



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

WELCOME

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12TH JANUARY 2025

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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 12th Jan	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass	
Mon 13th Jan	Marnhull	9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary	
Tues 14th Jan		No Mass	
Weds 15th Jan	Gillingham	10am Morning Prayer & Rosary	
Thurs 16th Jan	Marnhull	10am Morning Prayer & Adoration	
Fri 17th Jan	Gillingham	5pm Evening Prayer & Adoration	
Sat 18th Jan		No Mass	

Mass Intention on 12th January at 9am: The Hawtree Family

Please pray for those who are ill

David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Raw.

Sunday Readers: Our Lady's 9am: Declan; St Benedict's: Rupert



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Jan Carson

Who died on
24th December 2024

RiP

Funeral arrangements will be shared as soon as they become available.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Trevor Baker

Who died on
19th December 2024

RiP

Trevor's funeral service takes place on Friday 31st January at 1.20 pm at Yeovil Crematorium. All are welcome to attend.

Holy Mass during January and early February 2025

Thank you to Fr Anthony who travels all the way from Devon to say Sunday Mass for us throughout January and early February. Parishioners who normally attend 6pm Mass at Our Lady's will have the opportunity to attend at 9am Mass. Please check in the Newsletter or website for confirmation of Morning & Evening Prayer and Rosary during the week. www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

Day of Reflection for Priesthood or Religious Life

Saturday 1 February 10am- 4pm, at University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU.

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men 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 or vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

****New** Live Simply Award for our Parish**

The LiveSimply Award is a program from CAFOD that recognizes Catholic schools and parishes that live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. The award is inspired by Pope Francis's message and the Laudato Si' Action Platform. If you're interested in reading more fully about it, please click on the link: [LiveSimply award](https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award/livesimply-ideas). We have recently signed up for this award and appointed two champions to coordinate initiatives (Annette & Steve). We have already implemented many sustainable practices in our Parish - for example low energy lighting has just been installed in Our Lady's sanctuary, many of us share our cars for parish events and we have just begun to buy eco cleaning products supplied through the office. More information on our plan for the Parish will follow; in the meantime, you may be interested to read the following tips from the CAFOD team on how to live more sustainably:

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award/livesimply-ideas>

****New** Urgently-needed Flower Arrangers at Our Lady's**

You will be guided by one of the present flower arrangers, so please don't be shy if you think you can help. Please talk to Mary Moore or contact the office: marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk

****New** New Church Update**

The Diocesan Administrator, Canon Paul Cummings, visited our new church on Saturday 4th January and writes: "I am very happy for the project to go ahead, and I am confident that those involved in the planning have made every effort to progress the project appropriately. I look forward to seeing the church and presbytery in full use, facilitating the worship of God and inspiring all to proclaim the Good News. A big Thank You to all those who have worked so very hard in progressing this project"

Burfitt and Garret have been appointed as builders for phase 1 (Presbytery, Office, Vestry and Hall etc.) and have arrived on site this week. Planning for Phase 2 (Church, Narthex, Sacristy etc.) is now complete and builders will be appointed very shortly. We remain on track for completion late summer this year.

****New** Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope – Message from Plymouth Diocese**

On Sunday 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family, our Diocese joined the Church across the world in celebrating a Holy Year. This kind of Jubilee comes every 25 years and gives us the occasion throughout the whole year to celebrate every aspect of the Church's life and ministry. Pope Francis encourages us to recognise our status as Pilgrims of Hope during this year, whether we are in need of receiving that hope, or are honoured with the ministry of giving hope. We journey together as a Church, and as a parish community, always looking upon our loving Saviour, to bring hope and light to even the darkest places. Look out for ways we as a parish are going to celebrate this Jubilee, and join yourself in prayer and pilgrimage with the whole Church, that true Hope settles in the hearts of all.

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with CAFOD - What is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. **Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online.** Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

****New** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service on SUNDAY 19th January 2025 3.00 pm St Benedict's Church, Gillingham & Daily Sessions on Monday 20th January 12:00 Noon St Benedict's Church, Wednesday 22nd January 12:00 Noon Gillingham Community Church & Friday 24th January 12:00 Noon St Mary the Virgin Church.**

3-17 Year old Residential on January 24 - 26 2025 East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor.

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>