

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

PARISH PRIEST: FR ONEYBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

DEACONS: Rev Deacon James Mackain-Bremner & Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of the Plymouth RC Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227



32nd Week in Ordinary Time — 8th November 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 8th November	Marnhull	9.00 a.m.	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday**	For All Victims of War
	Gillingham	11.15 a.m.		Jadwiga Przewoznik, RiP
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday 9th Nov	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. Holy Mass *followed by Rosary*	**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - FEAST**	Bernadette Devine Bastable, RiP
Tuesday 10th Nov	No Mass		St Leo the Great, Pp, Dr. Memorial	
Wednesday 11th Nov	Gillingham	10 a.m. Holy Mass *followed by Rosary*	St Martin of Tours, Bp. Memorial	
Thursday 12th Nov	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. Holy Mass *& Benediction*	St Josaphat, Bp. M Memorial	Kate
Friday 13th Nov	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Evening Prayer, Benediction 6 p.m. Holy Mass		All Holy Souls
Saturday 14th Nov		10 a.m. Holy Mass followed by Confession	Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial	
Sunday 15th November	Marnhull	9.00 a.m.	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	Joyce Heeley, RiP
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		

Please pray for the sick of our Parish
David Parish, Joyce West, Thony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Rqw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Frances Mobray, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams, Petronella Sellick, Timothy Harris, Mary George, Kate McLuskey.

Contact Information
Our Lady's RC Church, Marnhull, Old Mill Lane, DT10 1JX
St Benedict's RC Church, High Street, Gillingham SP8 4AG
Marnhull Parish Website:
https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/

Fr Cletus: cletus.ibeka@prcdtr.org.uk 01258 820388
Presbytery, St Benedict's, High Street, Gillingham, SP8 4AG

Deacon James: james.mackain-bremner@prcdtr.org.uk
07906 599389 & Deacon Michael: michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk
07504 821558

Parish Secretary: Harriet Cornwall: marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk
01258 820388 or 07432 404358 (during office hours)

Parish Treasurer: Pam Snell: marnhull-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk

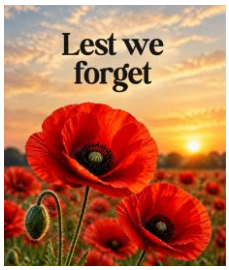
---

Gift Aid Organiser: Paul Bowe marnhull-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Barbara Turnbull 07910 663392
https://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/parish-resources

St Mary's RC Primary School, Marnhull:
office@stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk 01258 820417

Readers: 9am: Steven; 11am: Rupert; 6pm: Christine.



Today we remember all those who have died through war or acts of violence in defence of our country, may we never forget their sacrifice.

The 1st Sunday of Advent falls on 29th November – which is only 3 weeks away.

The programme for Holy Mass, Services and Events during the Advent and Christmas period is available at the back of the Church. Please do pick up a copy and make a note of the dates.

Click on the QR code to donate to ongoing maintenance of our Churches. Thank you.

****New** Some Housekeeping Notes**
For any donations of furniture or any items for either of the Churches, please do check with Fr Cletus or the office before bringing them to either Church.

If you are using the Parish Hall at St Benedict's, please do pack away the tables and stack the chairs and leave the hall as you found it. Many thanks.

****New** Architect's Award for St Benedict's**
Deacon James writes: Fr Cletus and I attended the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association (EASA) National Church Architecture Awards in London last week and in a very impressive shortlist for the Presidents' Award, I am delighted to say St Benedict's was awarded Highly Commended (Runner Up) and the Young Architect or Surveyor of The Year Award went to William Lloyd-Murphy of Phillip Hughes Associates for his work on St Benedict's. It is particularly pleasing to receive this news as we near the first anniversary of the dedication of St Benedict's in Gillingham.

****New** Parish Events for 2027 - to all Parishioners**
If anyone has any suggestions for events in our Parish for the coming year, please do get in touch with Fr Cletus or the Parish Secretary to discuss.

****New** Meeting for all Readers**
Fr Cletus has asked that all Readers from Our Lady's & St Benedict's to meet on **Saturday 28th November at 11.30am in St Benedict's Parish Hall.**

Save the Date: Anniversary of the Dedication of St Benedict's Church – Wednesday 9th Dec at 6.30pm
There will be a Mass 1st Anniversary of the Dedication of St Benedict's Church. This will be followed by an International evening celebration in the Parish Hall where you're invited to bring and share food from your culture.

****New** Sycamore Course**
The next meeting on "**The Community of the Church**" will be on Monday 9th November at 7pm in St Benedict's parish hall. Any questions please speak to Deacon James - 07906 599389.

****New** Holy Communion Classes**
The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th November at 5pm

Brass Plaques
have now been installed in St Benedict's Church.
If you would like to order a plaque, please order through the office: marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk or fill out a form at the back of the church and hand to Fr Cletus or the Deacons. The suggested donation for a plaque is £50.

The 'Small Book' Club
During November we will meet on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. at Our Lady's to read and discuss the CTS booklet "Blessed Fulton Sheen". All are welcome to join. Please speak to Tony on: 07967 592849.

Use of the St Benedict's Parish Hall
St Benedict's Parish Hall is available to hire for private use by Parishioners. For details, please see the Parish Secretary: marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk or 07432 404358.

****New** Christmas Shoe boxes**
Sunday 15th November is the last day for collecting gifts. Still needed: bags of sweets (no chocolate), bars of soap, showergel. Packing on 16th November from 9am. This is great fun, please come along if you can. Many thanks for the generous donations so far.

Needed -Safeguarding Rep for Our Lady's
If you are interested and feel you could help, please speak to Fr Cletus or Barbara Turnbull.

****New** CAFOD Thank you** to all our parishioners for their support of CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. The total sum raised was £503.78.

****New** Orange Box Appeal- Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)**
The Orange Box Appeal is an important revenue for the Children's Society. Please place unwanted items for recycling in the orange box at both churches. Accepted items include cions, bank notes, stamp collections, jewellery including costume jewellery watches, metal cutlery and many other items welcome.

****New** Rosary for Unborn Children**
Please remember that there is a Rosary every fortnight on Thursdays at 7pm outside Shaftesbury Abbey gates - the next Rosary will be on Thursday 19th Nov at 7pm. **Everyone Welcome!**

****New** Fair Trade and Chocolate Making, Saturday 14th November, Okehampton 10am-3.30pm**
Young people aged 10 - 16 are welcome to join us at Okehampton Parish church hall. Meet others from across the Diocese, join in games and activities including making chocolate from raw ingredients to create Florentines. A £10 contribution towards cost. Booking essential: Chocolate Making Day, 14th November 2026 – Fill in form

****New** Advent, Young Adults retreat (18-30 year olds), 20th - 22nd November, Buckfast Abbey**
£40 contribution per person. For more information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk Booking essential: Buckfast Abbey Retreat for young adults 20th - 22nd November 2026 – Fill in form

---

Advent Retreat Day, Saturday 5th December 2026 at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. "Exploring Prayer & Conversion" led by Fr. Gerald Wilson, OAR 9.30am-3.30pm. Opportunity for Adoration and Confession. The cost, including lunch, is £27.00. To register, please contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org, Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

****New** Advent Residential Silent Retreats Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality from** Nov 27th St Rita's, Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton, Devon. EX14 1AP). For details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or 01752 769164/07823 447637.

****New**** Pray the Daily Rosary with the Voice of the Family 6.45pm everyday by Zoom.