

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

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<b>Sunday Masses: NO PUBLIC MASSES</b>  <b>INTENTION:</b> The parishioners  <b>Cleaning:</b> <i>Our Lady's:</i> <b>Flowers:</b> <b>Cleaning:</b> <i>St Benedict's:</i>	<b>Weekday Masses</b> Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	<b>NO PUBLIC MASSES</b> <b>INTENTION:</b> Mary Bradbury ints. Private int. Maureen Findlay-Wilson Major Freame et al Phil & Janet Coyne Mikhail & Klaudia ints.

## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER. 24TH 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.

### May Procession

We cannot have our usual festivities with the school but Mrs Myatt is trying to organize a ceremony with the crowning of Our Lady which can somehow be relayed to people for Thursday next.

Dear children and parents, I hope that you will be able to take part and to recall the joy we have each year in honouring Mary.

### Our departed.

We buried Phil Coyne last Tuesday afternoon beside his wife Janet in the churchyard at Woolland under Bulbarrow Hill. It was a simple graveside ceremony in this lovely spot.

Maureen Findlay-Wilson's funeral will be at Marnhull village cemetery *next Wednesday* at 12 noon. This funeral too is restricted to family members because of the current health regulations.

**The nine days** between the feast of the Ascension and Pentecost are traditionally a time of prayer, united with Our Lady and the Apostles, who, at the Lord's command waited in the upper room in Jerusalem for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which he had promised. It is the first and greatest of the novenas of prayer in which we make pleas for the light, strength and love so sorely needed by each one of us and indeed, the whole world.

Our prayer is that the same gifts of the Holy Spirit that so powerfully transformed the first disciples may be poured into our own lives, so that we might begin to live the life of the new order which Christ has won for us through the gift of Himself in his death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. United with him, our lives, even in this world, are to be heavenly lives.

But we need the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to live this life, the true life that endures.

We need the Gift of Wisdom, to know that the things of this world are perishable; the Gift of Understanding, which helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion; the Gift of Counsel, which enables the conscience to judge promptly and rightly what must be done. We need the Gift of Knowledge, which helps the soul to evaluate things according to their true worth; the Gift of Piety, which makes our heart love God, and our neighbour, for his sake; the Gift of Holy Fear, by which we

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come to know the dread of sin coming between us and God. Finally, we need the Gift of Fortitude, which strengthens us to face dangers, to endure mockery, to be strong in facing troubles.

**It is heartening to hear** of the efforts of many of our parishioners being made to strengthen our faith and practice in ways new and old. This week I heard that some people had gathered outside St Benedict's to pray the Rosary. There was also a "virtual" prayer group and even a "virtual" coffee morning. Thanks be to God for all his blessings and gifts working in our people.

**There will be Holy Rosary** at *6.00.pm this Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>)* on Zoom., organised by Deacon Michael. If you'd like to join in, please contact Deacon Michael or Tony Moore for the meeting I.D. and password.

**Whilst on computer matters**, please be aware of the slight increase of computer and telephone scams in circulation at the moment. The rule of thumb is: If in doubt, delete it, or hang up.