



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

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



TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH OCTOBER 2025

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 19th Oct	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		
Monday 20th Oct	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass <i>followed by Rosary</i>		All Holy Souls
Tuesday 21st Oct	Marnhull	NO MASS		
Wednesday 22nd Oct	Gillingham	11am Requiem Mass for Bob Horton		
Thursday 23rd Oct	Marnhull	11am Funeral Service for Peta Hiron		
Friday 24th Oct	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Adoration, HOLY ROSARY 6pm Holy Mass		
Saturday 25th Oct	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass <i>followed by Confession</i>	Blessed Virgin Mary	Cyril Bastable, RiP

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Joyce West, Tony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham,
Jane Raw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Peter Wardley, Carol Shaw.

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Sunday Readers: 9am: Charles; 11am: Philip; 6pm:
Christophe



Sunday 19th October is World Mission Day - there will be a retiring collection after Sunday Mass today.

World Mission Sunday calls Catholics worldwide to support the Church where it is young or challenged. Donations are collected at these world-wide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Pray with the Global Church

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. To donate online: <https://missio.org.uk/wmsdonate/>



Rosary & Benediction at St Benedict's

Pope Leo urges "As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world." To celebrate this Devotion, there will be Holy Rosary & Benediction at St Benedict's at 5pm on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

****New** Parishioners are invited to the New Church on Saturday**

The New Church is coming on well and an opening date will be announced soon. In the meantime we have surplus furniture and other items that need to be removed. Parishioners are invited to visit the new Hall on **Saturday 25th October from 10.00-12.00** noon to take anything they wish from the store.



Aloysius Rufus

Allan Dent was baptised at Our Lady's Church, Marnhull on Saturday, 18th October. Please pray for him, his family and Godparents at this wonderful time.

****New** Update HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION COMPLETED** I have advertised both First Holy Communion Preparation and Confirmation preparation for several weeks and I would like to start both groups after the School Half Term break. I will have a meeting at **St Benedict's Church on Saturday 25th October a 4.00 pm for anyone interested in either of the two groups**. Many parents have taken application forms but few have been returned. I need to know numbers as soon as possible for both Sacramental preparation groups - **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**. **Application forms are available in both Churches. Please return them to Deacon Mike A.S.A.P. Or contact me on 07504821558. Many thanks, Deacon Mike.**

****NEW** Update - MISSALS ORDERED**

To all parishioners who ordered Missals - I have heard back from CTS that delays were caused by errors in the first run of printing. These are now due to be dispatched this week, so hopefully you will have them soon. Thank you for your patience!

****NEW** The Former Presbytery for sale**

The former presbytery in Marnhull is to be auctioned on 14th November by Symonds and Sampson in Sherborne **3 bedroom detached house for sale in Lot A Old Mill Lane, Sturminster Newton, DT10 | Symonds & Sampson Auctions**

Update - CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

God bless all those who have donated such lovely gifts. Still needed: bags of sweets, choc, shower gel, toothbrushes & paste, face cloths. Ladies: any pretty brooches/headscarves that might be surplus & Gents: wallets, warm gloves & hats. **THANKYOU!**

Visit with Guide Tour of Westminster Cathedral

Salisbury Catenians are arranging a coach trip to **Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 21 October**. The trip will include mass and a guided tour. Please contact Steve Carrivick for further information: Tel: 07887988123 or email: carrivick79@gmail.com

****New** Advent Retreat for 18-30 year olds, Sclerder Abbey. 21st - 23rd November 2025** Join young adults from across the Diocese of Plymouth to prepare for Advent. During the weekend you will explore John's scripture; 'The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us' (J1:14) whilst experiencing elements of the Chemin Neuf Community, listening to talks from Fr Robbie Lowe and exploring the area. A recommended donation of £30 is to help with the accommodation and food costs. For further information contact Saskia; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/se4zasSM7B>

****New** Advent Retreats from November - Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group, St Rita's Honiton, Devon**

Ignatian silent and individually guided retreats are available locally in the Plymouth Diocese for Advent 2025 for those who would like to step back from everyday life for a little while to review their journey in faith and make a little extra space and time for God.

Nov 28th - 30th (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)

Nov 28th - 2nd Dec (Fri - Tues) Extended Weekend Retreat (£280)

Dec 1st - 5th Dec (Mon - Fri) Midweek Retreat (£275)

Nov 28th - 5th Dec (Fri - Fri) 6-day retreat (£475)

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

Daily Rosary for the Family

Every Day on Zoom at 7:45pm BST
To find out more and join the Zoom meetings:

<https://voiceofthefamily.com/daily-rosary-for-the-family/>

Admissions for St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026? Do come and visit St Mary's on one of the mornings listed below. We look forward to showing you around our lovely school and seeing our fantastic children enjoying their learning. Please telephone or email to book a date. Time: 9:30 am Dates: 2nd October, 8th October, 17th October 2025.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026 Dorset School Admissions: Contact: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/educationand-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-school-place>

Please see St Mary's Catholic Primary School website for further information on our admissions policy:

[St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull - Home](#)

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed! As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new *EasyAction* tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. **Please take action now and visit <http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter> to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.**

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download here: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-F236B443DD092B5F2540EF23F30FEDED>

Gillingham New Church Fundraising Appeal: <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/new-church-in-gillingham>
Scan the QR code for Cashless Donations Thank you for your support!

