



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

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25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 20th September	Our Lady	9am Holy Mass	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gordon Elkin, RiP
	St Benedict	11am Holy Mass		
	Our Lady	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 21st September	Our Lady	NO MASS	St Matthew - Apostle, Evangelist FEAST	
Tuesday 22nd September	NO MASS		Dedication of the Cathedral FEAST	
Wednesday 23rd September	St Benedict	10am Holy Mass followed by Rosary	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Memorial	Pauline Holmes for her Birthday
Thursday 24th September	Our Lady	9.30am St Mary's School Holy Mass	Our Lady of Walsingham FEAST	
Friday 25th September	St Benedict	5pm Confession, Benediction Evening Prayer 6pm Holy Mass		
Saturday 26th September	St Benedict	10am Holy Mass followed by Confession	Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial	

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Joyce West, Tony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Frances Mowbray, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams, Petronella Sellick, Timothy Harris, Mary George.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Heather; 11am: Rupert; 6pm: Christine.

Correction- Retiring Collections coming up

20th Sept **Evangelii Gaudium Day (Mission Sunday)**
For the courage to live lives faithful to the Gospel
For the ability to recognise Christ in all whom we meet.

27th Sept Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

4th Oct CAFOD Fast day collection

Notice of Changes to Mass Times

There will be no Mass on Monday 21st September

On Saturday 26th September, there will be Mass at St Benedict's at 10am (followed by the Evangelisation event in St Benedict's Parish Hall).

There will be no Mass from Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October. There will be **Morning Prayer & Rosary** on Monday 28th, **Tuesday 29th** (replacing Wednesday) & **Evening Prayer & Benediction** on Friday 2nd Oct).

****New** Marnhull Churches Together Harvest Lunch is 14th October 12.00- 14.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall in Marnhull** It will be a wonderful celebration of thanksgiving for God's creation and its gifts. Parishioners of our three churches, Catholic, Anglican and Methodist will celebrate with food, poetry readings and songs in the true spirit of ecumenism. You are invited to bring a seasonal poem or reading on the theme of Harvest. As it is the 150th anniversary of Thomas Hardy, you may even like to bring a short extract of his work relating to the area of Marnhull. We are looking for volunteers and would be delighted if people could make quiches, cakes, and apple crumble. The rest of the Ploughman's lunch will be sourced locally. The ticket price is £7.00, available from Jennie or Jacintha. All proceeds will go to Gillingham Food Bank.

****New**** The Legion of Mary meets every Friday evening in St Benedict's parish hall after 6pm evening Mass - all are welcome! Please speak to Dave Minto for more info.

****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. If your child is 13 years or over and is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please speak to a member of Clergy.

****New** Our Parish small Book Club** is meeting on Thursday 10th September, 2.30pm at **Our Lady's Parish hall**. We will be reading and discussing the CTS booklet "Why go to Confession". Please speak to Tony Moore on 07967 592849 if you have any questions about the book club.

****New**** Session 8 of the Sycamore Course "The Power of Prayer" takes place on **Monday 21st Sept at 7.00pm** is. 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** This Saturday - 'Evangelisation Roadshow' - 26th September at St Benedict's, Gillingham 10 am to 2.15 pm.** We (the Diocesan Evangelisation Team) are bringing the Roadshow to different areas of the diocese so that you can hear about the latest outreach projects and participate in the excitement of sharing ideas with others from Dorset. Refreshments (coffee/tea, croissants and fruit) will be provided but please bring a packed lunch to see you through! Fr Cletus will start the day with Mass at 10 am with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The presentations will start at 11 am then a workshop so that we can harvest/discuss your ideas from the day. We finish with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking forward to growing in mission with you in north Dorset! (Queries? Contact: pippa.worth@prcdtr.org.uk)

****New** Blandford and District Catenians: A Network of Catholic Friends.**

The Catenians meet regularly at the Swan Inn, Sturminster Newton. Our next gathering is **Wednesday 23 September**. We will be welcoming our clergy in thanksgiving for all their commitment to us in our parishes. We are also delighted to be enrolling 3 new members on the evening and would like to have the support of our parishioners. The buffet dinner is £20 per person. Ladies & Gents, please join us at the Swan Inn at 7pm. For further information or book please contact: Steve Carrivick: carrivick79@gmail.com or 07887988123

****New** Medjugorje Pilgrimage – ONLY SIX SPACES LEFT** The Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Medjugorje is in the early stages on organisation. We will be flying from Bristol to Split Thursday 1st to Thursday 8th of October. £785pp sharing £150 single supplement. Half-board, fully guided Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages. Please contact plymouth-plympton@prcdtr.org.uk if you are interested in joining us.

****New** Prayer Conference. Buckfast Abbey, Saturday Oct 31 & Sunday Nov 1. 2026 (weekend event)**
UNBOUND Freedom in Christ.

A weekend immersion in the inspirational teaching of UNBOUND Deliverance Ministry. A safe, gentle and non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry model which helps people reclaim their true identity in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. With an opportunity for a personal prayer session and the chance to claim true freedom in Christ.

Weekend tickets from £65. To book [UNBOUND Freedom in Christ Prayer Retreat. Buckfast Abbey, Devon – Fill in form](#)

Call or email Michele Thompson, Officer for Evangelisation for more information 07940 453607

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****New** Youth Volunteers Newsletter**

Here's the link; <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-FD9D3738248EC9822540EF23F30FEDED> for the new E-Newsletter for those working with youth in the Diocese. It aims to keep volunteers up to date with training sessions, legislation changes and a place to share resources. Please contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Chocolate Making workshop, Truro Parish Church. Saturday 17th October (ages 10 - 16)

To book: [Chocolate Making Day, 17th October 2026 – Fill in form](#) Cost: £10 per person. Further information contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Rosary for Pro-Life in Shaftesbury - Thursdays at 7pm. Everyone Welcome!

Please remember that there is a Rosary every fortnight on Thursdays at 7pm outside [Shaftesbury Abbey gates](#) - the next Rosary will be on **Thursday 24th September at 7pm.**

A message from Fr Chris Findlay-Wilson: "We are planning a day-return coach for the **Eucharistic Congress** in London 10th October. It would leave Plymouth at 5am and pick up at Exeter Services - and possibly Taunton or Wincanton" There are currently 32 places available - please contact Fr Chris if you're interested in going 01202 746539 www.catholicparkstone.org

St Benedict's Maintenance fund: www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham.

If you would like to receive the Sunday Newsletter by email, please fill out a form at the back of the Church - "Keeping in touch with us".