



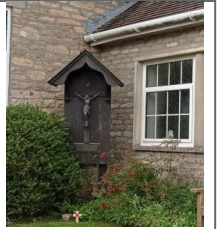
# OUR LADY'S, MARNHULL & ST BENEDICT'S, GILLINGHAM

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER ONYEBUCHI CLETUS IBEKA

Deacons: Rev. Deacon James Mackain-Bremner

Rev. Deacon Michael Turnbull

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## 6TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

## 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sun 16th Feb	Marnhull	9am Holy Mass	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Iris Frost RiP
	Gillingham	11am Holy Mass		Joan Hurst RiP
	Marnhull	6pm Holy Mass		The People of the Parish
Mon 17th Feb	Marnhull	9.30am Holy Mass <i>followed by Rosary</i>		Rory Herbert
Tues 18th Feb		NO MASS		
Weds 19th Feb	Gillingham	10am Holy Mass <i>followed by Rosary</i>		
Thurs 20th Feb	Marnhull	9.30 Holy Mass <i>followed by Adoration</i>		
Fri 21st Feb	Gillingham	5pm <i>Confession, Evening Prayer, Adoration</i> 6pm Holy Mass		
Sat 22nd Feb	Marnhull	10am Holy Mass <i>Followed by Confession</i>	<b>The Chair of St Peter, Apostle - FEAST</b>	

### 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, Rory Herbert, Norma Wilcox.

**Sunday Readers:** Our Lady's 9am: Steve; St Benedict's: Barbara; Our Lady's 6pm: Christophe;

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### Racial Justice Day - Sunday 17th February

For tolerance and respect, for an openness to neighbours and strangers.

For the broadening of our horizons and an awareness of what is happening in our world.

For individuals, groups or movements that promote war and conflict.

That Christ, the prince of Peace, might turn hearts to a culture of life.



Please pray for the repose of  
the soul of

**Ted Elmore**

Who died peacefully on 2nd  
February 2025

**May he Rest in Peace**

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

**Confession is available by appointment - Please ring Fr Cletus on 01258 820388**

**"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."** Recent Sunday readings were a timely reminder to us all of the Church's mission to spread the Good News of the Gospel, in Greek 'the Evangelion'. As St Teresa expressed so famously, WE are now God's hands, feet etc to go out to the whole world in the place of Christ. How we offer witness as individuals is just that: we may not be called to go out on the missions or stand on street corners or preach but as St Peter wrote, "the body does not consist of one member but of many." We can all witness simply through how we live as Christians; we also have a responsibility to witness through what we say when those opportunities arise to share our Baptismal hope. St Peter also wrote: "Always be prepared to make a defence to anyone who calls you to account for the hope you have in you, yet do it with gentleness and love." As Ezra gave the people the meaning of the Law so that the people understood, so we all need to understand our faith as much as we can and how to express it with confidence, even just in a few words, to those we meet in our daily lives. As Pilgrims of Hope, learning about faith is ongoing! Our Parish group meets generally on the third Thursday of the month for about an hour with a short period of Adoration followed by the sharing of encounters (and sometimes missed opportunities from which we can learn), plus planning for the future through the liturgical Calendar, studying the Catechism and Scriptures (watch this space), local events, and reaching out to others: the lapsed, other Christians and those many who have little knowledge of Christ and His Church. **Next meeting: Thursday 20th February after 9.30 Mass but other times could be arranged. Do come and see what help we can give each other to share our beautiful faith. Speak to Deacon James for further information. Tony Moore**

### **\*\*New\*\* - Young Adults Rome Pilgrimage**



Do you want to deepen your faith and engage more fully in your Catholic community? Come and encounter the breadth and depth of the Catholic Church with a Pilgrimage to Rome **28<sup>th</sup> July-4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 for 20-35 year olds**. As well as Mass with Pope Francis, you will experience the vibrancy of the Church as you are surrounded by thousands of young pilgrims from around the world, glorifying God. You will then be able to share this unique experience by giving back to your community from the riches that God wills to give to you. For more information and to register your interest by **17<sup>th</sup> February**, please follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/fhZ8zmvLy6>

**Pilgrim passports are now available at the back of the church** - these contain information on the four churches designated by Plymouth Diocese as places of pilgrimage. **For information on the Jubilee Year & pilgrimages, please see our website:** <https://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk/newsletter> & click on the link **Pilgrims Of Hope Plymouth** which includes an encouraging reflection and video message from Canon Paul Cummins.

