

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

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost</b>	<i>Ellen Paris RIP</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>Major Freame &amp; family</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by rosary	Mary, Mother of the Church	<i>Henderson family</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Feria	<i>Jo-Ann Hudson RIP</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</b>	<i>Stella Jordan</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration &amp; opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Feria	<i>Jo-Ann Hudson RIP</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	St. Barnabas	



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

*Please pray for those who are ill: 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*

I wasn't sure what I'd let myself in for. Months ago, an email arrived at the presbytery from Gillingham Town Council, inviting the parish to send two representatives to walk in a procession from the Town Hall to the Anglican Church of St. Mary the Virgin and attend a Service of Thanksgiving for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

I thought we should show willing, and Rogie very kindly responded to my request for volunteers. As the big day approached, I began to wonder exactly what form this procession would take... would it be a stately progress of the Mayor and Corporation through the town, or would it be more of a carnival parade... Would I be walking soberly to church or carried along with the floats and the bunting, the clowns and the jokers! 😊

In the event, I needn't have worried. I assembled with a happy throng of councillors, army cadets, scouts and guides and every organization in Gillingham to wait in the sunshine to be organized into an orderly procession. The Town Crier provided this service with a light touch and our little group of church representatives found each other just in time for the off.



Along with Rogie and Annette, it was a pleasure to walk with the representatives of the Methodist Church, including Rev. Lin Francis. A large crowd came to cheer us on – literally! It was a very happy experience. The participants were so many that it was standing room only in the church. Canon Peter and Rev. Eve led us well and Canon Peter preached very well, taking his chance to talk to his unusually large congregation about Her Majesty's faith in Jesus, which has inspired and strengthened her throughout her long reign. I feel truly blessed to have had a part in such a unique and happy occasion which brought out the very best in everyone and was a worthy part of the celebrations which are such a credit to our nation.

Fr. Francis

*We pray for our Sovereign Lady, Elizabeth*

*God bless her for 70 years of service to the nation*

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In less than a month's time, the city of Rome will host the World Meeting of Families, which was last held in Dublin in 2018. The Meeting will take place from 22- 26 June. Professor Gabriella Gambino, Undersecretary at the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life said that despite delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, dioceses in Rome and around the world were gearing up for the X World Meeting of Families.

The Meeting, which has as its theme, "Family love: vocation and a path to holiness", will open on Wednesday, 22 June, with the Festival of Families in the presence of Pope Francis in the Paul VI Hall. It will be entitled "The beauty of the family." and will feature testimonies from families, as well as performances from artists, including Italian singing trio, Il Divo.

From Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 June there will be the Pastoral Congress, which will also take place in the Paul VI Hall. Announcing details of the Pastoral Congress, Professor Gambino said it would be unlike those of previous editions. She explained that it will not have academically structured conferences with theological-doctrinal content, but will be a moment of meeting and listening.



The aim, she continued, "is to develop the theme chosen by the Pope, taking into account some strong indications emerging from *Amoris laetitia*, a text that presents itself with very clear programmatic lines for the possible developments of family pastoral care in the coming years." The Congress will be built around five main conferences on a number of fundamental themes, such as difficulties of families in today's societies; the preparation of couples for married life; and some situations of 'existential periphery' within families.

On Saturday afternoon there will be Mass in St Peter's Square presided over by the Pope, and on Sunday there will be the Angelus.



On 2<sup>nd</sup> June it was announced that the Pope has appointed Bishop Robert Barron to be Bishop of Winona-Rochester in Minnesota USA. Barron comes from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, where he has served as an auxiliary bishop for the past six years. Barron, a 62-year-old Chicago native, is also the founder of the influential Illinois-based Word on Fire ministry for evangelization through the new media.

He outlined his passions as Catholic education, reaching out to the disaffiliated, the cultivation of priestly vocations, and the new evangelization, which he described as the "master theme" of Vatican II. Full article: [www.cruxnow.com](http://www.cruxnow.com)

## A Mass for Marriage

To bless, strengthen and celebrate your married vocation. Plymouth Cathedral. 16th July, 2022. Mass begins at noon, with a pre-celebration event from 11 in the Cathedral rooms. Refreshments after Mass.

For information and to register anniversaries and forthcoming wedding dates, contact:

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**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global ecumenical prayer movement for evangelisation occurring annually from **Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> May -5<sup>th</sup> June 2022)** which mobilises Christians across different denominations and traditions worldwide to pray for loved ones to know Christ's transforming love. Here's a link to Catholic resources by which to join in this movement: <https://www.cpo.org.uk/static.aspx?key=product&q=114>

Gillingham Food Bank, which the parish supported regularly before lockdown, is very short of some items as the demand is increasing.

Tins of meat, tins of fish, UHT milk, fruit juice, instant potato are particularly needed.

We will have a collection box in both St Benedict's and Our Lady's. Deacon Mike has kindly offered to convey your donations to the foodbank.

The Called and Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn what the spiritual gifts are and prayerfully discern which gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

Over 2000 people across the UK have experienced the Called and Gifted discernment process and, for many, it has led to a more active and fulfilling life. Please visit the Called and Gifted website to see examples of testimonies from previous participants, including an inspiring video testimony by a priest from Leeds Diocese who has experienced Called and Gifted himself and seen the difference it has made in his parish after inviting parishioners to discern their spiritual gifts: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

## **Join CAFOD's Diocesan Fix the Food System Online Meeting, 14 June, 6pm**

The global food system is broken. There's enough food to feed everyone in the world, but, even before the invasion of Ukraine, 800 million people were hungry each day. Now following the Ukraine conflict many more will be pushed into hunger. The way we produce and distribute our food is driving many into poverty and creates a third of all of the global greenhouse gases that are put into our atmosphere each year! All is not lost, we can fix this broken system!

Join the CAFOD Plymouth Team online with CAFOD's Head of Campaigns, Andrea Speranza, on 14 June, 6pm, to learn more about how we can *Fix the Food System* and CAFOD's new campaign.

To register to join the Zoom meeting please email: [plymouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:plymouth@cafod.org.uk)



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