

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✧ **Baptism of the Lord** ✧

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Reading 1	Isa 40:1-5, 9-11	<i>The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.</i>
Psalm	Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30 4. 1	<i>Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.</i>
Reading 2	Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7	<i>He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Luke 3:16	<i>Some is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.</i>
Gospel	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	<i>While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.</i>

Readers this week

6:30pm 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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Readers next week:

6.30 pm Gabriel Concepcion/ Kieran Shannon	9.30am Chizoba Okeke/ Sharon Chinwuba	11.30am Sinachi Uhuoma/ Ellie Tetteh	6.30pm Chidubem 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:

✧ Harold Cardwell, Fredrick Wigley, Mary Smith, Emma Gooding, Joan Barton, Mary Gallagher, Pasquall Galantini, George Mullings, Herbert Barton, Stephen Plummer and Ronald Gordon. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections Last week's collection amounted to £379.64 of which £119.00 was Gift Aided.

Next week's second collection is for **PAXI CHRISTI**

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.



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 Sequeira on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Toni Putland booking of masses and Pennie 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 but currently sold out. Back in stock soon.

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.

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 - A parent only meeting was held on Friday at 6.30pm in the church followed by Mass. For those of you who were unable to attend, please keep an eye on your emails for details and updates. The first lesson will take place on **Saturday, 18th January at 11.45am** in the parish hall. If you do not receive an email from gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk, please check you spam/junk folder or contact team via email.

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.

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!

Mass intentions for the week of 12th January 2025

Saturday 11 th Jan Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Una Brice
The Baptism of the Lord Sunday 12 th Jan	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Cottam Family Reconciliation Jan Michael Segarra Thanksgiving Holy Souls
Monday 13 th Jan	10.00am	Well Being for Vyacheslak Repose of the soul of Beryl Brooker
Tuesday 14 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul for Beryl Brooker
Wednesday 15 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul for Beryl Brooker
Thursday 16 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul for Beryl Brooker
Friday 17 th Jan	10.00am 7.30pm	Repose of the soul for Beryl Brooker Holy Souls
Saturday 18 th Jan Vigil Mass	10.00am 12.30pm	Thanksgiving and knowledge of Nnamdi Ifeany Nicholas Followed by Exposition and Confession Filipino Mass Holy Souls

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.