

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✘ TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✘

<b>Reading 1</b>	Josh 24:1-2, 15-18	<i>We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 33:2-3. 16-23 r.9	<i>Taste and see that the Lord is good.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Eph 5:21-32	<i>This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	cf John 6:63.68	<i>Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 6:60-69	<i>Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.</i>

**Readers this week;** 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Augustine Eghomare

9.30am Amarachi Uhuegbu/lfeoma Ihuegbu 11.30am Daniella Ibeh/Titus Eneh  
6.30pm Maureen O-Krakue/

**Readers next week;** 6:30pm Josmy Manuel/Yolanda Danday 9.30am Benedict Kenechukwu/Sharon Chinwuba 11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Joan Aruma 6.30pm Devine Uche/Stanley O-Krakue

- ✘ Please pray for the following who have recently died: Rita Bailey†, Tracy Nelis†, Francis Rodriguest† & Abele Fantetti† and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Cosimo Larini, Edward Obasuyi, Teresa Vella, John Fleming, Walter Hardy, Tony Crack, Albert Pullen & Antonio Rozza.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

**This Week's collection amounted to £843.01** of which £218.00 was Gift Aided including Contactless payments..

Thank you.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.



**PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY** – Based on the previous youth meeting our parish has formed a youth group named **OLOG – Seeds**. We invite and encourage all our young people between the age of 16 – 35 years to join this group. The membership registration forms are available at the back of the church; pick a form, complete it and bring it back to the parish office.

**INVITATION TO THE YOUTH CONCERT – 21 September 9am – 5pm St Mellitus Park London.** This invitation is for young adults aged between **16 – 35 years old**. Tickets are free. Please refer to the QR code in the flyer at the back of the church to register. Transportation will be provided by the parish only to the registered members of the Parish Youth Group. Forms are available at the back of the church to let us know the number of young adults joining in this concert.

**NEXT SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION.** The *Season of Creation* itself extends from this date until 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. On this occasion, the Holy Father writes a Message addressed to the Catholic Church and to all people of good will. Please visit [message](#) to read the Pope's full message:

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST** – Catholics are asked to pray that political leaders “be at the service of their own people” and also that they work for the common good, integral human development, and take care of those who have lost their jobs and give priority to the poor.

**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.

**THANKS** to all who took part in last week's procession in honour of Our Lady and who enjoyed the Bring and Share lunch

**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST WEEKEND RETREAT - 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, AYLESFORD PRIORY.** For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection Jesus. Cost £260 Single shared £230. For more information and bookings contact: Tel: 01622 717 272 or email: [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

**Celebrate Trust** is a Catholic ministry that inspires and equips people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, in support of the family, to form the next generation and encourage local community. Visit: <https://www.celebratetrust.org>

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday, 24th August

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm

Deceased parishioners

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am

Repose of the soul of Teresa Vella

11.30am

Recently deceased parishioners

6.30pm

Pro Populo

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am

Repose of the soul of Teresa Wise

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

**St Monica**

10.00am

Repose of the soul of Gerald Odi Osakwe

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August **St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

10.00am

Alfreda & Colin's wedding anniversary

12.30

Memorial Mass for Francis Rodrigues

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August

**The Passion of St John the Baptist**

10.00am

Repose of the soul of Claire Ansell &

Alfreda Smith's intentions

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

**SSS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward**

10.00am

Children starting at St Mary's & St John

Fishers schools

7.30pm

Holy Souls

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

10.00am

Repose of the soul of Helen Wigley

**Followed by Exposition and Confessions**

1pm Filipino Mass

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm

Pro Populo

## THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON IN THE CHURCH PLEASE  
MEET THE PARISH PRIEST OR DEACON MICHAEL KNIGHT

### **What does a Permanent Deacon do in the Church?**

Formation of Permanent Deacons (1998, n.8, n.9), explains that a deacon is ordained by the Bishop and in communion with the priests he is called to serve the People of God and to proclaim the scriptures and exhort and teach the people. Secondly, as a call to administer the sacrament of baptism, distribute the Eucharist, bless marriages and conduct funerals. Finally, it describes a deacon's ministry as that of charity and helping those in the community who are disadvantaged and are in need. In undertaking this three-fold ministry, the deacon works collaboratively, assisting the bishop by serving alongside and helping the priest.

### **How does a Permanent Deacon demonstrate their service?**

The three munera (duty to teach, duty to sanctify, and duty to shepherd) are expressed in the three-fold ministry of the permanent deacon as follows:

**Ministry of the Word** – In this ministry, the deacon proclaims the Gospel, and also preaches, thereby teaching the faithful the belief of the Catholic Church in accordance with scripture and the Magisterium of the Church (Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons, n.23). He serves by relating the Word of God to daily life through preaching, and often calling upon his lived experiences in the world thereby being able to connect the secular and sacred

**Ministry of the Altar**– The deacon acts as a minister of the mysteries of Christ and the (Ordination Rite for Deacons, 1990, n.199). The deacon acts as a link between the faithful and Christ, by representing them on the altar, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist presided by the priest. Guidance on the permanent diaconate says, *“Deacons assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries. They should therefore work to promote liturgical celebrations which involve the whole assembly”*.

**Ministry of Charity** – The deacon is a driving force for the Church's *diakonia* (Ordination Rite for Deacons, 1990, n.99, n.207), reminding the People of God to live out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the world, empowering by example and leadership in bringing Christ into every area of life. The deacon serves “all the faithful without discrimination, while devoting particular care to the suffering” (Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons, n.38). This includes the poor, the sick and those in prison. The deacon may also be called upon to support people in marriage difficulties or bereavement.

**TO LET** – A four-bedroom property in Gillingham is available for rental. Suitable for families. Please contact 07411057307 for further details