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

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# EASTER WEEK. 16TH APRIL, 2023

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Second Sunday of Easter	
4	Gillingham Marnhull	11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30.a.m. followed by Rosary		The people of the parish
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10.00.a.m. followed by Rosary		
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30.a.m.		Monica Goode
Friday	Gillingham	Adoration & opportunity for Confession 5.00 –5.45pm. Mass 6.00.pm.	St. Anselm	
Saturday	Marnhull	10.00.am followed by confession		

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

After 19 months serving our parish, it was with heavy hearts that we gave Father Francis a traditional send-off last Monday. Despite the rain, around 140 people joined in his last Mass, and afterwards migrating to the school hall for a Fr Francis paella (and other foods) lunch. Thank you again Father, for your patience and spiritual guidance. Many thanks to all who donated towards the gifts for Father Francis, and towards the cost of the food.

Our new parish priest, Father Joseph Nwiboko, is already in residence and will be celebrating the Masses from this Sunday. A hearty welcome from us all, Father Joseph!

As you may be aware, our diocese has been without a bishop since our Bishop Mark O'Toole became Archbishop in South Wales. The reason for the delay in appointing a new bishop for us, was because Great Britain had been without a Papal Nuncio for some while and it is the Papal Nuncio who appoints bishops. On *Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April*, The Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed His Excellency Monsignor Miguel Maury Buendía, Titular Archbishop of *Italica* and until now, Apostolic Nuncio in Romania and Moldova, as Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain. Let us pray that he appoint a new bishop to the Diocese of Plymouth soon!

Find out about the good work which the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) achieve through your generous donations! Copies of the quarterly newsletter are available in both of the churches. www.ccsplymouth.org.uk The Second Sunday of Easter, today, is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday is also the day after the culmination of the novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. At 3.00 pm on Sunday afternoon at St Benedict's Church, there will be an opportunity to pray the Chaplet and venerate the image Divine Mercy. Even if you haven't completed the Novena, come along for a time of prayer and reflection on the mercy of God.

#### Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Camps 2023.

A wonderful opportunity for young people from across the diocese to come together for one week during the Summer holidays, to meet new friends, renew friendships and to share and grow in the Catholic faith in a safe and fun-filled environment.

The Junior Camp (school years 3-6) and the Senior Camp (school years 7-10) again take place at Buckfast Abbey, enjoying the space and prayerfulness of the Abbey and its site. St. Petroc's Camp, for people in school years 11-12, will take place in the lovely surroundings of St. Rita's Centre in Honiton.

The all-in cost for a week in any of the camps is £230.

Adults are invited to get in touch to discuss how they might help with the running of the camps. Those adults who take part in the camps will complete an application form and complete a DBS check through their parish.

Junior Camp: *30<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August;* Senior Camp: 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August; St. Petroc's Camp: *14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August.* 

To apply, see the fliers in the churches or use the hyperlink: https:/forms.office.com/e/pJQuB8Rhk5

more information from summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk

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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The latest edition of Vincentian Concern, the magazine of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is available in Our Lady's Chapel Room or online at <u>https://www.svp.org.uk/publications</u> The Society lists its activities: "We help people suffering from food and fuel poverty, homelessness, loneliness and isolation. We support refugees and asylum seekers and provide practical support in many other ways, but always through personal encounter. In recent years we have developed opportunities for End of Life Companionship training in partnership with the centre for the Art of Dying Well at St. Mary's University, Twickenham.

There is a group in Shaftesbury parish which you are welcome to join.

### Listening Workshop (repeat)

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 11.00.am. at St Benedict's, Gillingham. Led by Michele Thompson. 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. This is a stimulating workshop suitable for anyone who wants to build better relationships through more effective communication, and perfect the art of listening.

Sturminster Choral Society will be offering their Spring Concert on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

in St. Mary's Church, Sturminster

Newton. The programme includes Rutter's "Feel the Spirit" and Elgar's "The Angel's Farewell. Tickets £10 on the door. Enquiries 01258 820755



On *Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.wegottickets.com/event/492351

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



**Quiz Night on** *Friday 28th April.* -Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Venue: Our Lady's, Marnhull 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets will be £10 per person, which includes admission to the quiz and a Ploughman's Supper. (Please bring your own drinks.) We can organise people onto tables of

six or bring a team of friends together and enjoy a fun night out. All proceeds to the Catholic Children's

Society (Plymouth). Pay on the night but we need to know

how many to cater for so please email Steve on: <u>carrivick79@gmail.com</u> or message on 078879<del>88123.</del>

Saint Anthony Communications has copies of the film 'Love and Mercy: Faustina'.

Discounts for multiple orders are available.

Please visit <u>www.saintant.com</u> for more details and to order.

