

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

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## 8<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<i>Judith Bennett</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by rosary	Feria	<i>James Roche RIP</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<i>Caroline</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Lent	<i>Tony Harrison</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration &amp; opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Lent	<i>Eileen Roche RIP</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Lent	

**Please pray for those who are ill:** Ellen and 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.




World Day of Prayer (A Women led, global, ecumenical movement) This year, composed by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2022  
**Sturminster Newton:** 2.30 p.m. in the Methodist Church **Gillingham:** 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Anglican Church

**“What is God saying to the Church?”**  
Everyone is welcome to gather in Our Lady's chapel room on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6 p.m.** to join in the online event organized by Divine Renovation. To find out about the event, please visit: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event/>  
As it is Shrove Tuesday, we hope to follow this with something of a **Mardi Gras Party**, each bringing some food to share. Tony Moore is coordinating this for us, so please contact him for further details. If you don't have his contacts, get in touch with Fr. Francis


**Churches Together in Marnhull**  
During Lent, we meet in the Methodist Church on Fridays at noon for a reflection, sometimes\* followed by a Lent lunch:

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Forgiveness
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Forgiveness*
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Compassion*
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Compassion*
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Charity
8 <sup>th</sup> April	The Crucifixion*



**This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday**  
*A day of fasting and abstinence from meat*  
Holy Mass with distribution of ashes:  
St. Benedict's, Gillingham 10 a.m.  
Our Lady's, Marnhull 6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in both of our churches at 3 p.m. on each of the Sundays of Lent and at 7 p.m. on Zoom on Thursdays during Lent. Please contact Fr. Francis by email if you would like to receive the link for the Thursday Zoom



**A message from Bishop Mark:**  
“I hope that you are well. I am sure that we have all been disturbed by the recent events taking place in Ukraine. I would be grateful if, in our parishes this weekend, you could mark this solemn moment by offering a time of prayer on Saturday or Sunday in the Parish Church, in order to pray for peace Ukraine and for all those who are suffering as a result of the war now being waged there. In light of the events in Ukraine, the Holy Father has asked us all to observe Ash Wednesday as a day of *Prayer and Fasting for Peace.*”  
**There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's from 3 to 3.30 p.m. on Sunday. All are invited to come and pray for peace together at that time. Fr. Francis**

Secondhand book sale in aid of **CAFOD** (Walk Against Hunger Campaign) I am holding a secondhand book sale on Friday and Saturday 11/12 March. Venue: Dunscair Fold, Hawkesdene Lane, Shaftesbury SP7 8NU I am collecting unwanted adult and childrens books: paperback/ hardback. Please bring to church and mark for my attention or message me to collect. Many thanks. Steve Carrivick. mob: 07887988123. Please support this event.

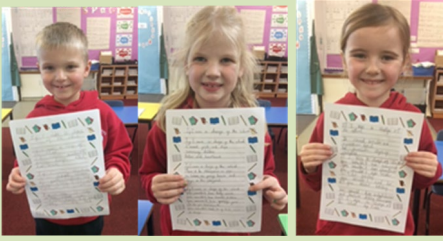
**Average Weekly Collections for January 2022:**

Collections in Church		Other	Standing Orders
	Gift Aided		Gift Aided
£204.03	£65.20	£62.00	£713.80

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## News from our parish school



Mrs. Betts, our headteacher, writes:

The children in St Marks have been working super hard on their amazing poems - 'If I were in Charge of the World', inspired by 'If I were in Charge of the World' by Judith Viorst. The children have loved the opportunity to be imaginative in their ideas and scenarios, should they have complete control our school.

From cancelling grumpy children, grazed knees and vegetables at lunch time, to introducing spa sessions, ice cream for snack and teachers who do their homework! The poems are creative, imaginative and humorous.

To highlight the importance of Mental Health Week, we have also been busy creating a class tree of growth. We have been reflecting and thinking about things that the children have achieved, found out or learnt about themselves or others. Once completed, these will be put together to create our own class 'growing together wall'.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Celebration in Gillingham.

Our church has been invited to nominate two representatives to take part in a Civic Parade and Civic Service on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. The parade will leave School Road at 11 a.m. and proceed along the High Street to the Anglican church. The Service will conclude at noon and the parade will reform and return to the Town Hall.

*I'm very grateful to Rogie for volunteering to represent us; I'd be most grateful if someone would come forward to join her*  
Fr. Francis

## Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages.

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing **3rd – 6th March 2022**

Call or text +44 788 729 6983.

Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.uk)



We are now moving towards the end of our local Diocesan listening phase with our two pre-Synodal events on 26 February in Poole and 12 March in Plymouth. These events will bring our listening phase to an end and the Synodal working group will then do its best to pull together a Diocesan synthesis that reflects the very wide range of feedback we have received. The synthesis will be shared on our website.



More information about what has happened so far is available on our Synodal Update which is attached to the newsletter email. There is also a link on the parish website.

We are now approaching the season of Lent. This year, the team at Caritas Plymouth is planning to take small actions each week that will make a positive difference in the lives of those around us. We challenge YOU to join us.

Take action to reach out to those in need in our local communities.

We have created two suggestions for each week of lent. How many of these actions can you complete?



For details, please see posters in both churches, attached to the newsletter email and on the parish website.

Plans are underway for a group of young people from our diocese to attend World Youth Day. It is a fantastic opportunity for those who will be 16 upwards by August 2023. World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon. Further information can be found on their website: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/> Some young people have already expressed interest in coming, if you think you would like to join us or know someone who would please email Saskia at [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)



“you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” To the left is a photograph of the church door of the Benedictine Abbey in Portsmouth, Rhode Island USA, one of the places Fr. Francis visited recently. These words from Ephesians, sadly partly obscured by a covid sign, put me in mind of St. Benedict's advice to monks that 'all guests are to be received as if they were Christ himself'. Fr. Francis thanks God for the welcome he received there and at St. Anselm's Abbey in Washington DC and for his safe return to the parish.

**PARISH SWEEPSTAKE 2022** Applications are available in both of our churches, to download from the bottom of Parish Website Newsletter, or email by contacting Pam Snell on [marnhull-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:marnhull-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk) **Costs £20 for the whole year. Prizes £10-£40**

**Plant a Tree for the Jubilee** Here is a great opportunity to take action during the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The project aims “to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.” The Queen's Green Canopy is a country-wide tree planting initiative. You can find out more about how to get involved here <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Plant-a-Tree-for-the-Jubilee.pdf>

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