

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 8TH JANUARY, 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Baptism of the Lord	<i>Eric Foster RIP</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>Edward & Clara Kendall & Lily Short RIP</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	For a Bishop	<i>The Holy See</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Feria	
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	<i>Keith Radley RIP</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Hilary	<i>The children preparing for First Holy Communion</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Our Lady on Saturday	

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

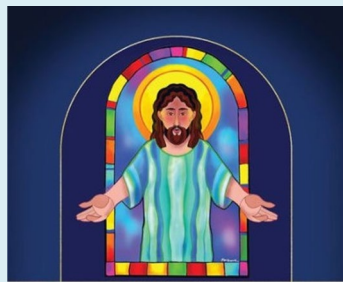


It won't be long before the lovely nativity scenes in our churches are dismantled and put away for another year, so please take this opportunity to enjoy them and be inspired by them to reflect on the gift and example of love embodied by the infant Jesus.

While there, you are invited to contribute to the collection in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) which supports children and families of whatever faith across the Diocese.

To find out more about their work visit:

<https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/>



A STRANGER and You
WELCOMED ME

Open Church event. St. Benedict's Sunday 8th Jan.

Please join in this effort to invite people into St. Benedict's to pray, light votive candles. We seek to welcome them, to listen generously to them and to support them with our prayers.

You can help us by supervising candles, praying writing prayers, and being warm and welcoming.

Come along at 2.15 p.m. for prayers and preparation. The plan is to finish at about 4 p.m.

Encourage friends and family of whatever persuasion to come along after 3 p.m. Please contact Tony Moore, Annette Lyons or Deacons Mike or James to offer help.

On Sunday 15th January there will be a **second collection** to support Churches Together in Marnhull and the Gillingham Community Church which are both setting up warm spaces for those who lack heating to use a few times during the week. We are asked to contribute to the cost of heating for these venues.

Sadly, there has been minimal response from our parish to the request for volunteers to give a couple of hours of their time on a Wednesday every three weeks until 29th March. Each church has been asked to staff the Methodist Church Hall in Pilwell so that it can be open between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for warmth and companionship.

It's not too late to join in the Catholic church's effort to support this much-needed initiative. Contact Jacintha on 01258 821184 or email jacinthabowe@gmail.com to get involved.



Listening Workshop. Saturday 21st January 2023 at Our Lady's Marnhull After Mass

You are invited to attend a workshop designed to help us to learn to listen with the ears of the heart, just as Pope Francis suggests. You will learn the vital difference between listening in order to respond and listening in order to react.

You will learn about yourself, how you may be perceived and how to speak the truth in love, without conflict.

This is a stimulating workshop suitable for anyone who wants to build better relationships through more effective communication, and perfect the art of listening. *Proverbs 18:13 "He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him."*

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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Synodal Journey – A conversation about safeguarding online event

Being aware that many of you may have questions around how safe my church is, what are the implications arising from the IICSA report, and what about safeguarding and the synodal journey, we have decided to host an online event which will be led by Robert Brown, the Senior Safeguarding Professional employed by the Diocese. **Monday 9th January between 6:00pm and 7:30pm by Zoom.** Sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synodal-journey-a-conversation-about-safeguarding-tickets-471079791337>
Should you have any questions or concerns in the interim then please contact the Safeguarding Office on 01364 645430 or e-mail safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

'Synodality Series'

Dr Caroline Farey is offering two further talks on synodality. In person or join the day online via zoom. The talks will take place at St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX For those attending the day there will be 10.30am Refreshments and 12.15pm Lunch break. (Bring your own lunch). There is also Mass at 9.30am.

To request a zoom link please email: carolinefarey@btinternet.com

Saturday 11th February 2023:

11.00am:	Sharing the priesthood of Christ.
1.15pm:	Should women share in the hierarchy?

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January



This year's theme is

Be-Longing. Praying for Unity amidst Injustice

Services in Gillingham:

Daily Meetings at 12 noon:

Thursday 19 th	St. Mary the Virgin C of E
Friday 20 th	St. Benedict's RC
Monday 23 rd	Methodist Church
Tuesday 24 th	Community Church

**Combined Service
Sunday 22nd January at 3 p.m.
St. Benedict's Church**

Some of the things Pope Benedict taught us when he visited this country:

"What God wants most of all for each one of you is that you should become holy. He loves you much more than you could ever begin to imagine, and he wants the very best for you. And by far the best thing for you is to grow in holiness."

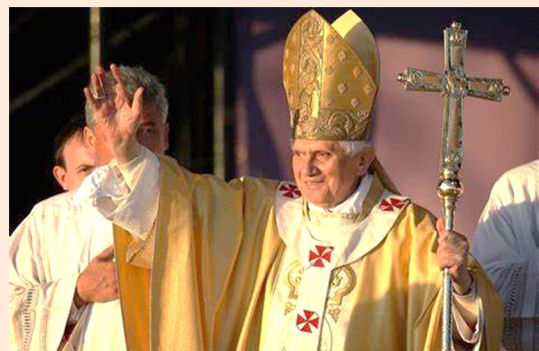
"By letting the light of faith shine in our hearts, and by abiding in that light through our daily union with the Lord in prayer and participation in the life-giving sacraments of the Church, we ourselves become light to those around us; we exercise our "prophetic office"; often, without even knowing it, we draw people one step closer to the Lord and his truth."

"Without the life of prayer, without the interior transformation which takes place through the grace of the sacraments, we cannot, in Newman's words, "radiate Christ"; we become just another "clashing cymbal" (1 Cor 13:1) in a world filled with growing noise and confusion, filled with false paths leading only to heartbreak and illusion."

"each of us, in accordance with his or her state of life, is called to work for the advancement of God's Kingdom by imbuing temporal life with the values of the Gospel. Each of us has a mission; each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person."

"Dear young friends: only Jesus knows what "definite service" he has in mind for you. Be open to his voice resounding in the depths of your heart: even now his heart is speaking to your heart... Ask our Lord what he has in mind for you! Ask him for the generosity to say "yes!" Do not be afraid to give yourself totally to Jesus. He will give you the grace you need to fulfil your vocation."

"Blessed [now Saint] Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the great Missionary of Charity, reminded us that giving love, pure and generous love, is the fruit of a daily decision. Every day we have to choose to love, and this requires help, the help that comes from Christ, from prayer and from the wisdom found in his word, and from the grace which he bestows on us in the sacraments of his Church."



Pilgrimage to Lisieux, Lourdes, Rocamadour & Nevers by Coach September 2023

Led by Monsignor Francis Jamieson, Parish Priest of Blandford Forum.

Outline itinerary (times subject to change)

7 th	0530 depart Blandford DT11 7BN Portsmouth to Caen by ferry. Arrive Lisieux ~ 1700
9 th	0800 depart for Lourdes, arriving ~ 1900
12 th	0930 depart for Rocamadour, arriving ~ 1400
13 th	0900 depart for Nevers, arriving ~ 1400
14 th	0800 depart for Caen, arriving ~ 1430 2115 arrive Portsmouth 2355 arrive Blandford

Full or half board each day; includes Mass in Basilica of St. Therese, at the Grotto in Lourdes, the sanctuary Notre-Dame de Rocamadour and the shrine of St. Bernadette Soubirous.

More details and a booking form available from Fr. Francis or blandford@prcdtr.org.uk

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