

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 30TH JANUARY, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Judith Bennett</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. <i>followed by Rosary</i>	St. John Bosco	
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10.00 a.m. <i>followed by Rosary</i>	Presentation of the Lord	<i>Michael O'Donovan</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Blaise	<i>Nicholas Cocking</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Feria	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. <i>Mass followed by confessions</i>	St. Agatha	<i>Frances Crouch</i>

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.

The Bishops of England and Wales have updated their guidance on church services and other activities in the light of the relaxation of covid measures announced this week by the government. Parish priests are asked to update the parish policy in the light of this guidance and the circumstances of the parish. So, in this parish, the following changes to the current arrangements take effect from now on:

- Whether to wear a face covering is a matter of personal choice.
- There is no need for social distancing
- Congregational singing resumes and hymn books may be used
- The Sign of Peace may be offered, but please be understanding if others prefer to refrain from physical contact.
- Parish meetings and social activities can resume. This includes refreshments after the 9.30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady's on Sundays
- Ventilation should be moderated by the importance of heating the church at this time of the year.

Measures which are unchanged are:

- Holy Communion is distributed as the Sacred Host only
- You are encouraged to use hand sanitiser on entry to the church

Fr. Francis

"What is God saying to the Church?" *Fr. Jon Bielawski writes:*

This is an on-line event Tuesday 1st March at 6 p.m. It is promoted by Fr. James Mallon and Divine Renovation. With the link provided here:

<https://www.divinerenovation.org/events> Individuals can register but there is also a, "Watch party" option. This, "Watch party" option offers an opportunity for the parish to host a, "watch party" enabling you to engage with this event as a group and have a live discussion on discerning the most urgent call for the Church today and how God may be calling your community to mission during these crucial times. Please let Fr. Francis know if you would like to be part of such a 'watch party.'

The planned Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop Mark, originally scheduled for March this year, has been postponed to later this year. The new dates are **30th October to 10th November**, when, hopefully, conditions for travelling will be much easier for us all. It will include a full programme of visits to the Holy Sites and staying in excellent Christian accommodation in the hills of Samaria and Judea, and closing with three nights at the Sea of Galilee. Places are limited, but to register your interest and for further detail please contact Della Shenton on della@5gr.org.

*Please pray for
the repose of the soul of
Johnny Harrow*



*Wing Commander
John Francis Mary Harrow
Who died unexpectedly on
Wednesday 26th January
And for his wife Coral and
all their family in their
bereavement.
Funeral arrangements will
be available in due course.*



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

Our Headteacher, Mrs. Betts, writes:

The children in St. Anthony's class have really impressed us with their independent learning, in particular their writing. In English, after reading the story 'The Train Ride', the children collected interesting nouns and adjectives related to what they may see on a train journey. It was great fun exploring language together from the 'tall, towering buildings' to the 'soft, fluffy sheep'.

The children are continuing to enjoy the mastery approach to maths, growing in confidence using lots of practical resources. We are looking forward to delving deeper into our 'Trains' topic: in history we will be investigating trains through time; in science we will be discovering how steam was used to power trains and in DT we will be making moving train pictures.



Synodal Journey

Now that we are again able to meet together, we have a short time to produce our responses to the synod questions. The diocese would like to receive them by mid-February, so **please come to a meeting on Saturday 12th February after the 10 a.m. Mass at Our Lady's, Marnhull.** The meeting will last about one hour. The questions will be available in advance for you to consider before the meeting. It would be great if you could bring along a friend who can offer us a perspective which the Church doesn't often hear.

The Plymouth Diocese Synod group has published an update on how the process is going across the diocese. To see it, use this link <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Synodal-newsletter-Jan-2022-3.pdf>

Bishops are invited to convoke a pre-synodal meeting to culminate the diocesan phase. This gathering should have wide representation from across the diocese with the aim of coming together to pray, listen, reflect, and discern the synodal path along which God's Spirit is calling the whole diocese. Our Pre-Synodal events are being held in Poole (26 February) and Plymouth (12 March) and we are asking parishes and other groups to nominate participants to ensure we get participation from across the Diocese.

Please contact Fr. Francis if you would like to represent our parish at the event in Poole.

Parish Evangelisation Group

All are welcome to the meeting on Thursday 17th February:
6 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's
6:15 p.m. Meeting in the side chapel at Our Lady's, supporting each other in our efforts to spread the Good News.
Those who cannot attend in person are asked to pray for the success of the meeting and of the work of all members of the parish to invite others to walk with Jesus Christ.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH) NEWS

Thank you to all our loyal supporters who generously gave to our Annual Appeal '**Step Forward, Reach Out and Help**' last summer, which raised over £17,000. Thank you also to those parishes who generously donated their crib collection monies as your support means even more to us at the current time, as many of our usual fundraising activities are still on hold because of Covid-19. The number of applications we received for our help through our Essential Grants programme rose by 95 to a staggering 314 in 2021 and we envisage this number rising even more in 2022. We are only able to help these vulnerable children and their families who live in our Diocese thanks to the generosity of you all.

We are looking for CCSP Parish Volunteers

We are delighted that a number of parishes have stepped forward and now have a Parish Volunteer in place to help us with our fundraising once it is safe for us to do so. There is a ladder of involvement and some parishes just want to **MAINTAIN AND MONITOR** our supply of CCSP promotional material, whilst others want to help **PROMOTE** organised CCSP fundraising events such as the Annual Appeal and the Great Big Diocesan Quiz and some are happy to get more involved by **ORGANISING** fund raising events of their own. A Parish Volunteer pack has now been produced and has sent to all parishes but if anyone would like a copy sent to them to see what's involved, please contact Vicki Dunstone by calling 01364 645420 or emailing vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk

Welcome the Stranger

An Online Event on Tuesday 8 February from 5-6pm to reflect on the challenges facing migrants and refugees. All are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion. This free online event from 5-6pm on Tuesday 8th February 2022 will discuss the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery.

We look forward to welcoming guest speakers from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Brigid McEleney-Smith from Companions, Sidmouth who will highlight the amazing opportunities that can be achieved through community sponsorship.

The event will take place via Zoom and you can register to attend by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/K3uz5LLY2X>

or emailing: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

'**Stay Awake**' is taking place for the fourth year on **Saturday 23rd April, 2022** - in-person - at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, from 10:00 – 19:00. It will be a day of inspiring and encouraging talks, Mass, praise and worship, kids' activities, fellowship - all of this will allow ourselves to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship! There will be pizza in the evening for dinner (and garlic bread and dips)! This is an event for everyone and anyone. **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!**

PARISH SWEEPSTAKE 2022

To continue with this fun method of raising parish funds the **SWEEPSTAKE 2022** applications are available in both of our churches, to download from the bottom of Parish [Website](#) Newsletter, or email by contacting Pam Snell on marnhull-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk **Costs £20 for the whole year. Each draw has prizes £10-£40**

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