

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Third Sunday of Lent	<i>John Clifford RIP</i> <i>The people of the parish</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	Lent	
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	Lent	
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Lent	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m.</i> <i>Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Patrick	<i>Fr. Martin Budge</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass <i>followed by confessions</i>	Lent	<i>Fr. Ralph Candy</i>

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, Judith Forrester

Special offerings in the parish during Lent:

Stations of the Cross 3 p.m. 1st to 5th Sundays in Lent in St. Benedict's and Our Lady's.

Discussion group, led by Deacon Mike, 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Chapel Room at Our Lady's on the Theme of "A Place for Us"

7th March: "Otherness & Difference", 14th: "The Gift of Love", 21st: "The Promise of a Place for Us." 28th: "The Tragedy of Betrayal"



Do please join the happy band who are being enchanted, moved and inspired by watching this together on Mondays from 5.30 p.m. in the Chapel Room at Our Lady's.

We've decided to watch two episodes each time with a short interval in between for reflection, hot drinks and biscuits. We even had buns last week, courtesy of a generous deacon! Who knows what God will bless us with this week!

The deadline for entries for the **sweepstake** is on 12th March but this will be extended by seven days, 'til **19th March**, for those who have overlooked their remittance.

Forms are available in each church and on the website. Also, a form can be sent to you by email if you contact marnhull-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk

Before I leave you in the tender care of Father Joseph, I'd love to have the opportunity to enjoy your company one more time and say 'au revoir' (I won't be that far away, after all 😊).

On Easter Monday, 10th April, I'd like to say Mass for you and then enjoy a meal together. The Mass will begin at 11 a.m. in Our Lady's and then we will move next door to the school, by kind permission of Mrs. Betts, the Headteacher. Lunch will be served in the school hall and if the weather's nice, we can spill out onto the playground and sports field.

I do hope you can join me. As it's the end of the Easter weekend you may well have family/friends staying with you; if so, please feel welcome to bring them along to join in the party.

If you are able to come, it would be so helpful if you could let Mary Moore or Annette Lyons know so that we can make sure there's plenty of food.

I'm so grateful to the people who are working to make this a very happy and enjoyable occasion. God bless. Father Francis

Sign up for the Catholic Children's Society Quiz Night in our parish on Friday 28th April. Our Lady's, 7 for 7.30 p.m. It'll be great fun in a good cause.

Tickets will be £10 per person, which includes admission to the quiz and a Ploughman's Supper. All proceeds to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Why not get some friends together in a team to enjoy this fun night out. Teams can be up to 6 members. Info:

<https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/great-big-diocesan-quiz/>

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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Diocesan Youth Service: Heatree Residential May 26 – 28

As the father sent me, I am sending you.

Young people aged 11- 16 from across the diocese are invited to join together at **Heatree Activity Centre** where we will explore John 20:21. The week-end will comprise of activities that encourage our young people to explore their faith and understanding of the church teaching. There will be the opportunity to join in outdoor activities on site such as high ropes and raft building (activities may vary). Cost: £120 this can be paid in instalments. **(The parish will pay this for any young parishioner who wishes to take part. Fr. Francis)**

To book please follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Bhd7xDUksE> For further information please contact Saskia; youth@prcdtr.org.uk



“Can you help us give an Easter egg to Seafarers this Easter? **Stella Maris (formerly called the Apostleship of the Sea)** Chaplains and Volunteer Ship Visitors will be visiting ships in our Southern ports during Holy Week and after Easter to bring this great celebration to many hundreds of seafarers who remain confined to their ships at this time. Together with faith materials, we would like to offer Easter Eggs and chocolates. Can you help us by donating Easter eggs and chocolates?

charles.stuart@stellamarismail.org Tel. +44 (0) 7843 739 579.
Port Chaplain

If you would like to leave these in the churches, over the next couple of weeks, Fr. Francis will arrange for them to be collected.

Dorset Deanery Big Lent Walk on Saturday 25th March.

Our parishes are walking different routes on the Same Day.

We will meet at Sturminster Newton at 11am at the entrance to the trailway. We will walk to Shillingstone Station and meet a group from Blandford Parish before walking back to Sturminster Newton. The walk is about an hour each way.

Join us on the day. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

If you prefer not to walk the full distance you can meet us at Shillingstone Station at about 1230hrs.

Please register your interest by emailing Steve: carrivick79@gmail.com



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Holy Week Services will be at Our Lady's Marnhull this year:

Maundy Thursday	6 th April	6.30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	7 th April	3 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	8 th April	11 a.m.	In St. Benedict's: Blessing of Food
		9 p.m.	The Easter Vigil

From the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday until the Easter Vigil, the Sacraments of the Church are not celebrated except in extremis. The Sacrament of Confession will therefore not be offered on Friday 7th or Saturday 8th April.

Churches Together in Marnhull: **Lent lunches and talks in the Methodist Church** Fridays at noon until 31 March. The theme of the Lent Lunches/Talks is Pilgrimage. About 30 minute talk followed by homemade soup lunch. Please do come and support this worthy initiative, which has a very long history nationally, and also in Marnhull.

The John Bradburne Memorial Society will be hosting an event at Buckfast Abbey, South Devon on Saturday 10th June 2023 at 12 noon, to commemorate his 102nd Birthday.

This ticketed event will involve a Mass, lunch, talks, music and an exhibition.

if you would like to attend, please contact JBMS: 07979 187498 or info@johnbradburne.com Tickets are available on the JBMS website www.johnbradburne.com



JBMS

John Bradburne Memorial Society

Father Pat O'Bierne, who made the Annual Mission Appeal in the parish a few Sundays ago has sent us a letter:

“Greetings from the Columbans. This letter is to say a big ‘thank you’. I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet old Columban friends, and thank them for their support over the years.

We are always aware that there are so many needy causes that parishioners are being asked to support in these difficult times. We deeply appreciate your truly generous response. Thank you.

Please give my regards and gratitude to Deacons Mike and James. They were most helpful. Everything was perfect. I wish you every blessing.”



Missionary Society
of St. Columban

CARITAS MARCH NEWSLETTER now available to read online. Please click the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/yjmvuwmi> If you would like a printed copy, please telephone Caritas on 01364 645360

HOMES FOR UKRAINE There are still many Ukrainians looking to come to the UK to seek sanctuary from the war. Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG) and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are offering a matching, training and support service under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. online event on Wednesday 22nd March from 6-6.45 pm. To register please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/adH56azgag> or telephone Caritas on 01364 645360