



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

WELCOME

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER JOSEPH NWIBOKO

Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

Marnhull RC Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese – Registered Charity No. 21322



EASTER WEEK

31ST MARCH 2024

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The Catholic Safeguarding Resources
<https://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/parish-resources>

Our Lady's Church
Old Mill Lane,
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St Benedict's Church
Cemetery Rd,
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Parish School
St Mary's Primary School,
Old Mill Lane, Marnhull, Dorset
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Confession: Please ring Fr Joseph 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 Deacons know.

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating
Sat 30th March	Gillingham	7.30pm Mass	Easter Vigil
Sun 31st-March	Marnhull	9am Mass	Easter Sunday
	Gillingham	11am Mass	
Mon 1st April	Marnhull	9.30am Mass, <i>followed by Rosary</i>	Easter Monday
Tues 2nd April		NO MASS	
Weds 3rd April	Gillingham	10am Mass, <i>followed by Rosary</i>	Easter Wednesday
Thurs 4th April	Marnhull	9.30am Mass, <i>followed by Adoration</i>	Easter Thursday
Fri 5th April		NO MASS	
Sat 6th April	Marnhull	10am Mass, <i>followed by Confession</i>	Easter Saturday

Sunday Readers: Our Lady's 9am: Tony & Mary; St Benedict's: Edyta

Please pray for those who are ill

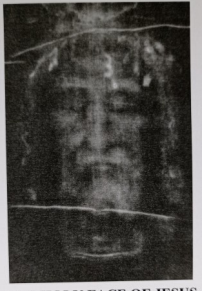
David Paris, Coral Harrow, Betty Walford, Joyce West, Barbara Frost, Tony White, Bob Horton, Hilary & Clive Drake, Jan Carson, Nigel & Sarah Mackay, Pip-pa Turnbull, Brian White, John Graham

Please note: there is no Mass at 6pm on Easter Sunday

Foundation Mass on Monday 1st April is offered for Francis and Diana Porteous: RIP

Thank you to all those who have worked so hard over the past few days to make the liturgy of the Paschal Triduum such a wonderful experience of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Cleaners, flower arrangers, readers, organists, cantors and choir, altar servers and Deacons, those who accepted the invitation for the Washing of the Feet and all who have joined in our prayer and worship: you have all been integral to the spiritual wellbeing of the people of this parish. May God bless you for your work, commitment and presence.

I would also like to thank those who have supported me by driving me around the Parish - and all the Parishioners who have offered me their very kind support and concern. May God bless you. - Father Joseph



THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

The Holy Face of Jesus & many other beautiful Catholic prayer cards are now available for sale in the repository (small cupboard at the back of the St Benedict's & in the side chapel of Our Lady's). Individually priced or 50p each.

Also available small folding Daily Prayers with Angelus, Memorare etc.

Youth Event - Adventure Weekend.

This year's Youth Adventure weekend will be at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, 24th – 26th May. Changing the location has meant that we can offer different adventure activities. We plan to offer caving amongst other activities.

This year's theme is 'I am with you' Mt 18:20. In between activities and games, young people will have the chance to explore the scripture and consider ways to communicate with God. This weekend aimed at 10 – 13 year olds. Cost £100. To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/DkVzq6hTJB> Further questions please contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Save the Date! Catholic Children's Society

The next GREAT BIG DIOCESAN QUIZ is being held on FRIDAY, 9th May 2024. Details to follow shortly.

Stay Awake Saturday 13th April 10am-7pm is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024 from 10:00 – 19:00 at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth.** Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from:

<https://www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024>

Saturday 13th APRIL 2024, 11am- 12.30

National Board of Catholic Women Webinar invites you to a WEBINAR, organised by the Women in the Church Committee PRAYING WITH ICONS, the talk will be given by Patricia Stoat from Nottingham Diocese. Patricia is an experienced speaker on theology and spirituality and has been praying with icons for many years. Zoom Meeting ID : Meeting ID: 812 6225 3037 Passcode: 92772

News from our parish school - Mrs. Betts, our headteacher, writes:

On Monday, Mrs Myatt and our GIFT team organised a prayerful day for us to reflect on our own Lenten journey and that of Jesus during the events of Holy Week. We began the day with a Whole School Mass in the church with Fr Joseph. There were lots of lovely comments about the children's singing.

Mass was followed by our Lent Day of Faith, where different activities planned by Mrs Myatt and the GIFT team were undertaken by the children, ably supported by several parishioners. Prayer spaces were set up around the hall, providing the children with opportunities to reflect on the events of Holy Week, asking 'big questions'; writing a prayer asking God to help those in power around the world to make choice for all; reflecting on our own crosses that we bear - sometimes our problems and fears feel heavy; making links in our own daily lives – perhaps by turning over a new leaf and praying to God to ask for help just as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane and saying sorry, knowing that we are forgiven through Jesus' death on the cross.

The children all made a mini Easter Garden, an Easter card and yummy Resurrection biscuits. It was a time for the whole school to stop and reflect on the events of Holy Week, participating in an interactive prayer space. The opportunity to sit quietly with their own thoughts is always valued by the children and as always, they engaged well with the prayers. Although the prayer spaces are primarily an opportunity for personal reflection, they also spark thoughtful conversation and support our children's mental health and spiritual development

Refugees at Home - looking for hosts

Refugees at Home connects people with a spare room to refugees and asylum seekers in need of somewhere to stay. Each placement is different, and the length of hosting can vary from a few nights to several months and anything in between. Hosting is entirely altruistic, and we do not pay hosts for giving up their spare rooms.

We are always looking for new hosts with a spare room or two, in cities and towns that are well connected and have good public transport systems. Please refer to our website for further information on becoming a host:

<https://refugeesathome.org/get-involved/id-like-to-host/>

You can also contact the Caritas Diocese of Plymouth Refugee and Migration Project Lead, Alex Miranda, for more details: alexandra.miranda@prcdtr.org.uk

**Gift Aid 2024

The Gift Aid envelopes for tax year 2024/25 are now available at the back of each church. Apologies for the delay in getting them to you. Any queries please contact Paul Bowe at marnhull-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk

Total Average Weekly Collections for Feb 2024: **£1003.85**

Collections in church		Other online	Standing Orders
Loose Plate	Gift Aid	Non G/A	Gift Aided
£269	£82.50	£82.50	£569.85

Extended Hours! For New Church Bric a brac - On Wednesday 10th April from 11am to 7pm,

the New Church will be open to all Parishioners to come and help themselves to any items left behind by the previous occupants. **Please come and see if you can find something useful - this will help us to get rid of stuff as well as keeping items out of landfill. Donations would be welcome**

Buckfast Abbey Events & Retreats

Priests' Retreat 8th-12th April 2024
Creation Retreat 6th-10th May 2024
Garden Retreat 14th-18th October 2024
For more information & to book:

<https://www.monasticretreats.co.uk/directory/buckfast-abbey/>

PARISH FUNDRAISING SWEEPSTAKE 2024

Application forms are available in both churches and also online via the website [here](https://www.monasticretreats.co.uk/directory/buckfast-abbey/) Entries in by 31st March deadline please for inclusion in the April prize draw.

Thank you, Pam