

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH JUNE 2021 (2 PAGES)

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Parish website: www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk admin@marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk	Deacon Mike Turnbull 07504 821558 michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk	Saints & Feast days. Mon 21st: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga; Tues: Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs. Thurs: Birthday: St John the Baptist
Sunday, public Masses: Marnhull 9.30.am. Mary Bradbury Gillingham 11.00am. The parishioners 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".	Weekdays, public Mass in bold: Mon Tuesday Weds Gillingham 10.00.am Andrew & Lorraine int Thurs Marnhull 9.30 am Jacintha ints Friday Gillingham 10.00.am Albert Lawes ints. Saturday Confessions: After midweek Masses or telephone Father for an appointment.	

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, Joe Briffa, Judith Davidson, Mary Hawtree, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Joan Duggan, Hilary Drake, Joyce Healey, and Eileen Chimes.

Our parish priest will be moving at the end of August to take up residence at the Cathedral House in Plymouth. The Bishop has agreed with Buckfast Abbey that Fr Francis Straw, monk of that Abbey will come to Marnhull/Gillingham and the Diocese is grateful for this. The agreement is to be reviewed after a year.

Thank you Father Martin for your wonderful service, support and friendship over the many years you have been with us. We will miss you very much, but send you all our best wishes and prayers for the future.

Congratulations to Peter and Mary Wardley who will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary next Saturday. Ad multos annos!

Diocesan Youth Ministry

Care for Creation (3rd July 10-4.00 at St Rita's, Honiton). Social Justice - what do we mean, what is our responsibility and what could we do? This event is for young adults aged 12-20. A chance to explore social justice topics around care for creation. Young adults will have the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and express their views in a variety of topics, taking the chance to reflect on what is happening around them and what action they could take. Parents/Guardians are also invited to this event. We ask for a contribution of £10 per person to help cover costs of speakers and lunch. If you would like to attend, please follow the link to sign up. <https://forms.office.com/r/chUcJe9sam>

Jesus Walks With Us (10th July 10.00 - 4.00 at St Rita's Honiton). By Design Theatre, Rise Theatre and the team from Stay Awake, are amongst others are coming together to run a conference for young people aged from 10 - 16. Young people will have the chance to explore the Emmaus Walk piece of scripture through the arts. There will be a number of workshops on offer including Art, Craft, Drama and Dance. We ask for £10 contribution to cover the costs of speakers and the lunch provided. If you would like a place, please complete the following form: <http://forms.office.com/r/spcJ3YGuKj>. For further information please contact Saskia Hogbin: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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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Let us dream - The path to a better future is the title of a little book by Pope Francis as he reflects on the these last months affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. At times it has seemed that people were rediscovering important things during the extended lockdown we have experienced - things like the value of family time together, the appreciation of those in our society who are very often the most needed and the least rewarded, such as those who care for the sick and elderly and those who keep the essential services functioning. These thoughts should lead us to reassess our own lives and our understanding of how we and our world can actually learn some beneficial lessons from this crisis. The danger is, that as we are drawing towards the end of the immediate danger, we will all eagerly 'go back to normal'. That phrase is actually a drawing back from any of the positive lessons which we might have learnt. What is 'normal'? It is often all the wrong things we've done before.

Pope Francis identifies all this in his book. Here is a little taste of it —

“It is moments like these, when we feel a radical powerlessness....that we come to our senses and see the selfishness of the culture in which we are immersed, that denies the best of who we are. And if, at such moments, we repent, and look back to our Creator and to each other, we might remember the truth that God put in our hearts; that we belong to Him and to each other.

Perhaps, because we have recovered, in lockdown, a little of that fraternity our hearts had painfully missed, many of us have begun to feel an impatient hope that maybe the world could be organised differently, to reflect that truth.

We have neglected and mistreated our ties with the Creator, with creation, and with our fellow creatures. But the good news is that an Ark awaits us to carry us to a new tomorrow. Covid 19 is our Noah moment, as long as we can find our way to the Ark of the ties that unite us; of love, and of a common belonging.

The Noah story in Genesis is not just about how God offered a path out of destruction, but about all that followed. The regeneration of human society meant a return to respecting limits, curbing the reckless pursuit of wealth and power, looking out for the poor and those living on the edges. The introduction of the Sabbath and the Jubilee - moments of recovery and reparation, forgiving debts and restoring relationships - were key to that regeneration, giving time for the earth to bounce back, for the poor to find fresh hope, for people to find their souls again.

That is the grace available to us now; the light in the midst of our tribulation. Let us not throw it away.