

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✘ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✘

<b>Reading 1</b>	Jer 23:1-6	<i>The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 22 r.2	<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Eph 2:13-18	<i>Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John	<i>The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the</i>
<b>Acclamation</b>	10:27	<i>Lord, I know them and they follow me.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 6:30-34	<i>They were like sheep without a shepherd.</i>

**Readers this week;** 6.30pm Bridget Iwu/Yolanda Danday 9.30am Samuel Robson/Chizoba Okeke 11.30am Shakira Kara/Joan Aruma  
6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Maureen O-Krakue

**Readers next week;** 6:30pm Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Edeji Family  
11.30am Joseph Kuruvilla/Titus Eneh 6.30pm Chidubem Uche

- ✘ Please pray for Francis Rodriguez who has recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Bill Owen, Agnes McDermott, Mary Aitken, John O'Brien, Cenney Cannavina, Patrick McCormick, Sheila Hunt, Mick Robinson, Michael Szemelak, Richard Burgess, Anthony Cullen, Mary Nash, Margaret Finlayson Antonietta Fantetti & Edward Dann
- ✘ May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

**Weekly Offertory – the** collection amounted to £1030.13 of which £172.85 was Gift Aided. The Stella Maris collection amounted to £173.88 of which £25.00 was Gift Aided. Both collections included Contactless payments and Football parking amounted to £220.00  
Thank you.

## PARISH NOTICES

**NEXT SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY IS GRANDPARENTS' SUNDAY** - The theme chosen by the Holy Father - "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. *Psalm 71:9*) - is meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture. In this year of preparation for the Jubilee, which the Holy Father wishes to be devoted to prayer, the theme of the World Day is taken from Psalm 71, the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of his friendship with God. By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that - as Scripture states - "It is not good for man to be alone" (*Gen 2:18*).

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY** – That the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones.

**PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING -SATURDAY 10 AUGUST** – As previously mentioned, this will be the first Youth meeting for those parishioners aged between 16 and 35 years old. The meeting starts at **4.30 pm** in the Parish Hall and dinner will be served at 7.30pm after the 6.30 pm Vigil Mass. Please put your details on the form at the back of the church.

**TRADES PEOPLE IN THE PARISH** – It has been suggested that the parish keeps a register of trades people who would be interested in doing work for the church, and parishioners. Fr Dennis needs, in particular, bricklayers & carpenters but we need a wide variety of trades people. Forms are available at the back of the church for those who wish to express their interest. Please return completed forms to Fr Dennis or to the parish office.

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON** is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at **Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent** on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

**ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER** – Archbishop John Wilson recently visited Nigeria and has sent this pastoral letter addressed to our Nigerian parishioners, copies of which are at the back of the church. Please take one

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life **3 AUGUST** – Pilgrim Mass at 12 noon. Follow online at [youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV](https://youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV) Please see the poster at the back of the church for other details.

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July  
**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July

9.30am Repose of the soul of Dyton Malino &  
Ronald Keating's intentions

11.30am Repose of the soul of Jude Okoro

6.30pm Repose of the soul of Bill Owen

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**St Mary Magdalene**

10.00am Repose of the soul of Elizabeth &  
Jude Okoro

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**St Bridget, Patron of Europe**

10.00am Deceased members of the Keating Family

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am Repose of the souls of Jude Okoro &  
Ken & Jessie Elmore

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

**St James, Apostle**

10.00am Repose of the souls of Barry & Thelma  
Hodgman

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady**

10.00am Repose of the souls of Jude Okoro &  
Joe Kelly

**7.30pm** Repose of the soul of Bernard Bligh

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

**Our Lady**

10.00am Repose of the souls of Jude Okoro &  
Joan Dolan

**Followed by Exposition and Confessions**

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm Intentions of Elaine Keating

### **THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL**

A little boy and his father visited the local store. Upon leaving the store, the store owner offered the little boy some free sweets. "Get a handful of candies," the merchant said to the boy. The boy just stood there looking up at his father. The owner repeated himself, "Son, get a handful of sweets; they're free." Again, the boy did not move, continuing to look up in the face of his father. Finally, the father reached into the candy jar and got a handful and gave it to his son. As they walked back home, the father stopped and asked his son why he did not grab a handful of the free sweets. The boy, with a big smile on his face, looked into the face of his father and said, "Because I know that your hand is bigger than mine."

God's hand is greater than ours. As children of God in certain situations we need to wait and look at the divine face of Lord in our prayers until he uses his great hand to bring us what we deserve to receive. What is channelled to us through the hand of God shall always be great and shall last.

To get that order right is to get the most from our faith. It means that I'm no longer confined to the tiny world of my plans and projects, no matter how lofty they seem. It means that I abandon my own script to be cast in the drama that God himself scripts, directs and produces because the stories we tell about ourselves are only as interesting and compelling as the imaginations of our little minds. The fun begins when we resign to playing a part in God's own drama. St (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta once said that if you want to give God a good laugh, tell Him your plans.