

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen Paris, Monica Goode, Brendan Colohan, Terry Hayward, Jennie Spetch, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Fr Keith Collins, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Mary Extnace, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Mary Bradbury, Joe Briffa, Judith Davidson, Irena Magill, Mary Hawtree, Sally Hoy, Bob Horton and Robert Carson.

Dear Parishioners,

The arrangements for Sunday and weekday Masses seem to be working quite well thanks in large part to those who act as stewards in monitoring safety and ensuring the cleaning of our churches after each gathering. Thank you all.

The times of public Masses will remain as they are for the present.

It is strange, I know, for Holy Communion to be administered after Mass, but we must bear with it. May I emphasise though that if you do go to Holy Communion you should then proceed out of the church reverently, making an Act of Thanksgiving. Apart from the risk of irreverence, the safeguarding measures we have to make are somewhat negated if people then congregate, chattering to each other.

You may well have heard by now the news that St Mary's School Shaftesbury has closed. Many of our parishioners have been associated with the school over the years as pupils, parents, teachers and governors. I am personally sad that I shall no longer be making visits to St Mary's to hear confessions - which always included a lovely meal and conversation beforehand with some members of the staff.

This week I had to tell Sr Olga of St Elisabeth's Convent in Belarus that it did not seem possible to welcome the Sisters, as we have done on a couple of occasions in the past, for a visit which they proposed in August. I don't think that it would have been worth their while in the present situation to come with their icons etc for sale. This morning I looked up St Elisabeth's Convent, Minsk and I recommend that you have a look. I am not aware of any enterprise undertaken by a single community in the Western Church which is quite as extensive and inspiring as their work as described; promoting the Gospel and caring for the poor, with facilities in various places for vulnerable women and children, prisoners, the mentally ill....the list goes on.

We could do with some of this. The only way we can get it is to allow the Holy Spirit to enter into our lives so that we become properly and completely dedicated to Christ, his Church and his people; then we might see miracles here.

God Bless you. Father Martin

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Welcome newcomers and visitors. You can find out more about our parish on our website – address at top of this page.

Public Mass at Our Lady's and St Benedict's. What can we expect when coming to mass at Marnhull and Gillingham? Mass will be a different experience, but much has been put in place to make our churches a safe and welcoming place to worship. Below is a guide to what to expect and procedures that will be in place:

- When coming to church household groups will be expected to maintain a safe distance (preferably 2 metres) **and wear a face covering.**
- There will be no holy water.
- There is a sanitising gel dispenser in the porch which must be used before entering church.
- Stewards will be on duty and will seat each household group starting at the front and only one household group per pew. Please seat away from the aisle
- Track and Trace: Each household group will be asked to complete a contact form listing all household group members attending mass with contact details. (These forms will be kept for 21 days then destroyed).
- There will be no mass books or hymn books.
- The Sign of Peace is not exchanged.
- No hymns and no moving from the pews during mass.
Toilets will not be available neither will refreshments after mass.
- The Eucharist will be distributed at the end of mass as you leave church.
Father will be at the back of the church and maintaining a safe distance with outstretched arms to receive communion.
Communion will be given as you leave mass starting with the back rows.
We are asked to maintain a safe distance at all times and depart immediately without congregating outside the church.
- Some pews in the church are blocked off to maintain social distancing.
- Anyone with a mobility problem moving around the church, wishing to attend Mass at Our Lady's, should phone Steve Carrivick, on [07887 988123](tel:07887988123) to help him prepare a place for you.
- Please advise a steward if you would like to be added to the newsletter email distribution list. The church will be cleaned after each mass with sanitising cleanser.

Private prayer sessions. To reduce the burden of the hard-working stewards and cleaners essential at each session, there will be no further facility for private prayer at Our Lady's during the current restrictions, now that Mass is celebrated at each church on a weekday. However, the session on Fridays at St. Benedict's from 10.am to 11.00.am will continue for the time being. A heartfelt 'thank you' to those volunteers undertaking this service to us all.

There will be Holy Rosary at 6.00.pm this Friday (17th) on Zoom., organised by Deacon Michael, and **coffee morning at 12.15pm this Sunday.** If you'd like to join in, please contact Deacon Michael or Tony Moore for the usual meeting I.D. and password.

If you have Zoom Meeting Client on your computer, tablet, ipad or smartphone, you are ready to go. IF NOT, go to: www.zoom.com

In the top black bar of the screen you will find "RESOURCES" and then go to "Download Zoom Client" and install this. This will put an icon on your desktop.- like a blue videocamera.

To join the meeting, click the icon and when the screen opens, go to "Join a meeting". Join Zoom Meeting Just click on this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9987746009?pwd=UHZuRmtPMno3MndWcDJYb0Y4VHBmZz09> Any problems, contact Deacon Michael on 07504821558 If you'd like to join us for Holy Rosary, just find your rosary and click on the same link above, on *Friday evenings*. If you'd like to join the group on *Sundays*, make yourself a cup of tea or coffee, find yourself a biscuit (or 2) and join us by the same route!

Holy Mass online: A reminder that Mass can be 'streamed' online from churches all over the world. To find a mass streamed from a church in England, Ireland, N. Ireland or Scotland to suit your schedule, go to <https://www.churchservices.tv/> . This is in addition to our cathedral at www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk

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Charities

Following several enquiries last week, and since it may be a while until things are back to normal regarding retiring collections, for those of you wishing to donate [by cheque] to our regular charity of **Let the Children Live**, their address is:

LTCL, P.O.Box 11, Walsingham, Norfolk NR22 6EH or check out their Giving page to make a contribution on: <https://letthechildrenlive.enthuse.com/Donate#!/>

Also the **RED BOX** charity for **APF Missions** has been missing out as their Day Of Many Colours was on 29th June. So, if you have either, box contents to be counted please bring it to church for the Missio Secretary [Annette Lyons] / Parish Treasurer [Pam Snell]: or their giving site is <https://missio.org.uk/donate-apf/> or should you wish to send a cheque direct to them at : APF, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU
Thank you all. **Pam Snell.**

CAFOD has joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to help millions of vulnerable people whose lives are at risk as the coronavirus pandemic spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict.
There are not enough hospital beds or supplies to treat those who fall ill, and families face hunger as a result of lockdowns, price rises and job losses.

We need to reach and protect the most vulnerable who have already lost everything. Joining forces with the DEC allow us to scale up our response to ensure that no one is beyond reach of the humanitarian aid they need to survive in the coming weeks and months. **Donate now to the DEC Coronavirus Appeal**

With further donations, we will be able to reach some of the most vulnerable and excluded with food, and clean, safe water - reducing suffering and saving lives.
Thank you for all you do for CAFOD.

As we are slowly returning to a different normal in our parishes supporting each other is vital.
God Bless, Steve Carrivick **CAFOD Deanery Coordinator Volunteer – Dorset (job share)** Email: scarrivick@cafod.org.uk

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