

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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SECOND WEEK OF LENT. 13TH MARCH, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Second Sunday of Lent	<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>Deacon Mike Turnbull</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by rosary	Lent	<i>The monks of Downside</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Lent	<i>Deceased prisoner</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Patrick	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Lent	<i>Christopher Delaney</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	St. Joseph	

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen and 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.

Churches Together in Marnhull
 During Lent, we meet in the Methodist Church on Fridays at noon for a reflection, sometimes* followed by a Lent lunch:

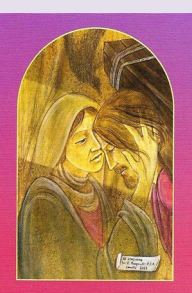
18 th March	Compassion*
25 th March	Compassion*
1 st April	Charity
8 th April	The Crucifixion*

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Your donations will be gratefully received today. Your support will have a direct impact on the people of Ukraine. You can donate today directly on the CAFOD website.
<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>



The Government will match pound for pound donations by the public up to £20 Million

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in both of our churches at 3 p.m. on each of the Sundays of Lent and at 7 p.m. on Zoom on Thursdays during Lent. Please contact Fr. Francis by email if you would like to receive the link for the Thursday Zoom



Mauro Ianicelli, who wrote and presented the Bible Timeline webinars, is offering his talk "Prayer as a rule of life," to us all is a fitting encouragement to our Lenten devotions. To watch, please visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLh_XbVUIEQ

7934 Christmas boxes were sent to Bulgaria this year by the Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion. View a moving short video on Youtube which shows the joy it brought to many children. Thank you to all who contributed. Annette <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XZuTtD8YQ4>

I was delighted last Monday to celebrate Holy Mass in Guy's Marsh Prison. It was even more special because it was the first Mass celebrated in the prison for about two years: while chaplaincy was maintained throughout, HM Prison Service found it necessary to stop religious services in prisons during the pandemic. The celebration was tinged with great sadness, because that very morning, an inmate had died. It was consoling that the Mass provided the opportunity to pray for the repose of his soul and for his bereaved family and friends. The man was 29 years old and nearing the end of his sentence. He was suffering serious mental ill-health.

PACT (Prisoners' Advice and Care Trust) is a UK Catholic charity which champions the care and resettlement of prisoners and gives assistance to their families. CEO Andy Keen-Downs wrote recently, "We continue to see so many people in prison...who have offended because of mental ill health, or trauma, from which they seek escape through alcohol or drugs. And so, we (PACT) continue to make the case for more and better services for people in the community, and especially for those experiencing mental ill health, to be treated by properly funded NHS services rather than being sent to prison, where so many deteriorate and die."

If you would like to learn more, to support PACT with a donation or to become involved in their work yourself, please visit their website <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>

As you know, Deacon Mike has worked as a chaplain at HMP Guy's Marsh for many years. He is due to leave that role this month, much to the regret of the inmates, staff and his fellow chaplains. Thank you, Mike, for your dedication to this important work, fulfilling in our midst the command of the Lord to visit those in prison. 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Fr. Francis

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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News from our parish school

Mrs. Betts, our headteacher, writes:

For Lent this year, the GIFT team have decided to raise money for the people in Ukraine who have recently been made refugees. Every school day since Monday 7th March, every child in the school has been walking a mile around the track. On our Day of Faith, Thursday 7th April, they children will all have the opportunity to take part in a whole school event where they take turns walking on the track so that someone is walking on the track for the whole day. We will be donating the money we collect to the CAFOD Ukraine humanitarian appeal. If you would like to donate please see this next link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-mary-s-primary-school-marnhull1>



Plans are underway for a group of young people from our diocese to attend World Youth Day. It is a fantastic opportunity for those who will be 16 upwards by August 2023. World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon. Further information can be found on their website: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/> Some young people have already expressed interest in coming, if you think you would like to join us or know someone who would please email Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Please remember that Great Down Lane is due to be closed from Monday to Wednesday this week. Access to Our Lady's from the B3092 will be possible via Sodom Lane, Pilwell and Nash Lane.

The Sturminster Choral Society Presents Rossini - Petite Messe Solennelle St Mary's Church Sturminster Newton 7th May 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each and can be obtained in advance by calling 01258 820755 or, subject to availability, on the door.



Walsingham Pilgrimage: 11th-14th July 2022

This Blandford pilgrimage to Walsingham, led by Mgr. Francis Jamieson, has some spaces available, and we would be delighted if you could join us. Booking forms and a poster are available in Our Lady's and St. Benedict's. Please ring Madeleine Hemsley on 01258 480778 if you would like further information. *"In Walsingham today the mystery of the Incarnation again becomes a reality as the Angelus bell rings out.....here Nazareth is recalled.....here in silent prayer and public praise pilgrims can experience love and acceptance, healing and holiness. Above all they are summoned to rejoice with Mary and echo her 'yes' in their own lives."* (Sr. Elizabeth Obbard, ODC)

Right to Life UK says: **Stop new abortion threat** Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now. It only takes two minutes.



A Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday 2nd April 2022 at St Rita's Centre. The day will be led by Fr. Tom Dubois. The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. First Talk will start at 10am, second talk will be at 11am. Exposition and Adoration of the holy Sacrament in silence will be at 12pm. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm, Mass at 2.45pm and there will be an opportunity for Confession. Charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, email or online <https://www.stritascentre.org/events/lent-retreat-day-seven-last-words>. Payment can be made online or on the day.

Stay Awake with a **'NEW VENUE'** is taking place on **Saturday 23rd April** - just 2 months' time!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change venues from The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, to a school in **WEYMOUTH**. The new venue address is **All Saints Church of England Academy, Sunnyside Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9BJ**

We do hope that you are able to come to Stay Awake this year and are so excited to see what the Lord does. There are a few campsites near All Saints Church of England Academy with beautiful seaside views if you are keen to make a weekend of it, in Weymouth! In the meantime, look out for advertising flyers, tell your friends and listen out for verbal announcements at your parish!

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth Diocese) is looking for enthusiastic new Trustee Directors to fill vacancies that have arisen as a result of retirement. The Society's purpose is to provide help to families in urgent need and to alleviate child poverty, avoid neglect or abuse and prevent homelessness.

Do you have the time, enthusiasm and commitment to take an active role - mentoring our staff and attending events? You may also have valuable experience with other charities. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. The Board meets at least four times a year and whilst the position is voluntary and unpaid, reasonable travelling expenses are paid as per our policy.

To find out more, please contact us by phone 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk We can send further information about becoming a Trustee for a charity and can arrange for an informal chat with either of our Co-Chair's, Andrea Rodgers or John Larter.

Putting All Children First