

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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6TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 13TH FEBRUARY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Susan Mackain-Bremner</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by Rosary	Ss. Cyril & Methodius	<i>Fr. Mihael Jelavić Jurišić</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10.00 a.m. followed by Rosary	Feria	<i>Eileen Bridget Roche RIP</i>
Thursday		No Mass		
Friday	Gillingham	Adoration only, 5.00 – 5.45 p.m		
Saturday		No Mass		

From Thursday 17th February until Saturday 26th February inclusive there will not be Holy Mass in this parish except at the usual times on Sunday 20th February. Normal services resume on Sunday 27th February.

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.

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 th March	Forgiveness
11 th March	Forgiveness*
18 th March	Compassion*
25 th March	Compassion*
1 st April	Charity
8 th April	The Crucifixion*

Openreach has applied to close GREAT DOWN LANE, MARNHULL between its junction with B3092 and its junction with Old Mill Lane.

The closure has been requested to allow Openreach to clear blockages. These works are programmed to commence between 0930 and 1430 from 14th March 2022 until 16th March 2022.

Old Mill Lane will remain open and access to Our Lady's will be possible via Sodom Lane, Pilwell and Nash Lane.



World Day of Prayer (A Women led, global, ecumenical movement)

This year, composed by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Friday 4th March, 2022

Sturminster Newton: 2.30 p.m. in the Methodist Church

Services will be taking place in other towns in our parish. If you have the details, please pass them to Fr. Francis so that they can be shared in the newsletter.

“What is God saying to the Church?”

Everyone is welcome to gather in Our Lady's chapel room on **Tuesday 1st 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

CAFOD

just one world

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.

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 3rd 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. Please speak to Fr. Francis if you would like to represent us. All are welcome to join in the Church Service.



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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News from our parish school

Mrs. Betts, our headteacher, writes:

There has been a lot going on this half term, despite the disruption from Covid: St Francis and St Alban's have been taking part in guitar lessons, St Marks and Pre-school have been on a welly walk down to the paddock.

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, all the children had a great session with Gemma Osborne from Shaftesbury Tae Kwon Do Club. On Internet Safety Day, the children explored the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

We have also had some work done in school to put in a new fence at the bottom of the field, this is higher than the previous one as we work to continuing to keep your children safe.



Parish Evangelisation Group

All are welcome to the meeting on Thursday 17th February:

6 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's

6:15 p.m. Meeting in the side chapel at Our Lady's, supporting each other in our efforts to spread the Good News.

Those who cannot attend in person are asked to pray for the success of the meeting and of the work of all members of the parish to invite others to walk with Jesus Christ.



Walking Together - Our Diocesan Synodal Journey

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our local listening journey and either joined in discussions in parish or other groups or contributed individually. Every contribution will contribute to our Diocesan synthesis. The synthesis will be finalised after our Pre-Synodal events on 26 February and 12 March.

In order to finish collating and organising the feedback we have received we will be **closing the online survey options on 18 February 2022**. If anyone wishes to contribute feedback after that date, they are welcome to do so but should please email it directly to synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk.

Deborah Fisher

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

The Diocese of Plymouth environment policy was agreed a year ago. The policy commits us to enhancing biodiversity of all Diocesan-owned schools and gardens; increasing energy sustainability; and encourage ecological education in our schools and parishes. There is a great opportunity to take action during the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. All schools and parishes can participate in a national tree planting project - the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC). 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>

Ignatian Day of Prayer and Reflection on Zoom:

The Presentation in the Temple through the eyes of a child. **Saturday 19th February**, 11am to 3:30pm: join us for the day or morning or afternoon session.



For further information please contact: Dcn Roger or Jackie, 07948 516854 or:

deaconrogercarrjones@gmail.com,

PARISH SWEEPSTAKE 2022 To continue with this fun method of raising parish funds the **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 **Costs £20 for the whole year. Prizes £10-£40**



The national pregnancy support charity Life is recruiting Trustees. For more information - including a job description and how to apply contact: stephensharpe@lifecharity.org.uk The closing date for applications is 28 February 2022. We're particularly looking to appoint Trustees with experience in:

Charity retail, Charity governance in the not-for-profit and housing association sector, accountancy, professional fundraising and/or marketing.

Our vision: We are creating a world where no one faces pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone.

Our mission: Through our services, we help people - whoever they are - to meet pregnancy or pregnancy loss with courage and dignity so they can flourish.

Our services include: Free emotional help, counselling, and skilled listening via phone, text, email, or in person. Housing and community support around the country for mums and their babies. Free pregnancy tests and baby supplies. Crafting content that educates the public about pregnancy, pregnancy loss, and our work.

Be ready to help stop assisted suicide amendment

Right To Life UK has had a challenging and busy month, with the assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government's Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law.

We are asking parishioners to sign up to our Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in our efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it.

You can do so by visiting the following link:

www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts

'**Stay Awake**' is taking place for the fourth year on **Saturday 23rd April, 2022** - in-person - at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, from 10:00 – 19:00. It will be a day of inspiring and encouraging talks, Mass, praise and worship, kids' activities, fellowship - all of this will allow ourselves to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship! There will be pizza in the evening for dinner (and garlic bread and dips)! This is an event for everyone and anyone. **Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under and only £10 for everyone else!** Please see www.stayawakejc.com for more information and to **book tickets!**