

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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6TH WEEK OF EASTER. 22ND MAY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>Fr. Louis Rieunier RIP</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	11.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass	<i>Tony Harrison RIP</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	St. Bede the Venerable	<i>The Cardozo Family</i>
Thursday	Marnhull Gillingham	9.30 a.m. 6 p.m.	The Ascension of the Lord	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Augustine of Canterbury	<i>The English Benedictine Congregation</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Eastertide	<i>The monks of Buckfast Abbey</i>

Please note the change of Mass times on Monday and Thursday.

- **The funeral of Tony Harrison at 1130 on Monday, please attend if you can (see below).**
- **Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation, so there will be an additional Mass at 6 p.m. in St. Benedict's.**

It's important to take every opportunity to enhance our parish's sense of community, both to support each other in our faith and to be effective disciples of Jesus. Remember that, from the earliest times, people recognized Christians by their love for one another (See John 13:35).

The presence of parishioners at baptisms, first holy communions and confirmations in the parish is an integral part of what these sacraments are all about.

Similarly, when a member of our parish dies, I invite everyone who can to attend their funeral. In this way, the parish supports the family of the one who died. If they aren't Catholic, this is a really beautiful way of offering them our love and friendship. The presence of parishioners also shows our respect for a member of our parish community who has died, and we pray for their eternal happiness.

Fr. Francis

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

Gillingham Food Bank, which the parish supported regularly before lockdown, is very short of some items as the demand is increasing.

Tins of meat, tins of fish, UHT milk, fruit juice, instant potato are particularly needed.

We will have a collection box in both St Benedict's and Our Lady's. Deacon Mike has kindly offered to convey your donations to the foodbank.

Average Weekly Collections for April 2022:

Collections in Church	Other	Standing Orders
£383	£126	£424.38

Plymouth Diocese Youth Ministry

Our next event will be the start of a new series call 'Where is God in that?' Saturday 11th June 10- 4.00 For young people aged 10-16.

Young people have the chance to canoe and possibly other water sports on the Exe. There is no charge for this event, but children will be expected to bring a packed lunch. Whilst canoeing they will reflect on the Trust that Peter in God when Jesus asked him to walk on the water.

To book please complete the form <https://forms.office.com/r/b9Sd9wXkJs> or email Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk for the link.



To help us to save the world's resources and have parish funds available for mission, please consider signing up to receive these newsletters by email or accessing them through the parish website at <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter> rather than taking a printed copy. This will reduce our use of paper and ink, so contributing to our efforts to follow the Pope's exhortations in Laudato Sí.

Book Sale in aid of Alzheimer's Research.
This year I will have a stall at the Marnhull Fest Saturday 4th June, do please come along and find yourself a book ! If you wish to donate books then you can contact Charles or Pam on 01258 821463.

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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I'm most grateful to those parishioners who joined the children and staff of our parish school for the May Procession last Thursday. It shows the children that we are interested in their spiritual welfare and, for some of them, is one of the rare experiences they have of adults other than their teachers who believe in God and put their faith into action.

We began in the school hall, welcomed by Mrs. Betts as Headteacher. I reminded the children of why we love Our Blessed Lady – example of trusting faith in God; of courageous and eager cooperation with God's plan; of devoted motherhood to our blessed Lord; of steadfast love, accompanying him even as he faced his final agony. For all these reasons, Jesus knew Mary would be a wonderful mother to the whole human race, so he gave her to the Apostle John who stood at the foot of the Cross, to be his mother and, by extension, to offer her motherly support and protection to all the disciples of Jesus.

I recalled the lovely hymn which was sung at the May Processions in his own Primary School, but which we don't hear so often these days (Mrs. Betts said she herself hadn't heard it since she was at Primary School!) So, our brave band of parishioners sang it for the children as a very fitting start to our procession:

*Bring flowers of the rarest,
Bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest
flower of the vale.*

Chorus:

*O Mary, we crown thee
with blossoms today.
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.
O Mary, we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.*



And so, we set off on our little journey together around the school field, pausing at some beautiful 'stations' on the way, which illustrated the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary – the Resurrection, the Ascension, Pentecost, the Assumption and the Coronation of our Lady. At successive stations, Grace, Ellie, Madalena and Sophie told us something about those glorious mysteries of our faith and then the children sang, very beautifully and off by heart, the Hail Mary. And so we reached the statue of Our Lady outside the school, and all the children placed flowers they had brought from home around it while Tiah crowned it with flowers. Arlo and Jess said some prayers and I gave a blessing, remembering the people of Ukraine and praying for peace as the city which bears Our Lady's name, Mariupol, falls to the invaders.

God blessed us with a beautiful day for this pure, heartwarming act of devotion which we completed by singing "As I kneel before you...all I have, I give to you..."

Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.
Thank you, children. Thank you, parishioners.
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Caritas Plymouth would like to offer an opportunity for people across the Diocese of Plymouth to come together online to discuss how we are welcoming Ukrainian families into our homes and parishes, to offer mutual support and guidance and to identify any areas where Caritas might be able to offer support. It is an opportunity to consider possible future needs and be open to the wider asylum seeker and refugee needs.

We are offering this online event on Thursday 26 May from 6-7pm.

If you would like to join this informal session, please register here <https://forms.office.com/r/wRGwA07RdM> and we will send through Zoom details.

Pauline Jaricot, foundress in 1822 of what became the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, is to be beatified on Sunday 22nd of May. In 1922 the APF became the Church's official (Pontifical) organisation for supporting the missions internationally. The familiar Red Boxes in England & Wales were begun by the Mill Hill Missionaries to continue this work and are to be found in most parishes.

Please take a leaflet about Pauline from the porches and God bless the generous supporters in our own parish.

Take a box if you can; please let Pam Snell or Annette Lyons know if you do. Thankyou!



The Called and Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn what the spiritual gifts are and prayerfully discern which gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

Over 2000 people across the UK have experienced the Called and Gifted discernment process and, for many, it has led to a more active and fulfilling life. Please visit the Called and Gifted website to see examples of testimonies from previous participants, including an inspiring video testimony by a priest from Leeds Diocese who has

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experienced Called and Gifted himself and seen the difference it has made in his parish after inviting parishioners to discern their spiritual gifts: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

Caritas Plymouth and CAFOD invite you to an online event, from 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday 24th May, to reflect on our Diocesan Environment Policy, Please register at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKiqby9p4Zaca73zqxgOQNhsGHGCFRchfhUNFNKQ09UJhWWIVVQ0ZFUTNKTIpTRTBQWSQIQCN0PWcu>

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