

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT. 18TH DECEMBER, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent	<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		<i>Martin McCorry RIP</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Advent	<i>Fr. Boniface von Nell RIP</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday		No Mass		
Thursday		No Mass		
Friday	Gillingham	Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.	Advent	<i>Fr. Cassian Dickie OSB</i>
Saturday		NO MORNING MASS		
Saturday	Gillingham	8 p.m.	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	<i>Inmates and Officers of Guys Marsh Prison</i>
	Marnhull	Midnight		<i>The people of the parish</i>
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
	Gillingham	11 a.m.		<i>Those who are lonely</i>

This week, Fr. Francis travels north (thanking God for the promise of milder weather!) to Ampleforth Abbey. For this reason, there will not be Mass in the parish from Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd December inclusive. Because of the Masses later in the day, there will not be a morning Mass in Marnhull next Saturday.

There will NOT be an evening Mass on Sunday 25th December.

Masses in Christmas week:

26th December

9.30 a.m. Our Lady's

28th – 31st December

Mass at the usual times.

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

There will be a special cleaning session of Our Lady's Church Marnhull, together with more brass polishing, from 9.30 on Thursday 22nd Dec. All help will be most gratefully received.

Jacintha Bowe will lead a Christmas guided meditation in the Ignatian style in her conservatory on Thursday 22nd December at 2.30. Places will be limited as she lives in a bungalow. This is not a Churches Together event but is open to all. Please telephone 01258 821184 or email jacinthabowe@gmail.com to reserve a place. This will be a warm space and the event will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. If people would like to donate, then all proceeds will go to help those suffering in Sudan.

🎄 CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKE 🎄
🎄 DRAW WINNERS 🎄

1st Prize	Joan Dallyn
2nd Prize	Rupert Evill
3rd Prize	Merle Evans
4th Prize	Christl Pearson
5th Prize	Freya Fearn
6th Prize	Mary Clare Fearn

Christmas is a particular time for Christians to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves, those for whom Christmas can be extremely difficult. It is also a time to reflect on how we can make a difference, however small this may appear. During this past year, the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) has been supporting vulnerable families in ever increasing numbers, all made possible by donations and support from parishioners across our Diocese.

When you visit the crib in your church, please consider adding to the collection which will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across our Diocese, spreading God's love and giving families in need hope in times of crisis.

May God bless you this Christmas..
Canon Paul Cummins
Diocesan Administrator

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

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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Listening Workshop. Saturday 21st January 2023 at Our Lady's Marnhull After Mass

You are invited to attend a 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 folly and shame to him."*

News from our parish school:

Our fabulous children have worked so hard this term, always trying their best, and looking out for everyone on the playground. I love welcoming them into school each day and their eagerness to show me the learning they are proud of makes my heart sing. I want to thank the children for being so amazing!

Mrs. Sharon Betts. Headteacher

The closing date for applications for children to join our school in September is 15th January.

Dorset School Admissions Contact:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-school-place>

Please spare a thought and a prayer for the inmates of Guy's Marsh prison. Due to a shortage of staff, the prisoners are currently being locked in their cells most of the time. They are not even allowed to leave their wing to attend Holy Mass in the chaplaincy, and at this stage there is no guarantee that they will even be allowed to do so for Christmas. You'll understand that this is already a very stressful time of year in the prison. Restriction on movement will only make the prisoners more frustrated, so the staff who remain will face a very challenging time as well. The rumour is that the situation will not change until February. Fr. Francis will go to the prison on Mondays as usual and will say Mass with the chaplaincy team in attendance, praying for the prisoners who cannot be there; bringing Jesus Christ as close to them as he can.

Open Church event at St. Benedict's to Sunday 8th January

This will involve inviting all and sundry to join them, votive candles, prayer support and generous listening. They are asking for volunteers to help with supervising candles, helping to write prayers, continuous prayer, controlling music and being warm and welcoming. They ask you to meet them at 2.15 p.m. for prayers and preparation. The plan is to finish at about 4 p.m. depending on what happens. They ask you to encourage friends and family of whatever persuasion to come along after 3 p.m. Please contact Tony Moore, Annette Lyons or Deacons Mike or James to offer help.

The Diocese has now informed us of the mandatory Second Collections for 2023. These are listed below together with a few which are particular to this parish:

- On Sunday 1st January there will be a second collection as indicated. This is because Churches Together in Marnhull and the Gillingham Community Church are setting up warm spaces for those who lack heating to use a few times during the week. We are asked to contribute to the cost of heating for these venues.
- Each parish is asked to have an annual appeal by a religious order which works in mission lands. Ours will take place on 19th February; a priest from the Columban Missionary Society will say all the Masses on that day.
- Because of this parish's connection with Guy's Marsh Prison, I invite you to contribute to the second collection on 1st October for PACT, the Catholic charity which does so much to help prisoners to turn away from crime and their families to cope with the consequences of their relative's imprisonment.

2nd Collections 2023

1 st January	Warm Spaces in Marnhull and Gillingham
19 th February	Mission Appeal (Columban Missionary Society)
5 th March	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
7 th April (Good Friday)	Holy Places of Palestine
30 th April	Bishop Christopher's Jubilee Fund for Seminarians
21 st May	Catholic Communications Network
28 th May	Sick and Retired priests of the diocese
18 th June	Day for Life
2 nd July	Peter's Pence
9 th July	Apostleship of the Sea
27 th August	Plymouth Catholic Children's Society
17 th September	Evangelii Gaudium Day
1 st October	Prison Advice and Care Trust
8 th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
22 nd October	World Mission Sunday

Synodal Journey – A conversation about safeguarding online event

Looking forward both nationally and locally there is a great deal of work undertaken both in the voluntary and statutory sector to prevent abuse from occurring, and to work with and support those who have been hurt in the past. We as a Diocese are playing our part in that not only within the Church, but in wider society.

Being aware that many of you may have questions around how safe my church is, what are the implications arising from the IICSA report, and what about safeguarding and the synodal journey, we have decided to host an online event which will be led by Robert Brown, the Senior Safeguarding Professional employed by the Diocese. The event will take place on Monday 9th January between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. If you wish to attend then please sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synodal-journey-a-conversation-about-safeguarding-tickets-471079791337> so that we can send the Zoom meeting details to you. This will also provide you the opportunity to highlight any questions you would like to be answered at the meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns in the interim then please contact the Safeguarding Office on 01364 645430 or e-mail safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

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