



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

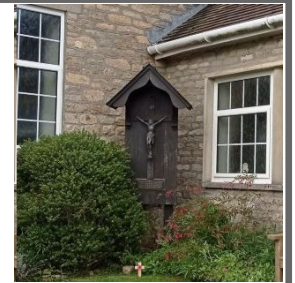
WELCOME

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER JOSEPH NWIBOKO

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Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

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Charity No. 21322



THIRD WEEK OF LENT

3RD MARCH 2024

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The Catholic Safeguarding Resources
<https://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/parish-resources>

Our Lady's Church
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St Benedict's Church
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Confession: Please ring Fr Joseph
on 01258 820388 to arrange an
appointment outside of the times
listed above

If anyone knows anyone who is
sick or housebound and would
like a visit, please let Deacons
know.

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sun 3rd March	Marnhull	9am Mass	Third Sunday of Lent
	Gillingham	11am Mass	
	Marnhull	6pm Mass	
Mon 4th March	Marnhull	9.30 Mass <i>followed by Rosary</i>	St Casimir - Comm
Tues 5th March		NO MASS	
Weds 6th March	Gillingham	10am Mass <i>followed by Rosary</i>	
Thurs 7th March	Marnhull	9.30am Mass <i>followed by Adoration</i>	St Perpetua & St Felicity - Comm
Fri 8th March	Marnhull	3pm: Stations of the Cross	St John of God - Comm
	Gillingham	5pm Confession 5pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass	
Sat 9th March	Marnhull	10am Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	St Frances of Rome - Comm
Sunday Readers Our Lady's 9am: Steve & Michael; St Benedict's: Barbara; Our Lady's 6pm: June			

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary & Clive Drake, Jan Carson, Nigel & Sarah Mackay, Pippa Turnbull, Brian White, John Graham



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Michael Hirons

Who died on 24th February 2024

*Michael's funeral Mass will take place
on 12th March at 11.30am in
Our Lady's Church, Marnhull*

May he rest in peace

Stations of the Cross continue on Fridays throughout Lent:

3pm at Our Lady's, Marnhull

5pm at St Benedict's, Gillingham

*St Alphonsus Liguori booklets are
provided.*

**Please do come and take part in this
beautiful Lenten devotion.**

"Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one death to die; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one Glory, which is eternal. If you do this, there will be many things about which you care nothing." - St. Teresa of Ávila

The Churches Together Lent Lunches and Talks

Methodist Church Marnhull, Pilwell at 12 noon, followed by lunch:

March 8th: Hope talk by Our Lady's (Jacintha)

March 15th & 22nd: Charity talk by Methodists

The talks on Hope will serve as a preparation for the [2025 Jubilee year of Hope](#). All are welcome to these wonderful and thoughtful talks which provide a focus for Lenten reflection. All proceeds will go to a UK Christian charity for the homeless.

A Zoom Lent Course 2024 Friday's at 7pm

No booking is needed and the code remains the same for all five evenings. Please do come and join us and share the journey. **Zoom open from 6.30pm, Talk starts at 7pm**

8 March The Woman at the Well Mrs Deborah Fisher

15 March The Man born blind Fr Ignatius Raj SDM

22 March The Raising of Lazarus Mr Gerard Gillespie.

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Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521 Passcode: 862737

Sat 9th March is Dorset Big Lent Walk



Come and join the walk or sponsor members of our parish! **Meet at 09.45am from the entrance of the Sturminster Newton railway.**

To sponsor us follow the link online:

[Our Lady's Marnhull and St Benedict's Gillingham is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

Romero Trust and CAFOD Joint Event in the Diocese on Friday, 8th March, 6.30pm Mass, 7.15pm talk at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 29 Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter EX1 2QJ

March marks the forty-fourth anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop and Saint Oscar Romero in 1980. The Romero Trust commemorates the life and legacy of St Oscar Romero, annually with a keynote talk at St Martin in the Fields, London; this year CAFOD and the Romero Trust are pleased to host a talk here in the Diocese of Plymouth. The Keynote speaker will be Raymond Perrier, Director of the Denis Hurley Centre in Durban, South Africa who will be speaking on 'Prayerful & Prophetic Resilience in the Face of Injustice: Archbishops Oscar Romero and Denis Hurley'.

If possible, please let us know if you will be attending. For more information call: 01752 258 768 or email: plymouth@cafod.org.uk

Plymouth Diocese Lenten Offerings

Here is the link to the latest Lenten Offering:

[https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-](https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-0655178B860C7B022540EF23F30FEDED)

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PARISH FUNDRAISING SWEEPSTAKE 2024

Application forms are available in both churches from Sunday 3rd March, and also online via the website [here](#). **Entries in by 31st March deadline please for inclusion in the April prize draw.**

SPUC PRAYER INITIATIVE TO PROTECT UNBORN LIFE IN OUR PRO-ABORTION SOCIETY

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, in conjunction with the Knights of St Columba, has launched a new prayer effort called, 'Let Life Flourish: A Spiritual Bouquet.' We are calling all people, Catholics especially, to pray for the protection of human life from conception to

natural death. We are in a situation currently, where the legal framework for abortion may be voted down in parliament so that babies can be aborted with impunity up to birth and there will be no penalty for disposing of the body of a full-term baby. A concerted prayer effort is needed to combat this evil. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/letlifeflourish> and register the prayers you wish to contribute to this effort.

PRO-LIFE OPPORTUNITY – This is a timely pro-life opportunity for us to support an amendment to our abortion law which would reduce the time limit for legal abortion from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving so there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Please collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of the amendment. (Polling from ComRes has shown that 70% of British women favour a reduction in the time limit from 24 weeks to 20 weeks or below).

Caritas Plymouth Events

Faith in Action - Networking event and Coffee on Tuesday 5th March from 10am-12 Noon at St. Catherine's, Wimborne



Caritas would like to invite people interested or involved in Faith in Action join us. There will be the opportunity to meet other Catholic charities and groups engaged in social outreach and to share your ideas about the work of Caritas in the Dorset Deanery and where our priorities should lie. Please use the form below to register

<https://forms.office.com/e/TvUyXDBb9Z>

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth has expanded its work and **Teresa Maguire has taken up the role as Caritas Development worker for Dorset Deanery.** "We have visited many parishes already and seen firsthand what great work is taking place to reach out to people in need in our local communities. All are most welcome and Deborah Fisher and I look forward to seeing you there".

8 An Evening of Reflection on 20th March from 6pm

Are you interested in environmental issues and care for creation? Would you like to hear what actions Diocese of Plymouth is taking and to share your thoughts about what more we can do to fulfil our obligation as stewards of creation?

Caritas Plymouth would like to invite interested parishioners to join us for this evening of reflection on **Weds 20 March 2024 (Mass from 6-6.30)**. The evening will start with Mass followed by a simple supper and opportunity for discussion. Numbers are limited so people are invited to register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XtkJe1eeGq>

or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Both events take place at: **St Catherine's Catholic Church, 4 Lewens Lane, Wimborne BH21 1LE**

Stay Awake Saturday 13th April is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024 from 10:00 – 19:00** at **All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth**. Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and free pizza! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from:

<https://www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024>