

# OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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<b>Sunday, public Masses:</b> <b>Marnhull 9.30.am.</b> Francis & Diana Porteous <b>Gillingham 11.00 am.</b> The parishioners <b>Offertory baskets</b> are NOT passed around, to avoid infection, but will be available inside the church doors at all Masses. <b>Donors</b> making 'one-off' payments for Christmas kindly add "Christmas" in their narrative details.	<b>Weekdays, public Masses in bold:</b> Mon Kate Lindgren ints Tuesday Mary Bradbury ints <b>Wednesday Gillingham 10.00.am</b> Monica Goode ints <b>Thursday Marnhull 9.30.am</b> Coral & Johnny ints <b>Friday Gillingham 10.00.am</b> The parishioners  <b>Confessions:</b> 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, Mary Bradbury, Joe Briffa, Judith Davidson, Mary Hawtree, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Joan Duggan, Michael Ross, Hilary Drake and Ana Richards.

**The parish priest** thanks you all for your Christmas cards and gifts and for the generous Christmas offering. It is also a time to thank all the people who have kept the parish going throughout a very difficult year for everybody. There are all those who maintain the finances and property and who assist at worship in church. This year it has been especially important that we have had those who maintain the safety of our environment and also those with the necessary skills to maintain communication in clever ways. Thank you all. We should pray that we may be given new strength in the coming year to rebuild and renew our parish life.

**First Friday and New Years Day.** Holy Mass at St Benedict's 10am with confessions after Mass. Like Christmas day, *New Years day, 1st January*, is a Solemnity, so, of course, is NOT a day of abstinence.

**R.I.P.** Peter Waddington of Gillingham died on the *22nd December*. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife and family in their loss.

**Covid Vaccine.** Some people have expressed concern about the moral implications of the receiving the Covid vaccine. There is a question about the Astro Zeneca vaccine because it has been developed from lines originating from the cells of an aborted fetus in 1983.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy of Life have expressed the view that one may in good conscience and for a grave reason receive a vaccine sourced in this way, provided that there is a sufficient moral distance between the present administration of the vaccine and the original wrong action.

In the COVID 19 pandemic, they judge that this grave reason exists and that one does not sin by receiving the vaccine. They go on to say that each Catholic must educate their conscience on this matter and decide what to do. Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience one may refuse a particular vaccine, but continues to have a duty to protect others from infection. Fr M.Budge.

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

**You will be aware that** we have been permitted to **resume public worship** since *Thursday 3rd December*. We are following the programme that obtained before this last lockdown, so procedures and safeguards will be as before: *Sunday Mass* will be at Our Lady's 9.30am and St Benedict's at 11.am.

**Holy Rosary.** There will still be online Zoom meetings for Rosary on *Fridays at 6.00 pm* (except Christmas Day and '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](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk)

**St Mary's School. The Christmas crib** at Our Lady's is a very simple representation of the Nativity scene which owes much to the ingenuity of Mrs Myatt and the younger children of the school - we had much pleasure in setting it up during the week. Mr Frame, the head of the school is a genius with the computer and has produced a wonderful "virtual" Christmas play. This is now available for parishioners to see. Normal version: <https://vimeo.com/492189154>  
Green screen version: <https://vimeo.com/492622768>  
The password for both is: **Helicopter67** and is case sensitive.

**Please save your used stamps** for the Catholic Children's Society. Annette will be putting tubs in each church porch during this week, 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!** SAVE THE DATE! *Saturday, 27 February, 2021*. The third 'Stay Awake!' (Dorset Deanery home grown event) will run again next year, only this time, it will be online! More information to follow but please save the date now and spread the word!