

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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5 January 2025

✧ **The Epiphany of the Lord** ✧

Reading 1	Isa 60:1-6	<i>Above you the glory of the Lord appears.</i>
Psalm	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 r. cf. 11	<i>All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.</i>
Reading 2	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	<i>It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 2:2	<i>We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.</i>
Gospel	Matt 2:1-12	<i>We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.</i>

Readers this week

6:30pm Benedict Kenechukwu/ Augustine Eghmare	9.30am Samuel Robson/ Nnamdi Eke	11.30am Danielle Ibeh/ Shakira Kara	6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Ugochi Uche
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Readers next week:

6.30 Oliver Perez/ Yolanda Danday	9.30am Vincent Obi/ Ann Williams	11.30am Sinachi Uhuoma / Joan Aruma	6.30pm Divine Uche/ Ugochi Uche
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✧ Please pray for Beryl Brooker †, Julieta Gomes†, Maureen Chadwick† and Catherine O'Sullivan who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time are:

✧ Frances DeWit, Richard Anthony Turner, Eileen McQuiggan, James Gordon, James Daly, Josefa Almeida, Fredrick Arthur Weller, William Bryne, Michela Libertuci, Donalda McGuire, Marie Kiernan, Robert Ryan, Patrick Storey, Valerie Murray and Jane Hammond. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections Last week's collection amounted to £593.94 of which £85 was Gift Aided.

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PARISH NOTICES

FLAME 2025 – We have booked 20 seats only. All our young people of OLOG Seeds Youth ministry, age 16 and above, who want to attend FLAME 2025 on 15th March, in London, at a cost of £29, the registration forms are available at the back of the Church (first come first serve). Those who are 16 -17 years you need the permission of your parents/guardian and Fr. Pascoal (youth chaplain).

PARISH OFFICE - As we pray for the quick recovery of our Secretary Jo, the following have volunteered to stand in and serve the parish office, Carmelita Wheeler on Mondays, Betty Sequiera on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Toni Putland booking of masses and Penny producing the parish newsletter.

CAR PARK – We appeal to gentlemen of good will who can volunteer to help in the Car park when we have football to contact the parish office.

2025 JUBILEE YEAR – In a spirit of our Christian commitment of celebrating the 2025 jubilee year, a companion booklet of the jubilee year has been published. You can get it from the repository at £1.50 only.

PAXI CHRISTI – On Sunday 19th January is Peace Sunday and Paxi Christi is works and promotes a world where all people can live in peace without fear of any form of violence. Thus, aiming at abolition of wars and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes shall be distributed next Sunday so donate generously for the above cause in the second collection of 19th January.

FR PASCOAL GOMES: As a parish we shall have a memorial mass for the repose of the soul of the mother of Fr. Pascoal (Julieta Gomes) on Monday 6th January 2025 at 6.30pm. Let us make effort to be there. Julieta was buried in Angola on 3rd December 2024.

FR. DENNIS BUKENYA: Due to the ill health of his mother, Fr. Dennis will be travelling to Uganda on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

BLESSINGS OF HOMES: Please return the completed forms as to help us in organizing the pastoral visits and blessing of your families during this Christmas season. Those who did not get the forms, you can collect them at the back of the Church.

FOOD BANK - The S.V.P. wish thank all our parishioners for their generous donations at Christmas and during the year 2024. There are many families in our community who have benefited from your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME JANUARY 2025

There will be a parent only evening for those who have completed and returned their application on Friday, 10th January at 6.30pm in the church followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL – meets on the second Sunday of every month the after 11.30 Mass

PASTORAL SUPPORT TO PARISHIONERS – Those in need of spiritual direction, pastoral guidance and counselling, please book an appointment with Fr. Dennis, Fr. Pascoal or Deacon Michael.

Mass intentions for the week of 5th January 2025

Saturday 04 th Jan	Vigil Mass	Lee Family Intentions
The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday 05 th Jan	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of James W Lane Fred Holy Souls
Monday 6 th Jan	10.00am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 7 th Jan	10.00am	Thank you to Peggy Intentions of Claude Alvares
Wednesday 8 th Jan	10.00am	Thank you to Frances
Thursday 9 th Jan	10.00am	Well Being for Christine Trelle
Friday 10 th Jan	10.00am 7.30pm	Well Being for Jo Firth Happy Birthday Carmenta Wheeler Holy Souls
Saturday 11 th	10.00am Vigil Mass	Repose of the soul of Brian Buiultyens Repose of the soul of Beryl Brooker Followed by Exposition and Confession Repose of the soul of Una Brice

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.

CONTACTLESS MACHINES: We apologize to you that our contactless machines at the back of the Church are not working due to the internet connection problems. All the parishioners who make donations and church collections by card use the **Contactless machine at the Sacristy.**

Our Lady Of Gillingham Parish 2025 Jubilee Year *Pilgrims of Hope*



We are pilgrims of hope on a journey of faith with trust in God's providence, through the light of Christ and the Holy Spirit. United in love, sharing the kingdom of God and cherishing eternal life as a family of God, may the Jubilee year be a time of divine mercy, grace and renewal of our relationship with God and with one another.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR: Strengthen My Faith

Heavenly father,
with everything that has
happened last year.
If there is anything I have learnt,
it is that you oh Lord,
are faithful to those who wait
on You and trust in You.

So, father, in the new year, I
pray that You strengthen my
faith in You.

I have no idea what the new

year is going to bring.
But one thing I know for
sure, is that, with you by
my side, there's nothing
that I can't face in the
coming year.

Help me to lean on you
Help me to trust in you
Help me to hold on to my
faith in You.

In Jesus' name I pray, **Amen.**

Many thanks and New Years' Blessings to all our parishioners, and gratitude to all the teams; volunteers, stewards, altar servers, choirs, OLOG Seeds, lay readers, cleaners, parish staff, decorators, pious groups, Catechists and all those who have assisted in the running of the parish. May the grace of God uphold you in 2025!