



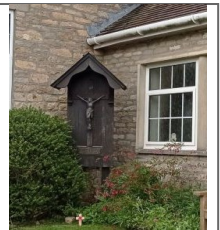
OUR LADY'S, MARNHULL & ST BENEDICT'S, GILLINGHAM

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227



FIRST WEEK OF LENT

9TH MARCH 2025

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sun 9th March	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Michael Hirons RiP
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Mon 10th March	Marnhull	11am REQUIEM MASS		Ted Elmore RiP
Tues 11th March		NO MASS		
Weds 12th March	Gillingham	10.00am Holy Mass		For the Anniversary of Fr Martin Budge
Thurs 13th March	Marnhull	9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Holy Mass		For the Souls in Purgatory
Fri 14th March	Marnhull	9.30am Mass for School		
	Gillingham	5pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Holy Mass		
Sat 15th March	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass <i>Followed by Confession</i>		

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Norma Wilcox.

Sunday Readers: 9am: Mary-Clare; 11am: Jill ; 6pm: Michael

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<https://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/parish-resources>

Parish Website: www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

St Mary's RC Primary School, Marnhull:

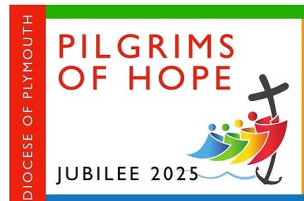
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Our Lady's Church, Marnhull, DT10 1JX

St Benedict's Church, Gillingham, SP8 4AZ

Confession is available by appointment - Please ring

Fr Cletus on 01258 820388



The celebration of the Jubilee for Volunteers runs from 9th March to 15th March.

In Mark's gospel we are reminded that Jesus came 'not to be served, but to serve' and He calls us to follow Him on this path. Volunteering allows us to live out this call, becoming instruments of God's love in the world. We need to look at our own lives and see where we might be able to offer time and energy volunteering, and particularly in our own Church community of Marnhull and Gillingham.

And a special thanks to all those who have given their time and commitment over the years at Our Lady's & St Benedict's. May God Bless you.

Please note there will be a 2nd Collection next week for the CAFOD Lent Appeal.

LENTEN TASK - Called to Call Others

As a missionary church, we start our 40 days' journey with Our Lord in this period of Lent. As we know, Lent is a time of conversion, a turning back to God through the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; whilst still maintaining these practices, I would also encourage you to embrace the task of talking to people about your faith - please make an effort to bring at least one person to the church as part of your Lenten practice.

Fr Cletus

****New** CAFOD Lent Appeal Family Fast Day Friday 14 March.**



Please support our Family Fast Day parish collection on Sunday 16 March and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [//cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. The QR code will take supporters straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope where they can make their donation. Follow the link to our Lent prayer video: <https://youtu.be/BRhixFRAQEs>

****This Friday** St Mary's School Mass on Friday 14th March at 9.30am, followed by a Day of Faith in school.** Parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass and help with the Day of Faith - all that's required is your presence to show support for St Mary's School staff and the children.

****New** Advance Notice: 24 Hours with the Lord:** a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, will be celebrated in dioceses around the world. As with previous editions, the event will take place on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, from Friday 28 March to Saturday 29 March. In our parish this will take place at St Benedict's Church in Gillingham, starting with the Friday evening Mass, and then having Adoration for 24 hours, culminating with Mass on the Saturday evening. There will be opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation. More details and a sign up sheet will be available shortly.

'Praying with the Scriptures - An interactive prayer workshop on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" to tie in with our Jubilee Year.' Venue: Our Lady's, Marnhull. **Saturday 22nd March, following 10.00am Mass**, in the Parish Room, till 2.15 pm. Starting with refreshments, then lunch break at midday (please bring something), resuming at 12.45. Closing at 2.15pm. Led by international speaker and Plymouth Diocesan team leader, Michele Thompson, addressing 'How can I go deeper with Jesus?' 'How can prayer help?' These two vital questions are addressed as we prayerfully immerse ourselves in the Word of God, desiring to understand His plan for our lives. Our time together in this workshop will be practical and interactive, as well as contemplative, guided group work in helping people to pray with others. "For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)". Please bring your Bible to this workshop. Tony

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PARISH 50:50 CLUB FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY (formerly Sweepstake). Entry forms will be available in both churches, can be downloaded [here](#), or from the website: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter>. Payment methods for entries are explained on the application. The more entries we get, the bigger the prizes may be, hence the '50:50' title. Tickets cost £25 for one entry for the whole year, with a Special Offer of £40 for two entries! Please join in this annual fundraiser towards the maintenance of our parish buildings. It would be great to achieve 100+ entries this year and make this a worthwhile project for all concerned. Please send your entries in by 7th APRIL. The first draw will be at Easter & periodically until Christmas. Winners will receive prize money by cheque. Pam Snell, Treasurer

Saturday 15th March 11am-12.30pm The National Board of Catholic Women invites you to a webinar: The Eucharist as Sacrifice. Fresh from leading retreats in Glasgow and Derbyshire theologian, teacher and retreat leader Mary Robinson will speak and lead a discussion on the Eucharist, the Mass as Sacrifice.
Meeting ID: 835 3004 1228
Passcode: 098962 Or see NBCW website for more details

Lent Zoom Talks organised by Fr Mark Skelton "As we prepare to enter into the wonderful season of Lent I do hope it will be a truly blessed and holy time for you and your parish families" Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84052447850?pwd=MmPzcp911dTsgJWDxR0vH5H9zYS4e6.1>
Meeting ID: 840 5244 7850 Passcode: 043004
13th March:- Commitment to others.
20th March:- Debt cancellation; 27th March:- Recognizing Hope; 3rd April:- Peace; 10th April:- Jesus's last Pilgrimage.

Flame 2025, Saturday 15th March 2025 for Young People - still some tickets available! Tickets are £35 to include entry and travel. To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xFz6K2Vkd7> For further information contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

LENT RETREAT DAY ON THE SATURDAY 15th MARCH 2025 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE

"WHO AM I? A TOURIST OR A PILGRIM?" by Fr. Ignatius Paul Raj. The day begins with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. First Talk will start at 10am, second talk will be at 11am. Exposition and Adoration of the holy Sacrament in silence will be at 12pm. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm, Mass at 2.45pm and an opportunity for Confession. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Bookings: 01404 42635; email: admin@stritascentre.org or online: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/lent-retreat-day-who-am-i-a-tourist-or-a-pilgrim>. Payment can be made on the day.

****New** Plymouth diocesan newsletter**, which includes a Lenten video message from Canon Paul, stories of hope and a list of upcoming events: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-1E001CAA7917960D2540EF23F30FEDED>

****New** Jubilee year - short 7-wk course on Sacraments of Initiation and the Bible:**
<https://www.lux-edu.com/sacraments-of-initiation>. Starts on 17th March. Bursaries available!

****New** Transformative Lenten Retreat April 9th-11th at Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester. 01305 251976**