

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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<p>Saints & Feast days: <i>Mon 30th</i>, Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, St Fiacre; <i>Tues</i>, St Aiden & the saints of Lindisfarne; <i>Weds 1st Sept</i>, St Giles; <i>Fri</i>, Pope St Gregory the Great; <i>Sat</i>, St Cuthbert; <i>Sun</i>, St Herbert, St Teresa of Calcutta</p>	
<p>Sunday, public Masses: Marnhull 9.30 am. The parishioners Gillingham 11.00 am Pawel</p> <p>Offertory baskets are NOT passed around, to avoid infection, but will be available inside the church doors at all Masses.</p> <p>All cheques to be made to "PRCDTR Marnhull RC Parish".</p>	<p>Weekdays, public Mass in bold: Mon Marnhull 9.30am Barrie Trower Tuesday Shaftesbury 9.30am. Wednesday Shaftesbury 9.30am Thursday Shaftesbury 9.30am Friday Shaftesbury 9.30 am Saturday Shaftesbury 9.30am</p> <p>Should you need a priest after Monday, and before Fr Straw arrives, please contact Fr John Rice at Shaftesbury, or one of our Deacons.</p>

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen and David Paris, Brendan Colohan, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes and Jeremy Cusden.

Please pray for Fr Louis Beesley-Suffolk, Parish Priest at Wincanton who is seriously ill and for our neighbours in that parish.

R.I.P. We were saddened to hear of the death of Fred Hatcher who was our unfailingly helpful and cheerful coach driver for countless parish outings, including our pilgrimages to Walsingham. Please pray for his family too in their loss.

This week, it is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Father Martin Budge, our faithful parish priest of the last 19 years. He is retiring this Monday to live in Plymouth at

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Cathedral House. We may see him again, as our bishop has asked him to celebrate some Holy Masses in the Cathedral. Masses from the Cathedral are streamed live! Many of you showed your appreciation for everything Father Martin has done for us and have contributed generously towards his collection, and the target has been surpassed! Father will be presented with the cheque for his new vestments this weekend. He will celebrate his farewell Mass on the school playing field at 12.00 Noon this *Saturday, 28th August*, followed by a celebration buffet. More than 100 people have registered to attend, so please be patient with parking and seating arrangements. Please also come dressed for any change in the weather! If you can play an instrument, please bring it!

On *5th September* we welcome Fr Francis Straw OSB, a monk from Buckfast Abbey and former Prior, who will be our parish priest for the coming year. Please offer your prayers for both priests as they undergo this great upheaval in their lives, for us!

COVID Safety. As outlined in last week's Newsletter, we must still maintain vigilance. Please remember to fill in the track and trace forms and use the hand sanitiser as you enter the church. Last Sunday, we resumed the distribution of Holy Communion at the usual point during Mass. Please follow the direction of the stewards. Thank you to the stewards who are there to make sure that we are all as safe as possible.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth).

Seventeen months have passed since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in our country and many families are still facing crippling economic hardship. Throughout this long period, the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) has continued to respond to an ever increasing demand from families in our Diocese who find themselves in great difficulty and who lack essential items to meet their basic needs. Meeting these needs has resulted in a significant depletion of the Society's limited resources, which are needed in order to continue to support such families who have fallen on hard times. So I again appeal to your generosity to support the good work of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) by offering what you can. In doing so, through the agency of the Society, you will make a real difference to those families who are struggling at the most basic level.

May God bless you for responding as generously as you can to this Annual Appeal. Bishop Mark.

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world.

We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. Read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

On *Saturday 14 August*, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. More than 1900 people have been killed and at least one million more people are affected. Tropical storm Grace has now hit Haiti, exacerbating the already serious emergency. CAFOD is working through the local Church organisations, Caritas

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Haiti, the Jesuit Migrants and Refugees Service, the religious congregations and sister agency Catholic Relief Services to provide urgent humanitarian aid - food, water, tents, hygiene kits and first aid for families affected.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times.

Please support CAFOD in it's relief work. <https://cafod.org.uk/>

“Loving Lord, for those who have died, give them eternal rest. For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them. For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.

Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters in whatever way we can. Heavenly Father, be with us now and always. Amen.”

DVD. Are you in possession of the "Evangelium" catechesis DVD? If you find it please pass it to Deacon James, many thanks.

Diocesan Youth Rally. The youth Rally (at St Rita's, Honiton) is open to all young people aged 8-16. It is hoped that parishes will bring groups of young people. Traditionally parishes have supported groups of young people to attend the event by making a contribution towards travel costs and the entry fee. Please note the date of this event is *26th September* (it has changed from the original date of 19th September). Contact Deacon Michael , or Saskia on youth@prcdtr.org.uk or 01364 64540. Or Patrick on 01837 851438/ 07880 734088.

Voice of the Churches, the monthly newsletter for Sturminster churches, has been online during the lockdown, but hopes to resume paper format in the New Year. The Churches Together committee are taking the opportunity to review the publication, with a greater sharing of production between the four participating churches, both physically and financially, making it a truly ecumenical venture. There is also the possibility of including some community pages, with space for some advertising. The present editorial team will remain, but a new distribution manager will be needed. *Voice of the Churches* is a valuable tool in making a Christian presence in Sturminster and the surrounding villages: any offers of help will be welcome. Further details from Judith Bennett 01258 471623

Good Counsel Network is one of the organisations active in the pro-life movement. If you look them up, be sure to go to Maria Stops Abortion blogspot where there is a fascinating account of how a major London abortion centre has closed after eleven years of vigil and prayer, which included asking the intercession of Gilbert Keith Chesterton. Well worth a read.

Book Sale 4th/5th September 10am-2 pm in the barnyard of Grafthayes, Nash Lane, Marnhull DT10 1JZ, in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK. Donations welcome, call Charles 01258 821463.

New to this Parish? You are most welcome to our community whether as brand new parishioners or existing ones drifting back to the fold after the imposed separations. Since early on during Covid, parishioners have been encouraged to contribute to the

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upkeep of the parish and many have thankfully opted to donate via Standing Order as collecting cash was difficult. Whether you are a tax payer or not this is a simple method, and even better for fundraising is the option of Gift Aid from taxpayers. If you would like applications for either or both of these it would be most valuable to the parish. Please contact the Treasurer, Pam Snell via admin@marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk or click on Parish Collections on our website. Thank you, Pam.