

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 6TH NOVEMBER, 2022

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Jeremy Riches RIP</i>
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		<i>The people of the parish</i>
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	Feria	<i>Joyce Healey RIP</i>
Tuesday		No Mass		
Wednesday	Gillingham	10 a.m. followed by rosary	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	<i>Clare Schartau RIP</i>
Thursday	Marnhull	9.30 a.m.	St. Leo the Great	<i>Bernadette Bastable RIP</i>
Friday	Gillingham	<i>Adoration & opportunity for confession. 5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.</i>	St. Martin of Tours	
Saturday	Marnhull	10 a.m. Mass followed by confessions	Our Lady on Saturday	<i>Rafael Venour Duarte</i>

We will have the great joy of celebrating the Baptism of Rafael Venour Duarte during the Mass on Saturday



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Clare Schartau

a parishioner who lived in Sturminster Newton,

who died on Thursday 3rd November

May she rest in peace.

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

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!

Advent Retreat Day: St. Rita's Centre, Honiton
 Led by Canon Mark O'Keeffe

"Our Deepest Gifts: The Four Themes of Advent"
 Saturday 3rd December 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Coffee/tea from 9.30 a.m. Talks at 10 & 11. Exposition and Adoration at noon. Lunch served at 1 p.m. and Mass at 2.45 p.m. Cost per person £25 including lunch. For further information & to register contact St. Rita's Centre on 01404 42635 or email admin@stritascentre.org website: www.stritascentre.org

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.

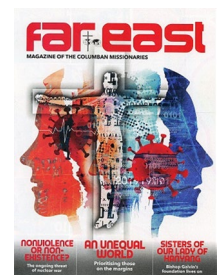
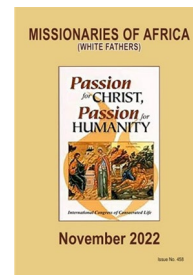


To find out more and meet others planning to attend, come to Saint Rita's Honiton from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday 19th

November. Book by emailing youth@prcdtr.org.uk (Lunch is provided, so booking is essential).

Churches Together in Marnhull
 Very many thanks to those people who supported the Lent Talks and the Harvest Supper. Thanks to your generosity we raised £269.76 at the Harvest Supper, which has been sent to the Vale Pantry; and we raised £393.55 at the Lent talks, which has been sent to the British Red Cross Afghanistan Emergency Appeal. Our next communal prayer will take place at St Gregory's on Friday, 11 November at 12 noon.

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.



I make sure I read the monthly magazines of the White Fathers and the Columban Missionaries. The work of their missionaries reminds me to count my blessings in this comfortable part of Dorset and calls me to give more generously of myself to the mission Jesus Christ has given me. I recommend these aids to our spiritual and moral wellbeing. Copies are available in Our Lady's or can be found on their websites. *Fr. Francis*

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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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. With over eighty years' experience, 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 and there is flexibility about how much you do and when and where you offer advice. Telephone 01747 834900 for more information.

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 jacynthabowe@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.

World Day of the Poor Caritas Event – Saturday 12th November 10.30-15.00 at St Mary's, Poole

All are welcome to this free event hosted by Caritas Plymouth to bring people together to reflect on Pope Francis's message for the 6th World Day of the Poor. Lunch will be provided and there is an opportunity to attend Mass at 10.00. Places are limited so booking is advised. You can book by filling in this form <https://forms.office.com/r/Bz1HuDnbjX> or emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or telephoning 01364 645440.

Liturgical Notes

As well as the general liturgical mood of November, when we remember and pray for those we have known who have died, there are some interesting feasts this week.

The **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** is observed throughout the world because it is the Mother Church of the whole world.

Sometime before the fourth century, a palace owned by a noble Roman family named Laterani had been built on the site. It became the property of the Emperor Constantine. Constantine had recognized Christianity as the religion of the empire, and he donated to the Church the palace and other buildings on the site. This became Rome's oldest church. It was given the title Basilica of the Saviour, but later was dedicated to John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist and called St. John Lateran. The Feast commemorates the day in AD 324 when it was dedicated to the glory of God by Pope Sylvester I.

St. John Lateran was the home of the popes—the centre of the Catholic world for many years. Twenty-eight popes are buried there. Although our pope now lives at the Vatican and presides at St. Peter's basilica, St. John Lateran is considered his cathedral as the bishop of Rome.

All liturgical feasts of the dedication of a church are regarded as feasts of the Lord Jesus, so in celebrating them we are giving thanks and honour to the Lord for founding our Church and celebrating its many members who have made it, and still make it, a place of living stones dedicated to the glory of God.



St. Leo the Great became a very well-known deacon of the Church by 431, serving the church under the pontificate of Pope Celestine I. Leo was widely respected for his love for the Lord, intelligence and persuasive nature. He was also gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians. Elected Pope in 440 AD, Leo was deeply dedicated to his service as pope. He saw himself as privileged to sit in the Chair of St Peter, as the servant of the servants of God. He continuously worked to oppose and root out numerous heresies which were threatening the Western Church. Among them were Pelagianism, which involved denying Original Sin and failing to understand the necessity of God's grace for salvation. He also preached against Manichaeism which denied the goodness of the human body,

creation, and even matter itself. It failed to understand the full implications of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. In fact, it denigrated the human body. In short, it viewed everything material as evil.

During this same period, some Eastern Christians began questioning the teaching of the Church concerning the relationship between Jesus' humanity and his divinity, and how to articulate this mystery of the Christian faith.

In response, Leo resolved the doctrinal controversy with a letter (referred to as the Tome of Leo) setting down the Church's official teaching on Jesus Christ as One Person with a human and a divine nature which could not be separated. This profound and theologically astute letter reconciled the disputing parties. It preserved the core teaching concerning Jesus Christ. Finally, it affirmed the fullness of what occurred in the Incarnation, as well as its implications for all men and women who are baptized into Jesus Christ.

Saint Martin of Tours is celebrated as a feast in monasteries because he was instrumental in introducing the monastic way of life to western Europe. A dedicated follower of Christ from an early age, as a young soldier Martin encountered a beggar in Amiens. The beggar was unclothed and it was very cold. Martin removed his cloak and with his sword, he cut it in half. He gave this half to the beggar and dressed himself in the remnant. That night, Martin had a vision in which Christ appeared to him wearing the half of his cloak he had given to the beggar.

He went on to study under Hilary of Poitiers, combated the Arian heresy which denies the divinity of Christ and established the monastery of Ligugé, from which he was reluctantly dragged to become Bishop of Tours, and Marmoutier.

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