

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 13TH NOVEMBER, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday	<i>Jim Iskshine RIP</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>Isabelle Chichester's intention</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	11 a.m.	Requiem Mass	<i>Judith Bennett</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	For a Bishop	<i>The Dicastery for Bishops</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Hilda of Whitby	
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	Feria	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Our Lady on Saturday	<i>Betty Walford</i>

Please note the change of Mass time on Monday

Annette will be selling Christmas Cards after all Masses on Sunday 13th November.

The Christmas Shoe Boxes will be getting filled on Thursday morning 17th November. Please contact Annette if you can help (07986301357). It's great fun!



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 next **Sunday 20th 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 Our Lady's and St. Benedict's from 3 – 4 p.m.

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

On Sunday 27th November at the 11 a.m. Mass in St. Benedict's we will have the great joy of witnessing the Baptism of Lorraine... and the Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church of Andrew Reid. Being the First Sunday of Advent, and so the beginning of a new liturgical year, this seems a most appropriate day to welcome Lorraine and Andrew to the beginning of their membership of the Catholic Church.

Andrew would like to invite you to celebrate with them over tea and cake from 3 p.m. that afternoon at his home, 7 Oake Woods. If you are able to join them, it would help with catering if you could mention it to Andrew in person or by phoning 07855 274288

Caritas Plymouth, in partnership with Caritas Clifton and PACT (Prisons Advice and Care Trust) will be holding an online event to reflect on what more we can do to support prisoners and their families. Pact's vision is of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, in which prisons are used sparingly and as places of learning and rehabilitation, and in which the innate dignity and worth of every human being is valued. PACT is expanding its work in the Southwest and will be offering more volunteering opportunities. Come along to find out more. **7-8 p.m. Tuesday 29th November.** Click the link to register: [Prisons Week 2022 \(office.com\)](https://prisonsweek2022.org.uk)

For more ideas and news from Caritas Plymouth, click this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2hrtkx7t>

A very effective way of taking positive action to address the isolation and material hardship felt by some people in our parish area is to join the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. People from this parish are part of the Conference based in Shaftesbury, whose President is our own Patrick Roche. Please speak to Patrick or Fr. Francis about joining this wonderful Society.

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 Annual General Meeting of Marnhull Village Hall will take place on Friday 18th November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. As a named User-Group on the Trust Deed, the Catholic Parish can nominate a member to be a Trustee on the Management Committee.

If you have done this up to now, please let Fr. Francis know if you are willing to continue as he has to confirm his agreement to the management committee.

If no-one is doing this at present, would you like to be considered for this role? If so, please speak to Fr. Francis



The National Board of Catholic Women is holding its conference at Ushaw in Durham from Friday 25th November to Sunday 27th November. The cost is free, but the Board would welcome donations. Entitled Women on the Periphery, the speakers, some from Rome and the Lebanon as well as many others, explore Womens' voices in the Catholic Church from their different roles and perspectives. Further information and booking form, please email Jacintha jacinthabowe@gmail.com Zoom Lecture to be given by Dr. Carmody Grey of Durham University Centre for Catholic studies on 25th of October 7.30-9.30. The lecture is entitled : Living in a Time of Crisis: Christianity and the Ecological Catastrophe . For further details please contact Jacintha.

Citizens Advice is looking for Volunteer Advisers in North Dorset.

For anyone with a little time to spare, this would be a very effective way for Catholics to put their beliefs in Christian charity and social justice into effect. Citizens' Advice is perfectly placed to help the increasing number of people who are facing real hardship as the cost of living rises.

You need to be a good listener, IT literate and want to help others. Full training and support are provided. Flexible hours and venue. Telephone 01747 834900 for more information.

OUR SYNODAL JOURNEY

As part of our on-going Synodal journey, the Office for Evangelisation and Catechesis are hosting two further talks on Saturday 26th November

11.00am Talk 3 The work of the Holy Spirit in the Church Today

1.30pm Talk 4 Deaconesses in the Catholic Church

The talks will take place at St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX.

For those attending the day there will be 10.30am Refreshments and 12.15pm Lunch break. Please bring your own lunch. There is also Mass at 9.30am for those who wish.

To request a Zoom link please email: carolinefarey@btinternet.com

Henri Nouwen, the famed Dutch priest and spiritual writer, who spent the last 10 years of his life in a L'Arche community paired with a member with profound developmental disabilities named Adam, once said real compassion is hardly a sentimental walk in the park.

"Compassion is hard, because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to the place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely, and broken," he said. "But this is not our spontaneous response to suffering. What we desire most is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it, or finding a quick cure for it."

Now another force in the Catholic Church is gearing up to face those challenges of compassion: Bishop Robert Barron and his Word on Fire Institute. Recently, the Word on Fire Institute announced the creation of a new "Venerable Jerome Lejune Fellowship," designed to advocate for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities, especially those with Down syndrome. Bishop Barron commented, "people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities should be prepared for evangelization and mission on behalf of the church, and that their witness to the Lord Jesus is a gift that the church has for far too long underestimated and unappreciated."

Recent media coverage has highlighted how the growing use of prenatal testing has driven a widespread tendency to abort unborn children diagnosed with cognitive and developmental disabilities. Iceland is the emblematic case; since pre-natal testing became nearly universal in the early 2000s, the vast majority of women whose children were flagged for Down syndrome have elected to have an abortion, almost 100 percent.

"How this targeting of a vulnerable population is not considered a covert exercise in eugenics is beyond me," Barron said. "I believe that people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities should be recognized as having a profound capacity to internalize and express their faith, be respected in regard to their ability to make decisions and be treated as full participants in the life and mission of the church," he said. Full article: www.cruxnow.com



If you will be between 16 and 30 in August 2023, have you considered attending World Youth Day in Lisbon from 26th July to 7th August 2023? Around 2.5 million young adults from across the world will gather for prayer, discussion and encounter with Jesus, the Pope and each other. The total cost is £1,000 and parishioners can receive a generous subsidy from the parish towards this. To find out more and meet others planning to attend, come to Saint Rita's Honiton from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday 19th November. Book by emailing youth@prcdtr.org.uk (Lunch is provided, so booking is essential).

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