

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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4TH WEEK OF ADVENT. 19TH DECEMBER, 2021

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention	
Sunday Masses:					
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Robert Gaskell	
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		The people of the parish	
	Marnhull	6 p.m.			
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. followed by Rosary	Advent	Joyce Healey	
Tuesday		No Mass			
Wednesday	Gillingham	10.00 a.m.	Advent	Gulam Madni & others	
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Advent	Baz & India	
Friday	Gillingham	8.30 p.m.	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Richard Gilliver & others	
	Marnhull	Midnight			
Saturday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
	Gillingham	11 a.m.			

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen and David Paris, Brendan Colohan, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden.

Road Closures affecting Our Lady's Marnhull

The contractors have been very willing to adapt to our need for access to the church for Mass. As many agencies are involved, it's taking time to arrive at a plan which satisfies all needs, but here is my current understanding of what will take place:

- The works will not now begin until Monday 20th December
- Work will commence each day after the time when Mass is due to begin, so after 9.30 a.m. on Monday 20th and after 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 23rd.
- The Project Manager is now under the impression that the closure of Old Mill Lane is no longer needed. If this is confirmed, the only closure will be at the junction of Great Down Lane with the B3092 at Todber.

Fr. Francis

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Fr. Louis Beasley-Suffolk*



*who died on 17th December, 2021
May he rest in peace.*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Patricia Edward-Jones

of Stalbridge

who died on 13th December, 2021

May she rest in peace

Plymouth Diocese has provided a way for everyone to take part in the Synod process by responding to a short online survey. This is in addition to our parish meetings which will hopefully resume in January. If you would like to give your views directly to the Diocese, just copy and paste this link into your internet browser:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9MVCQ7M>



Please pass this link on to *anyone* you think may be willing to do the survey. Remember, as well as valuing the views of practicing Catholics, the Church wants to listen to everyone.

Could you spare a little time to let people know they are loved this Christmas? Churches Together in Gillingham have again this year produced a Christmas card. It contains a greeting and the times of Christian services in the town. Please take some from church and put them through the letterboxes in your neighbourhood. A simple gesture which will surely mean a lot to those who receive them. Thank you.

The children of St. Mary's School have very kindly made Christmas cards for the parishioners. There are a number in each of the churches, so please take one for yourself and take some for parishioners who live near you who are housebound or constrained from attending church by the coronavirus.

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

As 2021 finally draws to a close we are grateful that we have had such a busy, action-packed, happy and productive autumn term at school. The events during the last two weeks allow us as a school to really celebrate our faith. On Wednesday 8th December we celebrated with Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a lovely Mass with the parish. On Thursday the 9th of December the whole school participated in our Advent Day of Faith. It was an opportunity to remind the children of the importance of pausing, reflecting in preparation for Christmas. The day was based on the virtues Faith, Hope and Charity and was led by our Growing in Faith Team. These children planned a whole school liturgy and organised prayer stations for their peers. The prayer station led the children through the events of the first Christmas and help them reflect on some important issues facing our world today.



Each child made a star of hope, and these were hung on our Christmas tree. These included hopes for a safe place for those without homes and an end to climate change. The children also continued to support Gillingham Foodbank, having visited them earlier this year, collecting more donations for their Christmas appeal. Combined with our Book Fair, PTFA Christmas Raffle, Christmas lunch and party day, it has been a great combination of spirituality, reflection, fun and learning. Our fabulous children have worked so hard this term, trying their best, bravely facing new challenges – daring to 'have a go'. They have looked after each other, put others before themselves and helped to make our school a lovely place to come each day. I want to thank the children for being so amazing!

Open Morning: 9.30 a.m. on 10th January. Please come along, or encourage any parents you know to do so. Thank you for helping us to help as many children as possible to benefit from the wonderful learning experience we offer.

Saskia Hogbin, Diocesan Youth Worker, has produced a report on Youth Events which have taken place in the diocese this year. If you receive this newsletter by email, please see the attachment. It's also on the parish website.

The latest edition of the Vicariate for Evangelisation Newsletter is available as an email attachment or on the parish website.

Caritas Plymouth would like to invite you to an online event on homelessness on the 18th of January 2022 from 6-7pm. As Britain emerges from the crisis of pandemic and begins to come to terms with the impacts of the crisis over the last few years, the effects on homelessness are likely to be significant. It is predicted that the economic aftermath of COVID-19 risks a substantial rise in core homelessness, including rough sleeping. This event will offer an opportunity for prayer and reflection on how we can take practical action to support those who are homeless.

If you can join us for this event, please register using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/NkUZyhwcKf> or email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

Plymouth Diocese Youth Service has arranged for a

CREATIVE ARTS DAY

for young people aged 10 – 16

Join RISE Theatre to create a short filmed piece. Explore art, music, drama, spoken word, dance!

Your input, your piece!

Catholic Church, Weymouth 8th January 2022

To book and for further information contact Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: www.cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

If you don't use the weekly collection envelopes, could we encourage tax payers who want to give to the parish over Christmas to use one of the special 'Christmas Offering' envelopes available in both churches and write your NAME on the envelope to facilitate allocation as GIFT AID. Please make cheques payable to PRCDTR Marnhull R C Parish

Alternatively, you can use online banking. If you do, please add the narrative CHRISTMAS OFFERING when making the payment.

The Parish Bank details are: Sort Code 55-61-09 Account Number 07388381 A/C Name - PRCDTR Marnhull R.C. Parish Natwest Blandford Forum.

Many thanks, Pam Snell, Parish Treasurer

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio www.heavensroadfm.com is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience – they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website www.heavensroadfm.com Please help us by:

- Including us in your prayers
- Telling your friends and family about us
- Liking/sharing and hashtag our posts on social media

We'd really appreciate your support for our Mission to spread God's love.

Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

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