

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 29TH JANUARY, 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>Br. Stephen Croft</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Feria	<i>Miss Frankie North</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	For a Bishop	<i>The Holy See</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Presentation of the Lord	<i>St. Mary's School</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Blaise	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Our Lady on Saturday	

On 2nd February, Candlemas, the children and staff of our parish school will join us at Mass.

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

Lots from Caritas Plymouth this week:

PRISONS ADVICE AND CARE TRUST (PACT) with CARITAS DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH ROADSHOWS

Poole Saturday 18th March

'I was in prison and you visited me' Matthew 25:36

Pact's Faith in Action team and Caritas Diocese of Plymouth are hosting two JustPeople Plymouth Diocese Roadshows. We will share a morning of learning, reflection, and faith-into-action ideas. and hear voices of lived experience, get connected with local services in the diocese and meet prison chaplains, volunteers, and other diocesan groups, as well as The Welcome Directory. Come along and find out more about Prisons Ministry and how you can get involved: Refreshments will be provided.

We are all aware of the pressures on people at the moment as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. However, it can be difficult to know what to do to help.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is running an online lunchtime event on Thursday 9th February from 12.00-12.40pm to share resources that parishes and groups can use to support people who may be struggling. The event will last around 40 minutes and will offer participants useful links and ideas to signpost those who may be looking for help and advice about crisis grants. There will also be an opportunity to share your local insights and offer suggestions and where you think people might welcome further guidance.

If you register to join us <https://forms.office.com/e/ScddxBXVMu> we will send you a Zoom link.

A recent study from Cambridge University suggests the Friday Abstinence of Catholics in England and Wales undertaken with the supernatural motive of self-denial on the day of the Lord's Passion and Death has had a surprising impact on reducing carbon emissions by as much as 55,000 tonnes each year. This is equivalent to 82,000 people taking return flights from London to New York. Many simple steps and the promotion of good practice in parishes are helping contribute to the care of the environment.

One of Caritas' New Year's resolutions is that every parish in our Diocese will have a Caritas 'friend' who will share the good work happening in our local communities, tell us how Caritas can do more to help, and share our information and resources with the parish community.

If you would be interested in supporting the work of Caritas Diocese of Plymouth in this way, please contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or call for a chat on 01364 653421.

Deborah Fisher OBE

Manager, Caritas Diocese of Plymouth



Click this link to see the January newsletter from Caritas Plymouth:

<https://tinyurl.com/2jd785ws>

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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The Vale Pantry is looking for support. Tinned beans, spaghetti, potatoes, fruit, sweet corn, tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, and biscuits and pasta. Drop in at 35a Market Square in Stur.

Stay Awake' is taking place for the **FIFTH** year on Saturday 11th March 2023, at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth, 10:00 – 19:00.

This is YOUR Invitation! Please come and bring your friends and neighbours to an inspirational day of growing closer to Jesus. There will be Mass, Praise and Worship, Kids' activities, Fellowship, Workshops, a Prayer Room and Pizza in the evening for dinner! What's not to love?!

Tickets are **FREE** for those in Year 9 and under and only £10 for everyone else! Please see www.stayawakejc.com for more information and to book tickets!

Stay Awake has been described as "Such an inspiring, fruitful and enjoyable day!" "Glorious!", "Such a joy!", "Encouraging!", "Awesome!", "It was wonderful to see God's love in action!" "I offered to leave at lunch time but neither of the children wanted to!"

Save the date - LOUDfence in the Diocese of Plymouth (15th – 17th February)

The diocese will be holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth starting on Wednesday 15th February and concluding on Friday 17th February. A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. We want survivors to know that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. We hope that you can join us. Attendees are encouraged to tie ribbons around a fence which could also include a message of support.

The event is open to everyone, and the LOUDfence will be in place at the front of Christ the King church from 2:00pm on Wednesday 15th February until 4:30pm on Friday 17th February, for ribbons and messages to be added. Members of the safeguarding team will be present during working hours.

Here is a full schedule of events for the LOUDfence:

Wednesday 15th February at 2pm – Opening of the LOUDfence.

Speakers: Fr Mark Skelton (Clergy Lead for Safeguarding) and Antonia Sobocki (LOUDfence).

Thursday 16th February – LOUDfence open all day.

Friday 17th February – LOUDfence open until 4:30pm.

A Survivors Mass will be held at 12 Noon, celebrated by Fr Mark Skelton.

If you are unable to attend the LOUDfence but would like to send a message of support for this, please visit:

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/vicariate-for-safeguarding-and-pastoral-care/loudfence/>

and complete the online form, or send an e-mail to:

sophie.scagell@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish Sweepstake – time to sign up for 2023!

Please take the 2023 form from church to complete and an envelope. Please put the subscription (Cash or cheque) into the envelope and leave in the box, tray OR Collection basket **WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION**
All information is on the reverse of each form OR
Download an application from Parish Website link & make payment online quoting SWEEPSTAKE to the parish account.
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LOOSE CASH IN THE BOX / TIN

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is encouraging parishes to take part in a QUIZ NIGHT on 28th April to raise much needed funds to support children in need across the Diocese. Questions (and answers) will be supplied. We just have to supply a venue and someone to ask the questions. Teams pay to take part and the money raised goes to the Children's Society. There's a prize for the winning team in the parish and the winning team across the Diocese. We could organise some food and have a fun evening together. If anyone would be willing to organise this in the parish, perhaps using Our Lady's chapel room, please speak to Fr. Francis.

Open Church St Benedict's Shrove Tuesday 21st Feb 2.30 - 4.00pm

Votive Candles, prayer support and generous listening to mark the start of Lent

Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to join us for a time of quiet welcome and reflection. Any and all questions welcome.

Volunteers to help are invited for prayers and preparation from 1.45pm. Please contact Tony Moore, Annette Lyons or either of the deacons to offer help

Not too late for a New Year's resolution! – Join CAFOD to "multiply hope" & help build a better world through volunteering?

In Pope Francis' message to charities and NGOs and their volunteers he said: *"the world needs volunteers and organisations committed to seeking the common good... being a volunteer who helps others is a choice that makes us free, it opens us to other people's needs, to the demands of justice, the defense of the poor and to the care of creation. It means being artisans of mercy. By working together, [NGOs and their volunteers] do their best to make the miracle of the multiplication of hope a reality. We have a great need to multiply hope!"*

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to join them in their mission. Could you help in our schools, parish, deanery or the wider diocese, bringing people together to "multiply hope" and help build a better world? Could you support local volunteers, or share your social media, communications or office skills to help CAFOD in it's vital work on behalf of the Church? Training and support is provided. See www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or email: plymouth@cafod.org.uk or telephone: 01752 268768