

# OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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## THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS. 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Saturday 24th	Gillingham	8 p.m.	<b>VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	<i>Inmates and Officers of Guys Marsh Prison</i>
Sunday	Marnhull Marnhull Gillingham	Midnight 9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<b>NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	<i>The people of the parish Veronica Davies RIP Those who are lonely</i>
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>St. Stephen, the first Martyr</b>	<i>Cyril Bastable</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>	<i>Fr. Sebastian Wolff OSB</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	<b>St. Thomas Becket</b>	<i>Francis &amp; Diane Porteous</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration &amp; opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	<b>Seventh Day of Christmas Octave</b>	<i>Mary Walker</i>

**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

### Putting All Children First

Thank you to all parishioners for your continued support of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth).

2022 has been a particularly tough year for CCSP

as so many more families are reaching out to us for our help through our Essential Grants programme. This year's Annual Appeal was well supported and we are still receiving appeal money, but we hope to provide you with a total in the next edition of our newsletter 'Children First'. If your parish has yet to send in your Annual Appeal monies, please can you do so at your earliest convenience and wherever possible, please can you also always put a reference on your bank transfer or accompanying letter when you send in your parish cheque so that we can correctly allocate all fundraising to the right place thank you. We are hopeful that this year's Crib Appeal will be equally as well supported and thank you in advance of your ongoing support.

**There will be a CCSP prize draw to win a signed Exeter Chiefs rugby ball and a signed Plymouth Argyle football.**

Would you like to win these two signed balls or do you know someone who would love them?

To be in with a chance, please visit the following link before 12 noon on Thursday, 5 January 2023 to enter our Crowdfunder prize draw –

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/exeter-chiefs-rugby-ball-plymouth-city-football>

Thanks to both clubs for kindly donating these balls so that we can raise some money to support our Essential Grants programme to help more vulnerable children and their families.



On behalf of all the trustees and staff at CCSP, we wish all our families, supporters and donors a Blessed Christmas.

### 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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## Open Church event at St. Benedict's to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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."*

*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 for anyone you know who would be glad of an extra card this year.*

*I am very grateful for the many tokens of affection I have received this Christmas. I wish you all the joy of knowing that, in Jesus, born of Mary, God is with us. Father Francis*

The whole parish is grateful for the efforts of all those who have prepared our churches and our liturgy to welcome fittingly our infant Saviour: cleaners, sacristans, flower arrangers, singers, organists, altar servers and Deacons. God bless you!

There are copies of the parish diary in both churches for anyone who would like one. There is no charge.



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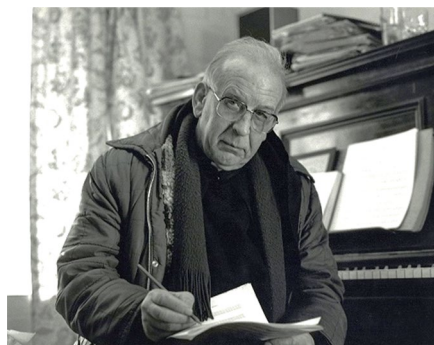
*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*

***Father Sebastian Wolff OSB***

*monk of Buckfast*

*who died on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022*

*May he rest in peace*



*A native of Loughrea, County Galway, Fr. Sebastian joined Buckfast Abbey in 1948 and was ordained Priest in 1955. He was a gifted musician and composer, a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, as well as a kindly pastor, ministering in the Abbey parish for many years. He composed the psalm tones we use at our Sunday Masses.*

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk)

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