

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, 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.

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.

Christmas Masses in our Parish - booking is essential.

Because of restricted numbers at our churches we must take bookings for Christmas Masses this year. You will need to contact us advising which Mass you wish to attend and the total number of people in your group.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24 December, Our Lady's, Marnhull: 6pm. **(NO places left).**

St Benedict's, Gillingham: 8pm (some places left)

Christmas Day: Friday 25 December, Our Lady's, Marnhull: 9.30am. (some places left). St Benedict's, Gillingham: 11am. **(NO places left)**

Please email your request as soon as possible to Steve Carrivick on email carrivick79@gmail.com or Tony Moore on mandtmoore@btinternet.com giving your /name/ total number and in your group or

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bubble/ contact telephone number and the mass you wish to attend. We will email confirmation back to you. If you are not able to email us please phone Steve Carrivick on [Tel:07887988123](tel:07887988123) If you know of anyone wanting Holy Mass over Christmas, who is not on email, please contact them and pass on their request and phone number as above. As people may be coming to Mass at Christmas who have not been to Mass for many months,

- A reminder that all persons coming to Mass will need to wear a face mask in church;
- Track and Trace forms will not be required at the Christmas Masses as your details have been given when making a booking, however, stewards will check names against their list when entering church for the Christmas Masses.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas Masses celebrating the birth of Christ.

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.

Carol Service at St. Mary's, Sturminster Newton 6.30.*pm.this Sunday 20th · streamed till 27th December* . Some Stur-dwelling members of our congregation will be delivering the readings. It will be streamed on Youtube. More details on <http://stmaryssturminsternewton.org.uk/>

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

First Holy Communion. Tomas and Lukas Vrabel and Lukas Armonas will receive the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood this Sunday at St Benedict's Gillingham. We give thanks to God and pray for these young people and their families who are a joy and an enrichment of our parish community. Thanks as well to Anna Mackain-Bremner who has been catechist for these children.

Parish Sweepstake. Christmas Draw. 1. Mr & Mrs P. Wardley. 2. Heather Johnson. 3. Patrick Roche. 4. Bob Horton. 5. Sonia Lambe. 6. Val Bridger. Thank you to all who participate in this fundraiser for the parish.

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. I am hoping that this may somehow become available for parishioners to see.

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.

World Gifts: Celebrate the true spirit of Christmas giving World Gifts are CAFOD's range of virtual gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. Each World Gift you buy will change the life of someone living in poverty. Share your Christmas by giving a virtual gift. A meaningful gift for friends and relatives. A gift of hope and love. Help poor families & communities around the world. A full range of Gifts from £5 can be ordered online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or from their catalogues in our church porches. Examples of gifts that will make a real difference:

- Teach someone to read £10, School starter pack £25, Sewing kit £21
- Keep clean kit £6, Healthy Mum and Baby £30, PPE for a health worker £127
- Chirpy chickens £20, The goat that gives £28, Seeds for a vegetable garden £10

And many more.....share a gift at Christmas.

If you need Christmas cards and are visiting Our Lady's, there are Christmas Cards in the repository in the side chapel at Our Lady's.

And at St Benedict's, various good charities. Please ring Annette if you want any put by: 07986301357.

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Sister Anastasia, from the Convent of St Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus, has forwarded the website of their catalogue of beautiful icons and other goods which will make excellent Christmas gifts, while employing local talented people. She usually tours the UK in a van, selling their goods, but that visit has been curtailed by the pandemic. Please support the work of the convent www.catalog.obitel-minsk.com
Please pray for all the Catholics in Belarus being mistreated by their government. See CNA website.

Your domestic Christmas! It is going to be very strange and even painful that only some of us will get to Mass on Christmas Eve/Day due to social distancing restrictions being still in place, I know Father has made arrangements for attending Mass.
However, there are so many things we can do in our domestic Church setting that make the season truly celebrational. Here are a few ideas:

Advent wreaths, Advent candles, the 'O' antiphons from 17th December, crib building plus prayers by the crib, carol singing, St Nicholas shoes, the whole Christmas octave, St Stephen, Holy Innocents, Feast of the Holy Family, 12 days of Christmas, Epiphany, chalk on the doors, Mary for New Year - all domestic Church of course - in fact it's a wonder we ever fitted Christmas Mass in at all!!

Try cutting holly from hedges without singing the Holly and the Ivy in order to discover that everything we do in the right mind can only be at the service of God and his glory.

If we are on our own most of the above are very doable with a friend or two. If we are a larger household we can invite those who are on their own to join in any of these devotions - hosting does not always have to be mulled wine and mince pies. Of course always adhering to government guidelines. And to evangelise?:

- Cribs visible from outside (garden, street window...)
- Poster in window (if we can thank the NHS with our rainbow posters why not with a Christmas message of hope?)
- Christmas card to the postman, with Scripture message
- St Nicholas tea party/ Christmas Carol singing etc... involving the non-Christians in your "bubble". The domestic Church is so powerful and this year presents us with a real opportunity to make it even more so. Regards as ever, Deacon James.

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!



The altar of Our Lady's in Marnhull, and Christmas tree!