

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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| Saints & Feast days: <i>Mon 6th</i> , St Zechariah; <i>Weds</i> , The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary; <i>Thurs</i> , St Peter Claver; <i>Fri</i> , St Ambrose Barlow OSB. | |
| Sunday, public Masses: Marnhull 9.30 am. Gillingham 11.00 am The parishioners Offertory baskets are NOT passed around, to avoid infection, but will be available inside the church doors at all Masses. All cheques to be made to "PRCDTR Marnhull RC Parish". | Weekdays, public Mass in bold: Mon Tuesday Weds. Gillingham 10.00 am Thurs Marnhull 9.30 am Fri Gillingham 10.00 am Sat Marnhull 10.00 am Confession: following Holy Mass on Saturday mornings (to be reviewed). |

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, Jeremy Cusden and Pat Edwards Jones.

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

Dear parishioners of Our Lady's Marnhull and St Benedict's, Gillingham, and the people of the village who sent me cards and greetings on the occasion of my leaving Our Lady's parish for life at the Cathedral House in Plymouth. I was very touched to receive these kind wishes and will remember you all with affection in my prayers. It was good to see some of you at the farewell party and presentation too. Very often people have asked me, "where do you come from?" and for many years now have replied that I have lived very much longer in Marnhull than anywhere else in my life and so think of myself as being from there. I thank all of you for making these years the happiest of my life (so far) as well. With every blessing, Fr Martin Budge.

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Father's leaving donations: On behalf of the Finance Committee I would like to thank the parishioners wholeheartedly for the wonderful, final total we were able to give to Father Martin last Saturday. Money was still rolling in on the big day! To say he was astounded with the magnitude of his £6,100 is putting it mildly. I am sure he will be able to purchase the much desired set of vestments, and more, with this present. I have dropped a line to the diocesan offices to pursue some I.T. assistance for him in setting up the Wifi for the new printer which we also bought him. Again, a VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their kind donations. Pam Snell, Parish Treasurer

A warm welcome this weekend to our parish to 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.

August Sweepstake winners: Peter Forrester 1st prize; Val Bridger 2nd prize; Eileen O'Hare 3rd Prize. Thanks to everyone who contributes to parish funds through participation in our sweepstake!

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>.

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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 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.

Walking With the Poor - A free event at St Rita's *Saturday 9 October 2021*. We are really excited to be hosting our first face to face Caritas event this year at St Rita's, Honiton. Speakers include Bishop Mark O'Toole and Raymond Friel from the Caritas Social Action Network. We very much hope that you can come and join us from 10.30am to 3.00pm.

We are limiting places in order to increase social distancing and Covid safety measures, so please book soon if you are interested in attending by copying and pasting this link into your browser address bar. https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2femail.workwithgusto.co.uk%2f%2f-l-cvdun-whrhjykul-y%2f&c=E,1,DAcUh7VFx4iEDP97QwbO5EBryzyJX9rHr1cqNxtzqqquabc6YRqnb5eYZ8Gm5yl6_R7Mp6TKpmWo3TtVhSs9C-NCU_3UpzvsoUudolvDx1RxFyBGm9ZOq8-oZ2RK&typo=1

Very best wishes, Deborah Fisher, Caritas Manager 07761 595567

After a successful on-line "Virtual" Camp this summer we're delighted to announce that **Senior Camp for youngsters** in Years 7-11 is taking place this *October 24-27* in Grangehurst at Buckfast Abbey.

Cost: £120. To apply, simply follow the QR code in the poster, attached.

Applications close *8th October*. Enquiries to seniorcamp@prcdtr.org.uk

Look forward to seeing you there. Please share! Deacon Michael

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Book Sale this Saturday and Sunday 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 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.