

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday Masses:				
	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.		<i>Diana Porteous RIP</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>		<i>Alfred Dooman & others</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m.	St. Leo the Great	<i>Nana Regina & others</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Martin of Tours	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m.</i> Mass 6 p.m.		<i>Shirley Vines & others</i>
Saturday	Marnhull	10am. Mass <i>followed by Confessions.</i>	Our Lady on Saturday	<i>Patsy Murray & others</i>

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen and David Paris, Brendan Colohan, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Hilary & Clive Drake, Eileen Chimes, Jeremy Cusden, Pat Edwards Jones and Fr Louis Beesley-Suffolk.

Diocesan Synodal Process

Do you remember, a couple of weeks ago Bishop Mark wrote a pastoral letter to us about the Synodal Process which Pope Francis wants the whole Church to take part in? The Bishop asked every parish to hold meetings during advent, at which:

“The aim is to foster as broad a consultation as possible, reaching out to integrate the voice of the poor and the excluded, and not only engaging those who have some role or responsibility within the local parish.”

The question the Pope is asking us to consider is:

“A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, ‘Journeys together.’ How is this ‘journeying together’ happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our ‘journeying together’?”

Fr. Francis welcomes your suggestions about how this parish can best do this during Advent.



As you know, the last Sunday of the liturgical year is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This year it is Sunday 21st November.

In both churches of the parish the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for veneration for a holy hour which will end with Benediction.

This will take place in both Marnhull and Gillingham from 2 – 3 p.m.

The Vale Pantry, Sturminster Newton, has asked us to join them in a ‘Reverse Advent Calender’, to raise food for Christmas for local people in poverty. We’re asked to pop an item of suitable food into a box at home, each day of November, (or as many days as we can). **Please note: they're always short of childrens' cereals; tins of spaghetti hoops, beans, pasta sauce (but not dry pasta nor soup. They have loads.); then personal care things like toothpaste and deodorant.**

then drop the box into the Pantry or the Medical Centre in Stur, at the beginning of December, bringing a ray of sunshine to those less well off than us! If you can't get the box to them, Tony Moore will collect it from you and deliver it to The Pantry. 01963 365848

Those who attend the 6 p.m. Sunday Mass in Our Lady's are invited to join the readers' rota for that Mass.

Please speak to Fr. Francis or Heather Johnson if you would be willing to help in this way.

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So that you can make your plans in good time, I'd like to let you know in good time some of the special services coming up during Advent and over the Christmas weekend.

6.30 p.m. Monday 29 th Nov.	Marnhull	<u>Service of Light</u>
6.30 p.m. Thursday 2 nd Dec.	Gillingham	An ecumenical service of Advent readings and carols, followed by some social time with our fellow Christians.
9.30 a.m. Wednesday 8 th Dec.	Marnhull	Holy Mass with the school for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
3 p.m. Thursday 16 th Dec.	Marnhull	School Carol Service and Blessing of the Crib
8.30 p.m. Friday 24 th Dec.	Gillingham	Christmas Mass
Midnight	Marnhull	Christmas Mass
9.30 a.m. Saturday 25 th Dec.	Marnhull	Christmas Mass
11 a.m. Saturday 25 th Dec.	Gillingham	Christmas Mass
9.30 a.m. Sunday 26 th Dec.	Marnhull	Mass, Feast of the Holy Family
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Please note that there will not be a 6 p.m. Mass in Marnhull on Christmas Day or on Sunday 26th December



News from our parish school
Our Headteacher, Mrs. Betts, writes about St Alban's class:

The children have been working hard to explore different adventurers and explorers. From Ernest Shackleton to Dame Ellen Macarthur, we have been researching the obstacles they had to overcome and the qualities it takes to achieve great things! We have also been exploring the different phases of the Moon which meant the children used Oreos in order to demonstrate their understanding of the difference between a Waxing Crescent and Waning Gibbous Moon!

Mission Made Possible. Do you want to be able to share your faith with others, as we are all called to do, but don't know where to start? Do you find it difficult to talk about with your nearest and dearest? Are you afraid you might be asked difficult questions and won't have all the answers? Mission Made Possible will help you with all these things and there are sessions starting near you very soon. A series of talks has been arranged in support of Mission Made Possible. Our most recent talk was from Dr Maria Heath, who is the Chairperson for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the UK. Maria talked to us about how we are, as Christians, simply "Made for Mission". If you missed it, you can catch up via the recording of the session that we have posted on the diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/> you will find it under "Latest News" To register or for more information please contact a member of the team. Pippa.worth@prcdtr.org.uk Joe.harrison@prcdtr.org.uk Julia.beacroft@prcdtr.org.uk Michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk God bless. Fr. Jon Bielawski

STAY AWAKE: SAVE THE DATE... Saturday 23rd April 2022

Please see the website link which shows last year's ONLINE event: <https://www.stayawakejc.com/>.) As more details emerge for 2022, we will let you know... but I can say that we are planning to use the usual venue, which is Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester.)

www.heavensroadfm.com – just to remind you. An excellent Catholic radio broadcasting 24/7. Has traditional prayers, including Rosary, Angelus and prayers for the sick, plus lots of feature programmes and music. Also has many links on the website to podcasts etc, and about 40 live Masses a day from webcams in UK and Ireland. If anyone has a spare shilling to give away, the Radio is reliant upon donations - a very worthwhile cause. [Donate here](#)

Right To Life UK urgent appeal

The abortion lobby has already been successful at using the Coronavirus crisis to temporarily introduce home 'DIY' abortions. The policy has not only accompanied a large increase in the number of lives ended by abortion but has also been linked to a number of serious incidents where women's lives have been put at risk while performing their abortion at home.

Fighting both the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies over this period has already made a huge dent in Right To Life UK's limited resources. We are, therefore, appealing to you to please give as generously as you can to ensure we can defeat the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies in these upcoming battles. Every donation, no matter how small, will go towards saving the lives of the unborn and many others. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/give for more information and to donate now.

Welcome newcomers and visitors. You can find out more about our parish on our website – address at top of this page.