

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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10TH JANUARY 2021 (4

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Parish website: www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk admin@marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk	Deacon Mike Turnbull 07504 821558 michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk	Saints & Feast days: <i>Tues</i> , St Aelred of Rievaulx; <i>Weds</i> , St Hilary, St Mungo; <i>Fri</i> , St Ita, St Remigius, The martyrs of China; <i>Sat</i> , St Fursa, St Joseph Vaz, Our Lady of Arabia.
Sunday, public Masses: Marnhull 9.30.am. The parishioners Gillingham 11.00 am. Ana ints Offertory baskets are NOT passed around, to avoid infection, but will be available inside the church doors at all Masses. Donors making 'one-off' payments for Christmas kindly add "Christmas" in their narrative details. All cheques to be made to "Marnhull RC Parish".	Weekdays, public Masses in bold: Mon Mary Bradbury Tuesday Elizabeth & Denis ints Wednesday Gillingham 10.00.am Major Freame et al Thursday Marnhull 9.30.am John Ryall Friday Gillingham 2.30.pm (restricted) Saturday Morgan & Ernestine families Confessions: After midweek Masses or telephone Father for appointment.	

Please pray for those who are ill: Ellen Paris, Monica Goode, Brendan Colohan, Coral & Johnny Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Sarah Mackay, Mary Extance, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Joe Briffa, Judith Davidson, Mary Hawtree, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Joan Duggan, Michael Ross, Hilary Drake and Ana Richards.

The funeral for Mary Bradbury will be on *20th January* at the Ham Down Woodland burial ground at 12 noon. We are, of course, dealing with current restrictions. I shall be offering a funeral Mass privately on that day for Mary.

Lockdown. The Church is at present in the fortunate position of being able to continue the celebration of communal worship because of the structures and safeguards we have in place; but all, especially the vulnerable, should be aware that we must maintain ever greater vigilance in observing the protocols and social interaction should be very limited. There is further information about this from Steve Carrivick relating to Our Lady's church. We are most grateful to all those who make sure that everybody is as safe as possible.

National Lockdown and Parish Worship:

We have started 2021 with a new national lockdown. The number of people diagnosed with Coronavirus in Dorset has increased rapidly. However, we must be encouraged in the knowledge that in our area vaccination is starting this week.

The government is satisfied that there is no evidence that places of worship are responsible for the spread of the virus, as we were sticking to the preventative rules regarding hand sanitising, post-Mass cleansing, social distancing and track and trace measures.

Therefore, we must remind everyone of the precautions we must all take to look after each other at this time when attending church:

- Firstly, a reminder that the Bishops of England and Wales have suspended the obligation to attend Mass on the Sabbath
- When attending mass you must wear a face covering while in church
- Use the hand sanitiser available in the porch when entering church
- Complete the Track and Trace forms on each visit and submit when entering church
- Remember to maintain Social Distancing, do not mix with others outside your bubble, inside or outside church

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

- Our churches are stewarded to ensure that our places of worship are safe for all and sanitise the church after each Mass

Our churches are open for public worship and we must welcome our parishioners while reminding everyone to take all necessary precautions.

Father Martin wants to be confident that the churches are safe for all of us, but if anybody needs help in any way whether it be shopping or other support please do not hesitate to ask. Our parish is here to support parishioners.

You can email Steve and Maureen on: carrivick79@gmail.com or Tel: 07887988123

CAFOD resources: Firstly, thank you to all those who had the opportunity to participate in the CAFOD World Gifts to support those in need around the World.

During lockdown please make use of CAFOD's online resources:

Primary Children: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources>

Secondary children: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources>

A Prayer during this Pandemic:

God's healing hand

To our brothers and sisters who have contracted and are suffering due to the Coronavirus Disease, we pray that God's healing hand may rest upon you.

To medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff who are in the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you

to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion.

To all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we convey our deepest sympathies.

We pray that their souls, through God's mercy, may rest in eternal peace.

We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his consolation and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

Amen.

Holy Rosary. There will still be online Zoom meetings for Rosary on *Fridays at 6.00 pm* (except 'First Friday') and a Parish Coffee Morning at *12.15 on Sunday Mornings*. Best wishes and blessings, Deacon Mike.

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

Please save your used stamps for the Catholic Children's Society. Annette has placed tubs in each church porch to place your stamps in. Thanks.

Caritas Plymouth: CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER - We are all called to Welcome the Stranger but many people are unsure how they can help others during this time of continued lockdown. Caritas has produced a Christmas Newsletter which offers some practical suggestions for action and links to prayer resources. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Caritas-at-Christmas-Newsletter-2020.pdf>

Stay Awake is taking place for the third year on *Saturday 27th February 2021* online, via Zoom. It will run from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm and will be a time of inspiring and encouraging talks, praise and worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home. Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event for everyone and anyone! To find out more and to sign up (in order to receive the Zoom link) please see www.stayawakejc.com. Bookings open 10th January.

Stay Awake has launched a Facebook Page and an Instagram Page – be sure to like/follow these pages to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content! Links for Facebook and Instagram below:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/>

Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19)

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Merry Christmas to you! And those who celebrated on Dec 25 - blessed Epiphany!

This Saturday, January 9th, 2021 at 9 am PST, 12 pm EST, 5 pm GMT, and 8 pm Moscow time, I - Sister Anastasia - and Brother Nicholas will host a **YouTube** Livestream called “Christmas Caroling Tradition” to bring you the joys of caroling into your home. The Livestream will be in English - all are welcome! We know that many of us are still under strict rules about what we can do and where we can go. Even worse, churches may be closed as lockdowns continue... This means you may feel lonely and isolated from the rest of the world.

We are hosting this Livestream because we want you - and everyone reading these words - to know that THEY ARE NOT ALONE.

Our Livestream will be dedicated to the tradition of Christmas Caroling: How we celebrate Nativity, where we travel, what is caroling like and if it is relevant in the contemporary world. Additionally, we will be answering your questions live on air. So it's another great reason to participate!

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