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

Summer Camps are back.... Deacon Mike, and Barbara are heading off on 30th July to help run the Senior Camp at Grangehurst House, Buckfast Abbey. In previous years, the parish has been generous in supporting Camps with donations of cake and fruit. Boxes will be placed in both churches for any donations you may be able to offer. With many thanks, Deacon Mike

Many thanks to Annette who is re-launching the Film Club which was so popular before lockdown. The first film will be shown on Thursday 4th August in Our Lady's Hall. Arrive 6.30 p.m. for a 6.45 p.m. start.

The film is "Outside the City", a documentary about the life of the monks of Mount St. Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire. Followed by discussion, social time and refreshments.

Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference New Dawn in the Church

Come and experience the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit!

1 - 5 August 2022

Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Amazing faith-filled and inspirational speakers from all over the world, a gifted music ministry, healing/prayer ministry and children's and youth ministries. We are especially excited to share that this year's youth ministry will be headed up by two expert youth ministers from the USA to provide fun, faith-filled, and practical ways for our young people to live out their Catholic Faith! Register now at www.newdawn.org.uk

email received 14th July:

Dear Church Donor

With the cost of living rising almost daily, it's understandable that we've seen a reduction in donations to our Foodbank but thanks to the incredible generosity of everyone this hasn't been as bad as we expected. Thank you all.

Please, if you're able to continue to support us, we are desperately short of cartons of UHT milk and fruit juice; tinned tomatoes; pasta sauce; tinned meat and fish; instant potato mash; savoury snacks and sweet treats. We're currently having to spend lots of money on topping up our stock.

We are open to receive donations 9.30am to midday on Mondays & Thursdays and we'd be very grateful for any food donations you can give us.

Thank you!

Neil MacBean

Project Manager, [Gillingham foodbank](#)

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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Around 70 young people from across the diocese came together at Honiton. Some parishes brought teams, whilst others came from their parishes with friends and joined others to make a team.



Sidmouth parish won the Sean Flannery cup for being the fastest U12's team on the obstacle course. The over 12's cup went to Smudge. The Amazonian Lions from Buckfast took home the Hugh O'Donnal cup for showing true team spirit throughout the day. Anna from Sidmouth was the first to take home the Patrick Morris cup.

Patrick plans to step back from running the Youth Rally but plans to stay involved, so you'll still hear from him and see him around.

Next year we will return to September. Hold the date 23rd September 2023!

An Archbishop and a Sister from the Middle East issued a stark warning to UK Parliamentarians that Christians in the region are still suffering persecution.



Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, Iraq, and Sister Annie Demerjian of Aleppo, Syria, described the precarious position of Christians in the region. Archbishop Warda said: "There are still people being persecuted because of their faith and thankfully Aid to the Church in Need didn't accept the political correctness and said, 'Yes, Christians are being persecuted'." The Chaldean Catholic Archbishop went on to thank ACN for the schools the charity has helped build, saying that investment in education for Iraqi Christians has helped fight the genocide undertaken by Daesh (ISIS).

He said: "If our children lose their schools, that's the genocide, wiping out the past, the present and the future. So we hold to the future. Thank you to ACN for being the voice for the persecuted Christians."

Sister Annie, who has ministered to suffering Christians in Syria since the start of the civil war in 2011, said that the faithful are now struggling more than during the war. She said: "Now the situation is worse than during the time of war and as our nuncio Cardinal Zenari said, 90 percent of the population is under the poverty line. "We are heading for a humanitarian disaster and yet the world is not listening and is not hearing. The media is not hearing about Syria, it is not interested anymore."

The 99th General Chapter of the English Benedictine Congregation is taking place at Buckfast Abbey and Fr. Francis is participating in it.

It's lovely to see the choir stalls full of monks and nuns as we take our place in the full round of Holy Mass and the Divine Office:



Here we see Fr. Francis chatting with Fr. David Foster who is the Formation Consultor for the Congregation, advising on the care and training of new members of the monasteries:



While we spend many hours each day in formal meetings and discussions, informal meetings and enjoying each others' company is an important and fruitful part of our time together:



Here we see the Abbot of Ealing, the Abbess of Jamberoo, the Abbess of Kylemore, Br. Anthony from Worth and Sr. Therese from Jamberoo enjoying one of the coffee breaks.

The first act of the General Chapter was a vote to welcome the Abbeys of Jamberoo, Kylemore and Mariavall into the Congregation. They have quickly become an integral part of our monastic family, with much wisdom and loving kindness to share.