

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent	<i>All Mothers</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>All Mothers</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	St. Joseph	<i>Amy North</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. <i>followed by rosary</i>	Lent	
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Lent	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Vigil of the Annunciation	<i>Fr. Michael Cole</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass <i>followed by confessions</i>	The Annunciation of the Lord	

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, Judith Forrester

Special offerings in the parish during Lent:

Stations of the Cross 3 p.m. 1st to 5th Sundays in Lent in St. Benedict's and Our Lady's.

Discussion group, led by Deacon Mike, 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Chapel Room at Our Lady's on the Theme of "A Place for Us" March 21st: "The Promise of a Place for Us." 28th: "The Tragedy of Betrayal"

Holy Week Services will be at Our Lady's Marnhull this year:

Maundy Thursday	6 th April	6.30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	7 th April	3 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	8 th April	11 a.m.	In St. Benedict's: Blessing of Food
		9 p.m.	The Easter Vigil

From the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday until the Easter Vigil, the Sacraments of the Church are not celebrated except in extremis. The Sacrament of Confession will therefore not be offered on Friday 7th or Saturday 8th April.

Dorset Deanery Big Lent Walk on Saturday 25th March.

Our parishes are walking different routes on the Same Day.

We will meet at Sturminster Newton at 11am at the entrance to the trailway. We will walk to Shillingstone Station and meet a group from Blandford Parish before walking back to Sturminster Newton. The walk is about an hour each way.

Join us on the day. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

If you prefer not to walk the full distance you can meet us at Shillingstone Station at about 1230hrs.

Please register your interest by emailing Steve: carrivick79@gmail.com



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Sign up for the Catholic Children's Society Quiz Night in our parish on Friday 28th April. Our Lady's, 7 for 7.30 p.m. It'll be great fun in a good cause.

Tickets will be £10 per person, which includes admission to the quiz and a Ploughman's Supper. All proceeds to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Why not get some friends together in a team to enjoy this fun night out. Teams can be up to 6 members. Info:

<https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/great-big-diocesan-quiz/>

We will have the lovely ceremony of the Washing of the Feet at Maundy Thursday Mass again this year. Please tell Fr. Francis if you are willing to take part.

You are invited to a farewell Mass and lunch on On Easter Monday, 10th April. The Mass will begin at 11 a.m. in Our Lady's and then lunch will be served in the school hall.

If you are able to come, it would be so helpful if you could let Mary Moore (Email: mandtmoore@btinternet.com Tel:01963 365848) or Annette Lyons know so that we can make sure there's plenty of food.

I'm so grateful to the people who are working to make this a very happy and enjoyable occasion. God bless. Father 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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At their meeting last Thursday, the Historic Churches Commission approved our proposal to install a new sound system in Our Lady's. We have to wait for formal notification before proceeding, but it shouldn't be too long before we enjoy its benefits. The novel technology promises to give a better quality of sound throughout the building without feedback. The sound is produced by 'sound panels' which are small panels which will be flush with the walls and can be painted the same colour so there is minimal visual impact. We will just need two panels in the Nave and one in the Chapel Room to give complete coverage. Digital hearing aids will pick up the sound automatically.

Listening Workshop (repeat)

Saturday 29th April 2023 at 11.00.am. at St Benedict's, Gillingham.

Following the success of the first Listening Workshop event, by Michele Thompson, held at Our Lady's in January, Michele would like to give the congregation at St Benedict's the opportunity to take part in the same workshop.

Designed to help us to learn to listen with the ears of the heart, just as Pope Francis suggests. You will learn the vital difference between listening in order to respond and listening in order to react.

You will learn about yourself, how you may be perceived and how to speak the truth in love, without conflict.

This is a stimulating workshop suitable for anyone who wants to build better relationships through more effective communication, and perfect the art of listening. *Proverbs 18:13 "He who gives an answer before he hears, it is a folly and shame to him."*

"Can you help us give an Easter egg to Seafarers this Easter? **Stella Maris (formerly called the Apostleship of the Sea)** Chaplains and Volunteer Ship Visitors will be visiting ships in our Southern ports during Holy Week and after Easter to bring this great celebration to many hundreds of seafarers who remain confined to their ships at this time. Together with faith materials, we would like to offer Easter Eggs and chocolates. Can you help us by donating Easter eggs and chocolates? charles.stuart@stellamarismail.org Tel. +44 (0) 7843 739 579.

Port Chaplain

If you would like to leave these in the churches, over the next couple of weeks, Fr. Francis will arrange for them to be collected.

Churches Together in Marnhull: **Lent lunches and talks in the Methodist Church** Fridays at noon until 31 March. The theme of the Lent Lunches/Talks is Pilgrimage. About 30 minute talk followed by homemade soup lunch. Please do come and support this worthy initiative, which has a very long history nationally, and also in Marnhull.

A review of youth events in the diocese in 2022 has been circulated to everyone on the newsletter email list.



The John Bradburne Memorial Society will be hosting an event at Buckfast Abbey, South Devon on Saturday 10th June 2023 at 12 noon, to commemorate his 102nd Birthday.

This ticketed event will involve a Mass, lunch, talks, music and an exhibition.

if you would like to attend, please contact JBMS: 07979 187498 or info@johnbradburne.com Tickets are available on the JBMS website www.johnbradburne.com



JBMS

John Bradburne Memorial Society

Average Weekly Collections for February 2023:

Collections in Church		Other	Standing Orders
	Gift Aided		Gift Aided
£209.67	£70.00	£93.75	£431.88

Thank you also for your generous contributions to the CAFOD Lent Fast Day which totalled £1,224.29

On Sunday 7th May 2023, Gillingham Methodist Church will be hosting a performance of Edward Elgar's sublime choral work

'The Dream of Gerontius'

with a 50-strong choir and the international concert organist, David Briggs playing our Sweetland organ and taking the place of an orchestra.

There will also be three well-known soloists, including tenor, John Graham-Hall (of ROH fame) taking the role of Gerontius.

Elgar composed this profoundly moving work in 1900 and the score was set to the text of a poem by Cardinal John Newman.

It relates the journey of a pious man's soul from his deathbed to his judgement before God and settling into Purgatory with the promise of everlasting glory.

Tickets £20 from 07817 379006 or The Copy Shop in Gillingham High Street or

www.wegotickets.com/event/492351

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HOMES FOR UKRAINE There are still many Ukrainians looking to come to the UK to seek sanctuary from the war. Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG) and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are offering a matching, training and support service under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. online event on Wednesday 22nd March from 6-6.45 pm. To register please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/adH56azgaq> or telephone Caritas on 01364 645360