

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Sunday, public Masses: Marnhull 9.30.am. The parishioners Gillingham 11.00.am. Bob & Mary's ints		Weekday Masses (public Masses in bold) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Gillingham 10.00.am Holy Souls Thursday Marnhull 9.30.am. Terry Hayward Friday Gillingham 6.00.pm. Gandor family Saturday
Cleaning: Our Lady's: Flowers: Cleaning: St Benedict's: Collection		Confessions: Friday from 5.15pm – 6.00pm at St Benedict's, and after Mass on Wednesday and Thursday, or telephone Father for appointment.

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

First Friday - 4th September. In addition to the public Mass at St Benedict's on Wednesday, there will be Mass for the First Friday at 6pm; there will be opportunity for confessions from 5.15pm. A plenary indulgence is possible under the usual conditions; participation in devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

1st September is **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** and marks the start of the Season of Creation – an opportunity for us all to reflect on how we care for our Common Home. The Season runs *until 4 October* – the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. In his message for Laudato Si' week, Bishop Mark said 'Our earth is the home for the human family. It is in severe danger and needs immediate protection and healing at a global, national and local level. ... The threatened state of the environment is a universal challenge affecting us all, those most in danger at present, and in the future, are those who are already poor and vulnerable..... "Laudato Si'" is permeated by a sense of human, moral and religious urgency, but the Pope recognizes the complexity of the joining of the environment and poverty. "We are not faced", he says, "with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental" (#139)'

We invite everyone to reflect, to pray, and to act, so that we achieve that ecological conversion that the Holy Father calls us to. You can find resources to use during the Season on the [Diocesan Website](#) and Facebook pages.

Ride & Stride - Dorset Historic Churches annual fundraiser,– bicycling or walking to churches in our area – some even ride a horse! All outdoors, so no excuses! Find some sponsors and get on your bike. **Saturday 12th September.** This gives you plenty of time to prepare. We always support this, not least because of their generosity to Our Lady's when we needed extensive repairs some years ago. Contact David Minto at Our Lady's for sponsorship forms and details of where to meet.

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

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

Youth Events in the Diocese:

September 26th There will be workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. Workshops will be offered through ZOOM. We plan to share a prayer service at St Peters, Crownhill later that day. Bookings will be taken in September.

In October there will be a series of 5 sessions, exploring Faith, Music and Creativity. One Hope Project will lead 3 of the discussions. These are aimed at young people aged 13-21.

Lastly, I am looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. We are looking for people to sing as well as those that will share thoughts, reflections and read prayers. The theme will be; My spiritual journey, living through COVID 19.

If you are interested in either of these events or any future events, please email: youth@prcdtr.org

Greetings from the Academy of the Annunciation! I pray that you all are keeping well. We are so very grateful for your support, encouragement, and prayers! Please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones. In addition to the Spiritual Formation course (which I wrote about in a previous email), we are launching our 1-year Newman Catechetical Certificate course in Reasons for Faith. Here is a video that explains a little about the course (less than 3 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIJX43j8Acw&feature=youtu.be> Also, there is an extended version (less than 5 minutes) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4efKtNsVPk> If you have time to watch the videos and share at least the shorter version with friends who may be interested, we would be very grateful! Thank you again for your support and prayers! In Christ, Christina Pal, Bournemouth Oratory. cpal33@gmail.com

Caritas Plymouth held a **Dorset Deanery** meeting yesterday Wednesday 26 August.

We support the network of social action charities and parishes within the Plymouth Diocese, working in partnership with them to help poor, vulnerable and marginalised people.

The network will provide mutual support, strategic direction, and added value. It will also develop social action projects which address local needs or unite parishes for the common good of society. Creating opportunities for discussion both at Diocesan level but also at more local level to share good practice and generate new ideas. There are opportunities to do more to support children and families working with schools to provide parish projects also supporting elderly and vulnerable adults.

Coming together online would enable people to connect across the Diocese much more easily. More local events (Virtual Zoom sub-groups) would be beneficial for developing concrete actions but cross-Diocesan events also have value in sharing ideas and best practice. Parts of Dorset can feel cut off and excluded from the rest of the Diocese and opportunities to come together online can be really helpful. We need to strengthen our communication and engagement approaches to ensure we have a GDPR compliant way of contacting everyone. There are huge challenges ahead with the potential impact on mental health of the current crisis and the impact on local services. There are opportunities to develop projects such as an environmental project in a parish which would give people an opportunity to improve wellbeing.

Maureen and Steve Carrivick would like to gather together a list of charitable activities supported by members of the parish.

Please would you email us with details at: carrivick79@gmail.com which would help understand work already going on and enable future cooperation with Caritas.

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