



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

## WELCOME

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER JOSEPH NWIBOKO

Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese – Registered Charity No. 21322



## 4TH WEEK OF EASTER

## 21ST APRIL 2024

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St Benedict's Church  
Cemetery Rd,  
Gillingham SP8 4AZ

**Parish School**  
St Mary's Primary School,  
Old Mill Lane, Marnhull, Dorset  
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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sun 21st April	Marnhull	9am Mass	4th Sunday of Easter
	Gillingham	11am Mass	
	Marnhull	6pm Mass	
Mon 22nd April	Marnhull	9.30am Mass, followed by Rosary	
Tues 23rd April		<b>NO MASS</b>	St George - Solemnity
Weds 24th April	Gillingham	10am Mass followed by Rosary	
Thurs 25th April		<b>NO MASS</b>	St Mark the Evangelist - Feast
Fri 26th April	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 6pm Mass	
Sat 27th April		10am Mass, followed by Confession	

**Sunday Readers:** Our Lady's 9am: Pam & Charles; St Benedict's: Rupert  
Our Lady's 6pm: Jacintha

### 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

Foundation Mass for Mary Mahon on Monday 22nd April, RiP

Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Elsie Lamb & Peter Timoney on Wednesday 24th April, RiP

Foundation Mass for Frances & William Rowe on Friday 26th April, RiP

### Vocations/Good Shepherd Sunday 21st April 2024

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. It is an opportunity to pray for vocations and to encourage those who may be considering ordained or religious life. The Diocese of Plymouth also asks for your assistance in supporting our seminarians through their training and formation, both through prayer and financial support. If you are able to contribute to our **Seminarians' Fund**, either as a single donation or through regular giving, please pick up a leaflet or go to <https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/resources>

**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.



**Fr Michael Cole, much-loved priest of this Parish from 1989 to 2002, died peacefully at 9am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

One of our parishioners remembered Fr Michael as loving a good party – he was often the last to leave and would regale everyone with Cornish folk songs. Every Shrove Tuesday he hosted a pancake party for Parishioners, he arranged several pilgrimages, one of which was to Lourdes with disabled children from the area. He was a wonderful priest and an incredibly kind and generous man.

### **Funeral Arrangements**

Fr Michael Cole had requested that his funeral should be at the cathedral. His family are the oldest family at the cathedral, and he was ordained there.

### **Reception into Plymouth Cathedral**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm, Vigil Mass at 6pm

**Requiem Mass:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 11am  
Burial afterwards at Weston Mill cemetery.

Parking may be limited on the day of the Requiem. Please park at the [St Luke's Western Approach](#)  
**Address:** Stonehouse, Plymouth PL1 1AJ

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Michael and keep his family in your prayers at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## **Church is a Holy Place**

The Real Presence of Our Lord in a church is what differentiates the Catholic Church from all others. Sometimes we can forget the awesome nature of that Presence. In order to help us all it would be good to maintain a respectful silence at all times when in church, both before and after Mass. Attending Mass is a wonderful opportunity not only to pray together in common but also to actively care for those around us, so a desire to chat with and support friends and newcomers is understandable, but let us do so not in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. At Our Lady's the side chapel is always available and at Gillingham the new church will offer a wonderful opportunity to develop our respect for the Real Presence, but until we move it would be good to return to a habit of silence in that reality. Fr Joseph

## **Big Diocesan Quiz Join us and bring your friends**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** at 7pm for 7.30pm  
start at **The Side chapel, Our Lady's Church, Marnhull**

Ticket price: £10 and includes a Ploughman's Supper. Support the work of the Catholic Children's society and have a fun evening. We need to know numbers attending! Contact Steve Carrivick and advise how many will be attending: Email: [carrivick79@gmail.com](mailto:carrivick79@gmail.com).



## **Catechetical Summer Camps for Young**

Applications are now being taken for places at the Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps, to be held between 28<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> August at Grangehurst House, Buckfast Abbey. Camp details can be obtained from your parish priest or via [summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk). Information is also available at <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/summer-camps/> Prompt applications are advisable.

## **Marnhull Church Together Talk : Spirituality and Art.**

Jacintha has been invited to give a talk on Spirituality and Art on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11am at the Methodist Church Hall, Pilwell, Marnhull. This is just opposite the surgery. A light lunch will be offered following the talk for a donation to cover the cost. This fascinating subject explores how humankind has expressed beauty and the transcendent through the medium of art. The talk will mainly be focused on Christian pictorial art, however as there will be references to iconoclasm, the movement which forbade representational art, there will be some reference how humankind has overcome this obstacle by expressing their encounter with the divine in other ways. Everyone is welcome.

## **Sturminster Choral Society 27th April at 7.30pm**

"There are several of our congregation who sing with Sturminster Choral Society and would appreciate your support at this our Spring Concert. *This programme includes several other items besides the main choral work, Puccini's Messa Di Gloria including, Ave Maris Stella, Cantique de Jean Racine, Locus Iste and Panis Angelicus, plus items by our soloists. Drinks are available during the interval for our audience. Looking forward to seeing you on the 27th April at , St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton"*  
Charles Snell, Chairman, Sturminster Choral Society

## **Modern Slavery Awareness Event**

Modern slavery is a serious crime being committed across the UK in which victims are exploited for someone else's gain. It can take many forms including trafficking of people, forced labour and servitude. Victims are often hidden away, may be unable to leave their situation, or may not come forward because of fear or shame. This 2-hour event will hear from a speaker about modern slavery in our Diocese and how we are called to respond and follow with group discussions and a Q&A with an expert panel. There will be practical advice about what to look out for and what we can do if we have concerns. The event will take place after Mass on **Tuesday 30th April from 10.30-12.30** at the Church Hall, St Mary's Church, 211A Wimborne Rd, Poole, BH15 2EG . Please email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) or call 01364 645425 to register.

## **Youth Event - Adventure Weekend 24th-26th May**

This year's Youth Adventure weekend will be at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of running this event. It is aimed at those **aged 10 – 14**.

Those that have attended these residential talk about enjoying meeting other Catholics from across the diocese along with a chance to explore their faith. Many of the friendships have continued to grow since the residential and they seek each other at other events. The **adventures include caving and bushcraft**, with many other challenges and activities threaded throughout the weekend. There is a recommended contribution of £100 to cover costs. For further information contact, Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)