

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Sunday Masses: <u>NO PUBLIC MASSES</u> INTENTION: The parishioners Cleaning: <i>Our Lady's:</i> Flowers: Cleaning: <i>St Benedict's:</i>		Weekday Masses <u>NO PUBLIC MASSES</u> INTENTION: Monday Mary Wood (J.C.) Tuesday Private Intention Wednesday Fr Cadoc Leighton Thursday Phil Coyne (J.C.) Friday Private Intention Saturday Private Intention

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER. 10TH MAY 2020

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen Paris, Monica Goode, Brendan Colohan, Terry Hayward, Valerie Evill, Jennie Spetch, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Fr Keith Collins, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Ronnie Bird, Mary Extance, Ethne O'Sullivan, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Mary Bradbury, Joe Briffa, Bernard McRory, Judith Davidson, Irena Magill, Mary Hawtree, and Sally Hoy.

Fr Cadoc Leighton who was parish priest of Camborne and Redruth has died after a short illness. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Louise Huxley and Ian Salisbury who were married at Our Lady's last Saturday with just themselves and their witnesses present (all properly socially distanced!) Ad multos annos.

Phil Coyne is to be buried at Woolland with his late wife Janet on the *19th May*. Only the immediate family will be present because of present restrictions. R.I.P.

May is Mary's month. The other day, on my walk, I met one of the families from the school (not Catholics) who said how sorry they were that we should miss the May Procession this year. It is always such a lovely occasion that everybody enjoys. Nonetheless, we should still rejoice in praising Mary in May, the month of promise. This is verse 2 of the hymn Daily Daily sing to Mary;

She is mighty to deliver; call her, trust her lovingly.
 When the tempest rages round thee, she will calm the troubled sea.
 Gifts of heaven she has given, noble Lady to our race:
 She, the Queen, who decks her subjects, with the light of God's own grace.

In this Sunday's Gospel, speaking before his forthcoming passion and death on the Cross, "Jesus said to his disciples; Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me" He goes on to say, "I am going to prepare a place for you.....so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going," The Apostle Thomas, always the one to ask the awkward questions that no one else was bold enough to express, said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" to which Our Lord replies, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

St John when writing his Gospel and recording this incident was doing so some years later when, what probably seemed to the Apostles an enigmatic statement at the time, had, after the

Welcome newcomers and visitors. At Our Lady's, after 9.30.am Mass there is a cup of tea or coffee in the Chapel Room (door on way to car-park) You can also find out more about our parish on our website – address at top of this page.

Resurrection of the Lord, come to be understood as a promise which was now being fulfilled in their lives and which gave meaning to everything.

During this Easter season we have heard about the experience of those disciples on the road to Emmaus - taking an ordinary journey, for what purpose we are not told, but who, when they realise that it is the crucified and Risen Lord who has joined them on that road, abandon any mundane concerns and hurry back to join the others in Jerusalem to give them the news. Their fellow disciples have news too; "The Lord is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon" And then, immediately, "Now while they were still speaking these things, Jesus stood in the midst of them and said to them, Peace be with you, it is I, fear not."

The Easter faith, hope and love which inflamed the hearts of those first believers is that which is still burning in our hearts too. We look for the way forward, we search for the truth, we yearn to discover the meaning of life. In the light of the Resurrection we find that the path, the quest and the satisfaction of our desire for peace are all fulfilled in the Person of Jesus whom now, we understand, truly is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

During Lockdown our Sacramental programmes have come to a halt. A number of links have been compiled which can be accessed via the Diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/spiritual-life/share-the-faith/> As you will see, there are a good variety of resources which can be used now or at any time, ranging from, "Wednesday Word" scripture for children, to full programmes for Holy Communion and Confirmation that can be dipped into as you wish. One very versatile and user friendly programme for Confirmation is by Dynamic Catholic. It provides short videos (7 – 9 minutes) on a number of relevant topics which are ideal for small group discussion. Fr Jon Bielawski.