



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

WELCOME

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2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

8TH DECEMBER 2024

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Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sun 8th Dec	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass	
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass	
Mon 9th Dec	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass, followed by the Rosary	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity
Tues 10th Dec		No Mass	
Weds 11th Dec	Gillingham	10am Holy Mass, followed by Rosary	
Thurs 12th Dec	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Adoration	
Fri 13th Dec	Gillingham	NO MASS	St Lucy Memorial
Sat 14th Dec	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass Confession	St John of the Cross Memorial

Please pray for those who are ill
 David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary Drake, Jan Carson, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw, Trevor Baker.

Mass Intention on Sunday 8th December. Clive Drake

Sunday Readers: Our Lady's 9am: Andrew; St Benedict's: Annette
 Our Lady's 6pm: Richard.



Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

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Please pray for the repose of the Soul of

Clive Drake

Who died on 21st November

Clive's funeral takes place on THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER, at 12.00 NOON at St Mary the Virgin Church in Gillingham.

All welcome.
May he Rest in Peace

Confession: Please ring Fr Cletus on 01258 820388 to arrange an appointment outside of the times listed above

If anyone knows anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit, please let Fr Cletus or the Deacons know.

****New** Save the Date!!**

Our Advent Carol Service takes place on Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm at Our Lady's

We are having an **Advent Carol Service** for our Parish of **St Benedict's & Our Lady's**. Some of the children from our Parish School St Mary's will also be joining us, so please do come along to sing your hearts out - as St Augustin says: "The one who sings, prays twice"! There will be refreshments of mulled wine & mince pies + in Our Lady's parish hall afterwards. Lifts will be available for those who wish to attend but can't drive there - so please let me know if you'd like a lift. Conversely, if you're driving and are willing to share your car, please let me know. **You can email the office on marn-hull@prcdtr.org.uk or ring the Parish mobile number on: 07432 404358. Many thanks, Harriet**

****New** Advent 2024: Journey to Christmas and the Jubilee Of Hope**

weekly e-letters from the Plymouth Diocese. Each week there will be a reflection on the Sunday Gospel by **Monsignor Robert Draper** as well as some other Jubilee related content to help get us in the spirit and prepare for this special Holy Year, which officially begins on December 24th.

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-t-4D745BD8B8879B72540EF23F30FEDED>

****New** Help needed to clean Our Lady's Church and the brasses ready for Christmas**

From 10am Wednesday 18th December. "Please come for a short while if you can." Eileen

****New** PARISH FILM NIGHT**

The final film of the season will be Zefferelli's "Jesus of Nazareth", Part 1 to be shown at 6.30 Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm in the Parish room at Our Lady's. This includes the Nativity, so please come along and share with others food, drink and the truly uplifting portrayals of Our Lord, Our Lady and St Joseph and all the Gospel characters.

****New** Aid to the Church in Need (UK)**

has launched an Open Letter campaign calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>.

Together, we can help Christians and other religious minorities trapped in modern slavery, extreme poverty and worse.

****New** We can still defeat assisted suicide!**

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading. **Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.** Catherine Robinson, Right To Life UK +44 (0) 203 488 7978 info@righttolife.org.uk righttolife.org.uk

Two Christmas Concerts! Sat 14th Dec at



6.30pm in St Simon & St Jude Church, Milton on Stour Tickets £10 on the door or phone Carol Brooks on 075727 86416

Refreshments included. &

Tuesday 17th Dec at 5pm

Carols & Readings with Gillingham Arts Workshop, Gillingham Library. To book contact: gillinghamlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or phone 01747 822180

Drive the cold winter away
Celebrate Christmas with carols and readings with Gillingham Arts Workshop.



Gillingham Library
Tuesday 17 December
5:00pm - 6:00pm

****New** Adoration**

The parish of **The Most Holy Name and St Edward's in Shaftesbury** has adoration every Friday 6am-6pm, ending with Benediction. All are welcome to drop in at any time, but at least two people must be present all the time: there are one hour slots through the day (apart from Mass at 9.30) and parishioners are on a rota to ensure cover. We are a small parish and need more people to help with this: would you be able to offer an hour at any point during the day? We keep in touch by email and organise swaps and cover when anyone is away or unwell. This time in adoration of Our Lord is a beautifully peaceful and fruitful moment in our week, and adorers find they receive much more than they are giving! (note that the church is heated!) If you think you can give an hour or at least be available for emergency cover, please get in touch with Mark 07900 218 364 or Valeria 07900 218354

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS at St Edward's, Shaftesbury.

We meet up once a month, if at all possible on the first Thursday, for an evening of formation and fun. The next meeting is on 5th December 7-9pm. If you want to know more ask Fr John 01747 852125 or Valeria 07900 218 354. Age from 13 upwards. Do invite friends/cousins etc even if they are not practising Catholics, or not Catholic at all: all that's needed is an open attitude. (Valeria Findlay-Wilson)

Music Practice at St Benedict's Church, Gillingham

"There is a practice of the hymns and music for Sunday Mass held at St Benedict's Church, every Saturday evening at 5pm. **Please come and join us to support the singing.**" - Deacon Mike.

Centenary Year 2025 suggestions & ideas contact Rob by email: Rob.vitali@me.com

3-17 Year old Residential on January 24 - 26 2025

East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor. Come and join other 13 -17 year olds from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join in these include: photography; music; art and filming. East Shallowford is a working farm giving you a chance to meet the animals and feed them. There is a small charge of £50 for the weekend. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fg>