**Lent Talks and Lunches: Churches Together Marnhull - 7th March - 11th April at Midday.** The subject of this year's 30 minute talks is prayer, and over the six weeks we will reflect on the importance of prayer in the life of a Christian. The leaders will invite those present to experience different forms of prayer: Lectio, Ignatian, Celtic, Prayer of Silence, Our Father. All talks are open to all denominations. Our Lady's will lead the talks on 21st March and 11<sup>th</sup> of April. Please note that we will only be able to offer lunch after three of the talks. This is because there is a clash between the village lunches and Lent lunches. Lunch will be offered on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. Our Lady's will provide lunch on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The tradition of ecumenical Lent talks is an old one in Marnhull, and it provides a significant witness to our shared faith. Please come and listen and enjoy a bowl of soup with wonderful company. Proceeds of lunch to be donated to the food bank. Jacintha.

**\*\*New\*\* Gather Conference Fri 28<sup>th</sup>-Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March.** Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay  
Come and share a weekend of faith, formation and friendship at the annual **Gather Conference**. David McLoughlin, theologian and lecturer will offer keynote presentations on the four great Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: Dei Verbum, Sacrosanctum Concilium, Gaudium et Spes and Lumen Gentium. Booking forms can be downloaded from the website, or email [plymouthgather@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgather@yahoo.com) for more info.

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat** 22nd February 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE – THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR GUIDE." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Gerry Penfold. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at [/bit.ly/ADOREFEB2025](https://bit.ly/ADOREFEB2025) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

### **\*\*New\*\* Flame 2025, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Flame is aimed at young people aged 13- 23. The Diocese will be taking 2 coaches of young people one coach starting from Plymouth, picking up on route through Devon. The other coach will be taking a group from Dorset. Flame is a series of speakers and bands from across the world. This year's lineup includes: Lily Jo; Guvna B; Bear Grylls and Bryan Enriquez amongst others. Young people are always very inspired by the event. For more details about the programme: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/> Tickets are £35 to include entry and travel. To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xFz6K2Vkd7> For further information contact, Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

**\*\*New\*\* Bookings are open for Stay Awake 2025! Date: Saturday, 5th April** Venue: All Saints School in Weymouth (Sunnyside Rd, Weymouth DT4 9BJ). For more information and to book for this exciting, all day Catholic Christian Conference which caters for all ages (children's streams, speakers, workshops, Mass and pizza ), please click the link: <https://www.stayawakejc.com/2025> and enjoy the website for a taste of this enlivening and spiritually rich day....and please do come - whatever your age - it is for you. Refreshments and pizza in the evening are included but please bring a packed lunch! This event is free for all children in and below Yr 9 (£10 from Year 10-12 and £12.50 for Adults). We look forward to welcoming YOU! Pippa Worth, On behalf of the 'Stay Awake' Core Team.

**\*\*New\*\* NEWS FROM THE CCSP** 2024 was a wonderful year for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) thanks to the generosity of all our loyal supporters, parishes, schools and grant funders. Our Annual Appeal, Crib appeal, Great Big Diocesan Quiz, orange box recycling scheme and ink cartridge recycling scheme all raised record breaking totals for our small children's charity. Final totals will be included in the Spring edition of our newsletter 'Children First' which should be sent to all parishes sometime in April. This means that we have been able to help so many families thanks to you all. We receive some wonderful feedback from families who tell us what a massive difference our support makes to their family life.