



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

WELCOME

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FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH JANUARY 2024

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The Catholic Safeguarding Resources
<https://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/parish-resources>

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sun 4th Feb	Marnhull	9am	Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
	Gillingham	11am	
	Marnhull	6pm* Mass available	
Mon 5th Feb	Marnhull	NO MASS 9.30am Rosary	St Agatha - Memorial
Tues 6th Feb		NO MASS	
Weds 7th Feb	Gillingham	NO MASS 10am Morning Prayer & Rosary	
Thurs 8th Feb	Marnhull	NO MASS 9.30am Adoration	
Fri 9th Feb	Gillingham	NO MASS 5pm Adoration & Evening Prayer	
Sat 10th Feb	Marnhull	NO MASS	St Scholastica

Sunday Readers

Our Lady's 9am: Paul & Jacintha Bowe; St Benedict's: Patrick Roche;
Our Lady's 6pm: Tony Bueno

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary & Clive Drake, Jan Carson, Nigel & Sarah Mackay, Pippa Turnbull, Brian White, John Graham

MASS INTENTION on 5th 2024 at 9am
Foundation Mass for the repose of the soul
of Frances Crouch



LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY (14th February)

At the two Masses on Ash Wednesday (10am at St Benedict's & 6pm at Our Lady's) the ashes from the burned palms of last year's Palm Sunday will be blessed and the priest will mark a cross on the foreheads

of the faithful and say **"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."** This is to prepare us to better appreciate the Death and Resurrection of Christ, to express sorrow for our sins and to help us to see the need to prepare for a holy death. Lent is a time for conversion for all of us when we acknowledge the ways we have offended God and focus on turning our hearts and minds back to Him. The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which help us renounce whatever has distracted or derailed us from our path to Heaven. **If you have your palm from last year please bring it with you and put it in the basket in the church porch). Thank you**

If anyone knows anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit, please let Deacons know.



CAFOD Free Will Writing service/ CAFOD Side by Side Magazine

"Gifts in Wills pay for over a third of our development work. With a gift in your Will,

many more families can access nourishing food, clean water, and the tools they need to build a better life and a brighter future." Details on the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service> or speak to Steve Carrivick in our parish. Please take a copy of the latest CAFOD magazine which has details of the funds raised & much more. If you would like to know more about CAFOD or consider becoming a Parish Volunteer, please speak to Steve Carrivick: **details on the Charity page of our Parish website <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/charities-and-groups>**



Last Chance to Donate your spare Rosary Beads for Seafarers through Stella Maris, Southampton

Your spare beads will be passed on to the many hundreds of seafarers and their families, where there is great demand for them. Please leave at the back of the Church.

Catholic Children's Society Orange Box Collection

CCSP are collecting coins, medals, precious metal, watches, Catholic memorabilia and much more! - for full list, see the posters at the back of the church or look at Please place in the Orange Box in Our Lady's side chapel or in the basket in the porch of St Benedict's.

GDPR Forms - Please help by filling out a form

As a result of a change in UK law, we now need your consent to how we contact you. .

Please complete a form - downloadable from our website (<https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter>) or take a paper copy at the back of the church. Please return the completed form in the envelope provided and hand to the Deacons or to me.

Many thanks, Harriet (Parish Secretary)

Marriage Week

The Bishops of England & Wales have designated 7th-14th February as Marriage Week - an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God, as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him. There are a range of resources and materials, which can be accessed from the Parish Website, including a reflection from Bishop David Evans, Lead Bishop for Marriage & Family Life, on Marriage as 'God's gift ... an expression of the depths of human loving ... (with a) likeness to the love of God'; there are also prayers and reflections on the vocation to marriage and the sacrament of marriage.

Weekend Retreats available for married couples of all ages on 9th-11th February 2024 & 25th -27th October 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)

Information and Bookings: Booking is essential - Go to the website at www.loving4life.co.uk or Contact: Jane Deegan jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435

Further resources available online <https://smartloving.org>

The Ordination of Our New Bishop Tickets & Live-Streaming of the event in Our Parish

22 February at 12.00 noon Mass at Plymouth Cathedral

As the seating capacity of the Cathedral is extremely limited, **each parish in the diocese will be given two tickets for Parishioners - please speak to either Deacon Mike or Deacon James if you wish to express your interest in attending.** The event will be livestreamed and you can join other parishioners to watch it together in the side chapel of Our Lady's at 11.45am.

The Churches Together Lent Lunches and Talks will all take place at Methodist Church Marnhull, Pilwell at 12 noon, followed by lunch:

Feb 16th & 23rd: Faith talk by St Gregory's

March 1st & 8th: Hope talk by Our Lady's (Jacintha)

March 15th & 22nd: Charity talk by Methodists

The talks on Hope will serve as a preparation for the [2025 Jubilee year of Hope](#). All are welcome to these wonderful and thoughtful talks which provide a focus for Lenten reflection. All proceeds will go to a UK Christian charity for the homeless. Our Lady's is responsible for preparing the lunch on Friday March 8th. If you could volunteer to help with the making of the soup, please see Jacintha or Jennie Burbury.

LENT RETREAT DAY ON THE SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2024 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE, HONITON at 9.30am,

An opportunity for talks, Exposition, Adoration, Lunch followed by Mass and an opportunity for Confession. **Charge for the day, including lunch (3 course meal), is just £25.00.**

Booking can be made by phone, email or online

(www.stritascentre.org/events)

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635 & Payment can be made on the day.

A Zoom Lent Course 2024 A chance to hear and reflect on different aspects of our faith during the incredibly important Lenten journey - a Series of 5 talks using the five great Gospels of the Sundays of Year A starts on February 16th with Rev Nick Johnson - *The Temptations*

For further details of this course , please see the newsletter section of our Parish website

<https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter>



Saturday 9th March is Dorset Big Lent Walk.

Parishes in Dorset are joining the **CAFOD Big Lent Walk**. Marnhull and Gillingham parishes will be walking the trailway from Sturminster Newton to Shillingstone Station and back. (Shillingstone Station has toilets and a café). The walk will take about 75 mins in each direction. We will walk together with Sherborne parish and Blandford parish will walk from Blandford and meet us at Shillingstone. Help raise vital funds for communities around the world fighting poverty. Saturday the 9th March is an opportunity for our Dorset Parishes to come together and support communities around the World. **Come and join the walk or sponsor members of our parish!** Further details to follow next week.

Parish Website Did you know that there is a wealth of information on the website, set up and maintained by Mary Wardley for many years, including prayers, commentaries, information on charities & Catholic Association Groups, the Parish Sweepstake and much more - please take a look at this wonderful resource:<https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/>