

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

## WELCOME

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Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

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Registered Charity No. 21322



### OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

### 29TH DECEMBER 2024

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**Our Lady's Church**  
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**St Benedict's Church**  
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**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.

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sun 29th Dec	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass	
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass	
Mon 30th Dec	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass followed by Rosary	
Tues 31st Dec	No Mass		
Weds 1st Jan	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass	Mary, Mother of God Solemnity
	Gillingham	5pm Holy Mass	
Thurs 2nd Jan	No Mass		St Basil the Great Memorial
Fri 3rd Jan	Gillingham	5pm Evening Prayer & Adoration	
Sat 4th Jan	No Mass		Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord <b>OBL. SOLEMNITY</b>

#### Mass Intentions

**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.

**Sunday Readers:** Our Lady's 9am: Mary Clare Fearn; St Benedict's: Susie; Our Lady's 6pm: Tony Bueno

#### Holy Mass during January 2025

We welcome Fr Anthony Cockram (who we met last year, when Fr Joseph was away) who will be saying Sunday Mass for us from 5th January 2025. There will be Mass as usual at Our Lady's at 9am and at St Benedict's at 11am **but there will be NO 6pm Mass at Our Lady's.**

There will be no week day Masses but we will continue with Morning & Evening Prayer, the Rosary and Adoration as far as possible - please check for confirmation in the weekly newsletter or our website

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**This Sunday 29th December, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.**

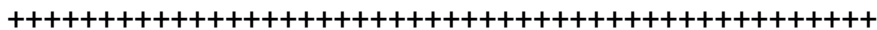
**As Fr Cletus Christmas message says “This season is about family; not only the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph but our immediate families and God’s family - the Church”.**

**Other important Feasts coming up are on 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and on 5th January, The Epiphany of the Lord. Christmastide ends on Sunday 12th January with The Baptism of the Lord.**



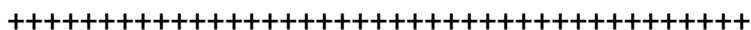
**Thank you from Stella Maris**

Thanks to all those kind parishioners who knitted warm hats and gave chocolate to our brave seafarers. They were very pleased! Please keep on knitting!



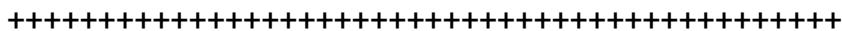
**Catholic Children’s Society, Plymouth Crib Collection  
PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST - ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God’s love and giving families hope in times of crisis. We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer and action. **May God bless all our supporters.**



**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](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>



**Save the date: Day of Reflection - Saturday 1 February at University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy**

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life ?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU.

The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and ‘One to One talks’ with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents’ permission. For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on [jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk) or [vocation@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vocation@prcdtr.org.uk)