



# 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**

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Charity No. 21322



## SECOND WEEK OF LENT

**25TH FEBRUARY 2024**

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

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St Benedict's Church  
Cemetery Rd,  
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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 25th Feb	Marnhull	9am	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
	Gillingham	11am	
	Marnhull	6pm	
Mon 26th Feb	Marnhull	9.30 Mass <i>followed by Rosary</i>	
Tues 27th Feb		NO MASS	
Weds 28th Feb	Gillingham	10am <i>followed by Rosary</i>	
Thurs 29th Feb	Marnhull	9.30am <i>followed by Adoration</i>	
Fri 1st March	Marnhull	<b>3pm: Stations of the Cross</b>	
	Gillingham	5pm Confession <b>5pm Stations of the Cross</b> 6pm Mass	
Sat 2nd March	Marnhull	10am <i>followed by Confession</i>	

**Sunday Readers** Our Lady's 9am: Ken & Mary-Clare; St Benedict's: Theresa Graham; Our Lady's 6pm: Richard

### 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, Michael Hirons

### A Reflection on the readings for the second Sunday of Lent by Monsignor Robert Draper

Today's first reading is part of the series of Genesis readings regarding the Covenant with Abraham. There is a real poignancy in the repeated phrase: "Your son, your only son, whom you love." While the suggestion that God asks Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son will raise distress in many people that will only reinforce what has been the Church's understanding of this as a prefiguring of the sacrifice of Jesus "My beloved Son." In the detail that Isaac carries the wood on his back and climbs the hill as a sacrifice we have an echo of Jesus carrying his own cross (in the synoptic tradition) up to Calvary to be the sacrifice for the sins of the world. It is not accidental that we will hear this Genesis reading again at the Easter Vigil. In the last paragraph of today's passage Abraham's descendants are mentioned three times in blessing; all those who gather for the celebrations of the Eucharist can acknowledge themselves to be numbered among those blessed descendants – "Abraham, our father in faith" (Eucharistic Prayer 1).

The gospel for the second Sunday of Lent is always that of the Transfiguration. In the words of today's preface the purpose of the Transfiguration of Jesus during his ministry was: 'to show (the disciples) . . . that the passion leads to the glory of the resurrection.' This gospel is placed here during Lent to remind Christians engaged in the spiritual journey of Lent that what they are preparing for is the splendour of the celebration of the Risen Lord which is Easter.

## Second Collection for CAFOD takes place on 25th February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal (23rd February) will help to provide hardworking people like James, a fisherman in Liberia, with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good.

**Stations of the Cross continue on Fridays throughout Lent - 3pm at Our Lady's, 5pm at St Benedict's. St Alphonsus Liguori booklets provided. Please do come and take part in this beautiful devotion.**

## \*World Day of Prayer on FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March. 2.30pm at St Benedict's\*

The theme of our service this year is from *Ephesians 4: 1 – 6*. "I beg you, bear with one another in love." All Welcome. [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

## The Churches Together Lent Lunches and Talks

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

Feb 23rd: **Faith** talk by St Gregory's

March 1st & 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

Organised by The Parish of All Saints in Teignmouth talk is one of the great Gospels of Year A's Lenten cycle. 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**

1 March The Transfiguration Fr Andrew Marlborough

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

## LENT RETREAT DAY ON THE SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2024

**AT ST RITA'S CENTRE, HONITON at 9.30am**, Charge for

the day, including lunch (3 course meal), is just £25.00.

Booking can be made by phone, email or online

([www.stritascentre.org/events](http://www.stritascentre.org/events)). If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635.

## Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March is Dorset Big LentWalk

Come and join the walk or sponsor members of our parish! Parishes in Dorset are joining the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Marnhull and Gillingham parishes will be walking the trailway at Sturminster Newton to Shillingstone Station and back. (Shillingstone Station has toilets and a café). The walk will take about 75 mins in each direction. We will walk with Sherborne & Blandford parishes so this is a great opportunity for our Dorset Parishes to come together and support communities around the World.

**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](#)



## \* 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](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

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

## \*Diocesan Newsletter for the month of February

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-t-FCC2410AEBEA86022540EF23F30FEDE>

You are warmly invited to sign up here to receive weekly Lenten Offerings to help nourish, inspire, support and uplift us on our seasonal journey:

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494>

**Stay Awake** 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 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>

## Total Average Weekly OFFERTORY Collections for January 2024: £894.88

Collections in church		Other online	Standing Orders
Loose Plate	Gift Aid	Non G/A	Gift Aided
£237.26	£67.50	93.75	£496.38