

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

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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 24TH JANUARY 2021

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<b>Sunday, public Masses:</b> <b>Marnhull 9.30.am.</b> The parishioners <b>Gillingham 11.00 am.</b> Bob & Mary Horton ints.  <b>Offertory baskets</b> are NOT passed around, to avoid infection, but will be available inside the church doors at all Masses. <b>All cheques</b> to be made to "Marnhull RC Parish".	<b>Weekdays, public Mass in bold:</b> Mon private int. Tuesday John Ryall <b>Wednesday Gillingham 10.00.am.</b> Dn Mike & Barbara int <b>Thursday Marnhull 9.30.am</b> Bishop's ints. Friday Saturday Mary Bradbury <b>Confessions:</b> After midweek Masses or 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, Joe Briffa, Judith Davidson, Mary Hawtree, Bob Horton, Robert Carson, Joan Duggan, Hilary Drake, Ana Richards and Joyce Healey.

**The Funeral** for Mike Ross will be on *2<sup>nd</sup> February* at 1.45.pm. There will be restrictions on the number of people able to attend.

**Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. 17th- 25th January.** The usual activities and contacts with our separated brethren which take place throughout the year are necessarily curtailed at present but we should not forget to pray that all may come to be united in Christ's Church.

*On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January* at 3.pm We are going to have an **online ecumenical service** for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Gillingham. The link for the meeting is as below (not my usual meeting room.) Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82917597382?pwd=Ykhyc29QdW4zR25Bd2lISkZZcGJXQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 1759 7382

Passcode: 117750

All are welcome!

**Holocaust Memorial day** is the *27th January* when we are asked to remember in our prayers those murdered in the holocaust during the second World war and millions of others killed in later genocides.

**Mental health and COVID-19 .** The ongoing pandemic will cause many people to feel stress and anxiety. CARITAS Plymouth has put together a range of resources to guide Catholics in looking after their mental health including access to prayer resources and links to organizations offering support. <http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12Mental-Health-Note.pdf>

**CAFOD resources:** Firstly, thank you to all those who had the opportunity to participate in the CAFOD World Gifts to support those in need around the World.

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

During lockdown please make use of CAFOD's online resources:

Primary Children: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources>

Secondary children: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources>

*A Prayer during this Pandemic:*

### **God's healing hand**

To our brothers and sisters who have contracted and are suffering due to the Coronavirus Disease, we pray that God's healing hand may rest upon you.

To medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff who are in the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion.

To all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we convey our deepest sympathies. We pray that their souls, through God's mercy, may rest in eternal peace.

We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his consolation and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.  
Amen.

**Holy Rosary.** There will still be online Zoom meetings for Rosary on *Fridays at 6.00 pm* (except 'First Friday'). Bring your dedications to add to that of relief from the coronavirus pandemic. Also a Parish Coffee Morning at *12.15 on Sunday Mornings*. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend. 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)

**Please save your used stamps** for the Catholic Children's Society. Annette has placed tubs in each church porch to place your stamps in. Thanks.

**Adjustment to previous note:** The 'Come and See' streamed, one session talk on Prayer, scheduled for *27<sup>th</sup> January*, has been postponed for two weeks until *10<sup>th</sup> February*. This will appear on the website [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org) early next week.

**Stay Awake** is taking place for the third year on *Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021* online, via Zoom. It will run from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm and will be a time of inspiring and encouraging talks, praise and worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home. Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event for everyone and anyone! To find out more and to sign up (in order to receive the Zoom link) please see [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com). Bookings open 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Stay Awake has launched a Facebook Page and an Instagram Page – be sure to like/follow these pages to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content! Links for Facebook and Instagram below:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/>

Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19)

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### **Support for each other**

If you're feeling helpless during lockdowns and feel like you should be doing more to help others, perhaps you might consider this small act of kindness:

During the various lockdowns, many people are reporting a sense of isolation, which we're all feeling, to some degree or other. Our Diocesan Office has recognised this and published a 4-page help document,

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aimed at supporting our mental well-being, see '**Mental health and COVID-19**', above. But the document, well intentioned, seems to highlight the disconnect between those with computers and those without, as it contains very many web references., further isolating those already feeling distanced from the rest of the world.

This drew our attention to our parish newsletter, where increasingly, we are asked to publish articles containing websites to view, unavailable to parishioners without access to internet. Over the Christmas period, a number of parishioners have reported their gratitude for the newsletter, for some their only contact with the parish, particularly those required to shield or isolate.

This makes it even more imperative that those whom God has blessed with the ability to operate computers, should support those without, by printing the newsletters and posting them, during your daily exercise, through those neighbours' letterboxes who don't have the internet: an act of love.

For those reading this on a paper copy, needing more information from one of the websites mentioned, please phone me on 01963 365848, or Mary Wardley, (who looks after the parish website,) on 01258 820815, and we will send you a summary of the information in that website.

To those of you who have been doing this small act of kindness, God bless you!

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