OUR LADY'S, MARNHULL & ST BENEDICT'S, GILLINGHAM

PARISH PRIEST: FR ONEYBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

DEACONS: Rev Deacon James Mackain-Bremner & Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of the Plymouth RC Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227

30th Week in Ordinary Time — 25th October 2026

Please pray for the sick of our Parish
David Parish, Joyce West, Thony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Rqw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Frances Mobray, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams, Petronella Sellick, Timothy Harris, Mary George, Kate McLuskey.

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 25th Oct	Marnhull	9.00 a.m.	**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	Diana Ibbett, RiP
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		For the Sick & Needy
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday 26th Oct	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. Holy Mass *& Rosary*		
Tuesday 27th Oct	No Mass			
Wednesday 28th Oct	Gillingham	10 a.m. Holy Mass *& Rosary*	**St Simon & Jude, Apostles FEAST**	Faith in our Parish
Thursday 29th Oct	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. Holy Mass *& Benediction*		Derek Behan, RiP
Friday 30th Oct	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Rosary, Benediction 6 p.m. Holy Mass		
Saturday 31st Oct		10 a.m. Holy Mass followed by Confession	Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial	
Sunday 1st November	Marnhull	9.00 a.m.	**All Saints Day**	Peter Wardley, RiP
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		Mariusz Czyżewski RIP
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		

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office@stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk 01258 820417

Click on the QR code for donations to our Churches' maintenance – Thank you.

Readers: 9am: Pam; 11am: Paul; 6pm: Catherine.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary
A time of focussed devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please make an effort to say the Rosary every day throughout October – especially the Family Rosary. As Padre Pio says: "If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved." We will be praying the Holy Rosary on Monday, Wednesday & Friday in the Church (see above for details).

All Souls Day is on Monday 2nd November. Holy Souls envelopes will be available at both churches. Write the names of all the departed whom you wish to pray for in the month of November and return to Fr Cletus or the Deacons. Holy Mass will be said at 9.30am at Our Lady's, Marnhull followed by a blessing of the graves & at 6pm at St Benedict's, followed by a blessing of the graves in the Gillingham Cemetery.

On 8th November, Mass at St Benedict's will start at 11.15am to allow those who wish to attend the Remembrance Memorial at Gillingham War Memorial (which starts at 10.45am)

New Average Weekly Collections for September 2026					
Collections in church		Other/Online	Standing Orders	Other misellaneous Income	New Church & Maintenance APPEALS
Loose Plate	Gift Aid		Gift Aid	**From Solar Panel**	**£75**
£441.70	**£120**	**17.51**	**572.25**	**118.54**	**Total for the month of September**
Average Weekly Total for September: £1,269.99					

****New** Meeting for all Readers**
Fr Cletus has asked that all Readers from Our Lady's & St Benedict's meet on **Saturday 28th November at 11.30am in St Benedict's Parish Hall.**

****New** Save the Date: Anniversary of the Dedication of St Benedict's Church**
There will be a Mass said on **Wednesday 9th December** at 6.30pm for the 1st Anniversary of the Dedication of St Benedict's Chruch. This will be followed by an International evening celebration in the Parish Hall where you're invited to bring and share food from your culture.

****New** Sycamore Course -** We meet again on Monday 26th Oct at 7.00pm for session 12: Creation, Fall. All are welcome for stimulating discussion and refreshments even if you haven't attended the other sessions. Any questions please speak to Deacon James - 07906 599389.

****New** The Brass Plaques**
These have now been installed in St Benedict's Church. If you would like to order a plaque, there will be some order forms available in the Churches from next Sunday.

The 'Small Book' Club will meet at 2.30 p.m. at St. Benedict's in October, on Thursdays **1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.** We will be reading & discussing the CTS booklet "St. Padre Pio".

****New** Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates for 2026-2027**
If your child is 7 years old or over and would like to make their 1st Holy Communion, please speak to one of the Clergy after Sunday Mass - it is obligatory for parents to bring their children to Sunday Mass as part of the preparation for Holy Communion. Holy Communion classes will take place every Thursday at 5pm in St Benedict's hall. **There is NO Meeting on Thursday 29th October (half-term). The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th November at 5pm**

Use of the St Benedict's Parish Hall
St Benedict's Parish Hall is available to hire for private use by Parishioners. For details please see the Parish Secretary: marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk or 07432 404358.

****New**Christmas Shoe boxes**
Collection crates will be in both Churches on Sunday (and in the hall/side chapel during the week). Please take a list of suggestions for gifts to bring cheer to poor folk in Eastern Europe. Note: chocolate is now a forbidden item! Thank you in advance. Any empty shoe boxes gratefully received.

****New** Needed -Safeguarding Rep for Our Lady's**
If you are interested and feel you could help, please speak to Fr Cletus or Barbara Turnbull.

Rosary for Unborn Children
Please remember that there is a Rosary every fortnight on Thursdays at 7pm outside Shaftesbury Abbey gates - the next Rosary will be on Thursday 5th Nov at 7pm. **Everyone Welcome!**

****New**** There will be a Memorial Service for Reverend Joyce Norman (the former Methodist Minister in Gillingham) on Wednesday 28th October 2026 at 2pm in the Cheap Street Methodist Church, Sherborne, Dorset

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Youth Volunteers Newsletter
https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-FD9D3738248EC9822540EF23F30FEDED Please contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

We need you! Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel. We are looking to expand our Board of Directors. We are especially interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience in education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust. Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

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Advent Retreat Day, Saturday 5th December 2026 at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. "Exploring Prayer & Conversion" led by Fr. Gerald Wilson, OAR 9.30am-3.30pm. Opportunity for Adoration and Confession. The charge for the day, including lunch, is £27.00. To register, please contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org.uk Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

Vatican News article on the Catholic Roots of Halloween.
https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-10/the-catholic-roots-of-halloween-the-vigil-of-all-saints-day.html