

OUR LADY'S MARNHULL AND ST BENEDICT'S GILLINGHAM

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Sunday Masses: <u>NO PUBLIC MASSES</u> INTENTION: The parishioners Cleaning: <i>Our Lady's:</i> Flowers: Cleaning: <i>St Benedict's:</i>		Weekday Masses <u>NO PUBLIC MASSES</u> INTENTION: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday J.D. ints Friday Saturday

13TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. 28TH JUNE 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, Mary Extance, Barbara Frost, Tony Timoney-White, Mary Bradbury, Joe Briffa, Judith Davidson, Irena Magill, Mary Hawtree, Sally Hoy and Bob Horton.

Parish Sweepstake. The winners for the June sweepstake are: 1. Maria Baker. 2. Andrew Donaldson. 3. Kate Seck. Congratulations to our prize winners, and thanks to those parishioners who have found alternative ways to continue their giving to the parish during this extraordinary period.

Dear parishioners,

I am sure that many of you, quite naturally, are wondering about the re-opening of our churches for Mass. At the time of writing, however, I have no information about that, but things will no doubt become clearer in the next few days. For this week the arrangements for opening times for PRIVATE prayer will be the same as last week at both St Benedict's and at Our Lady's.

This *Saturday, 27th June* between 10 and 11am. at Our Lady's, there will be the opportunity for private prayer and Confession as well. The same will be available next week on *Saturday 5th July*.

At St Benedict's, the church will again be open between 10 and 11am on *Wednesday, Friday* and next *Sunday* between 5 and 6pm.

Meanwhile, this passage from the great spiritual classic, the "Imitation of Christ" caught my attention during this week. The author, Thomas a Kempis was an Augustinian Canon Regular, writing in the fifteenth century, but his advice on the spiritual life and its practical application in our ordinary, daily experience is entirely up to date. If there is one book which you might need in addition to the Holy Bible, The Imitation would see you through.

Anyway, here is a taste: This chapter is headed, "On bearing with the faults of others"

"Whatever a man is unable to correct in himself or in others, he should bear patiently until God ordains otherwise.....Strive to be patient; bear with the faults and frailties of others, for you too, have many faults which others have to bear. If you cannot mould yourself as you wish, how can you expect other people to be entirely to your liking? For we require other people to be perfect, but do not correct our own faults.

We wish to see others severely reprimanded; yet we are unwilling to be corrected ourselves. We wish to restrict the liberty of others, but are not willing to be denied anything ourselves. We wish others to be bound by rules, yet we will not let ourselves be bound. It is amply evident, therefore, that we seldom

Welcome newcomers and visitors. At Our Lady's, after 9.30am Mass there is a cup of tea or coffee in the Chapel Room (door on way to car-park) You can also find out more about our parish on our website – address at top of this page.

consider our neighbour in the same light as ourselves. Yet, if all men were perfect, what should we have to bear with in others for Christ' sake?

Now, God has thus ordered things that we may learn to bear one another's burdens; for there is no man without his faults, none without his burden. None is sufficient in himself; none is wise in himself; therefore we must support one another, comfort, help, teach and advise one another." Book 1. chapter 16.

With every blessing.

Fr Martin.

There will be Holy Rosary at 6.00.pm this Friday (19th) on Zoom., organised by Deacon Michael, and coffee morning at *noon on Sunday*. If you'd like to join in, please contact Deacon Michael or Tony Moore for the usual meeting I.D. and password.

If you have Zoom Meeting Client on your computer, tablet, ipad or smartphone, you are ready to go.

IF NOT, go to: www.zoom.com

In the top black bar of the screen you will find "RESOURCES" and then go to "Download Zoom Client" and install this.

This will put an icon on your desktop.- like a blue videocamera.

To join the meeting, click the icon and when the screen opens, go to "Join a meeting".

Join Zoom Meeting Just click on this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9987746009?pwd=UHZuRmtPMno3MndWcDJYb0Y4VHBmZz09> Any

problems, contact Deacon Michael on 07504821558

If you'd like to join us for Holy Rosary, just find your rosary and click on the same link above, on *Friday evenings*. If you'd like to join the group on *Sundays*, make yourself a cup of tea or coffee, find yourself a biscuit (or 2) and join us by the same route!

Diocesan Summer Camps. Please read the attachment from Deacon Michael about this years' virtual summer camps!

Mary's Meals charity video. Here is the address for Mary's Meals new video about the work of this excellent charity, which our school supports as one of its charities. www.marysmeals.org.uk The film pointer is on their home page.