

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✕ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT B ✕

Readers this week :6.30pm Princy Manuel/Kieran Shannon	9:30am Tony Luckhurst/Nnamdi Eke	11:30am <u>Dinah Kansime/Joan Aruma</u>
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Reading 1	Isa 63:16-17; 64:3-8	<i>Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.</i>
Psalm	Ps 79:2-3,15- 16,18-19	<i>God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 1:3-9	<i>We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Ps 84:8	<i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us your saving help</i>
Gospel	Mark 13:33-37	<i>Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.</i>

Readers next week: 6.30pm Josmy Manuel/Betty Sequiera	9.30am Tania Jackson/Bridget Iwu	11.30am Titus Eneh/Chelsea Atoe
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- ✕ Please pray for Joan Dolan† and David Parsonage† who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✕ Cecilia Maynard, Mary Cunningham, Christina Tickell, Ivy Muscat, Bryon Pennington, Mary Morrissey, Paul Vella & Violet Brook.
- ✕ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

✕ MASS INTENTIONS ☐

Saturday 2nd December	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Derek McManus
Sunday 3rd		9.30am	Repose of the souls of Aubrey & Mary Jamieson & Spiritual Welfare of Ryan & Tony Belsey
		11.30am	Pro Populo
Monday 4th St. John Damascene		10.00am	Conversion of sinners
Tuesday 28th St John Almond		10.00am	Intentions of Gillian Knight
Wednesday 6th St Nicholas		10.00am	
Thursday 7th St Ambrose		10.00am	
Friday 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed VIRGIN Mary		10.00am	Wedding anniversary of Teresa & Steve Cottam & Repose of the souls of Ken Brice & Derek Knight
		7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Joan Dolan
Saturday 9th Feria		10.00am	Repose of the soul of Alice Cassidy
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £611.78 of which £109.50 was Gift Aided and the Second collection amounted to £267.24 of which £41.45 was Gift Aided..

Thank you.

PARISH NOTICES.

TODAY IS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS.

NATIONAL YOUTH - the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer,



please see our website tinyurl.com/scys1. Please also sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork to receive regular updates.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced further resources at worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023.

ADVENT - We are now in the time for the Church's preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered. Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight..

DEVOTIONS to the Blessed Virgin Mary continue by praying the rosary every day. The time for reciting the rosary here at the Church is 9.30 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY– All children who have yet to make their First Holy Communion are welcome. Meet in the Presbytery until the Hall is available.

WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST – Following Pope Francis' Day of Prayer & Fasting, please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, especially for the people of Israel & Gaza and for peace in the world. 'Donate to **CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers 'into providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers'

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – **CAFOD** have issued their annual Christmas World Gift booklets for this year. Please take a booklet to see how you can help those in need in the world. There is a variety of gifts with prices to suit every pocket.

REPOSITORY -. The Repository shop will be in the McMahan hall again next weekend 2nd -3rd December. There is a variety of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, candles and everything you need for Christmas. Please come and browse.

FREE MISSIO CALENDARS are available at the back of the church. .

MISSIO RED boxes. As we approach end of 2023 could all MISSIO supporters please bring their **RED BOXES** to the sacristy to be emptied.

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL – There is mass every Sunday at Medway hospital chapel, at 2 pm especially for the staff, the patients, and the visitors.

FOOD BANK NEWS – A special "Thank You" to those parishioners who have been so generous by supporting the **SVP FOOD BANK collection**. There is still a desperate need for more donations to help those in our community. Not necessary tins or pasta but also biscuits/sweets/toiletries for both male and females/ soft drinks etc. there is an updated shopping list at the back of the church and **particular** items that the Food Bank need at this time are Instant mash, Tinned/packet custard and pasta sauces

BAPTISMS – Parents who wish to have their children baptised should see Deacon Michael after one of the Sunday Masses.

SAFEGUARDING – We would like to remind parents/carers that young children must be accompanied by an adult should they need to leave the church for any reason. It is your responsibility to keep them safe while on church premises.