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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th January 2025

Reading 1	Isa 62:1-5	<i>The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.</i>
Psalm	Ps 95:1-3, 7-10 r. 3	<i>Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 12:4-11	<i>One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 6:63. 68	<i>Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
	cf. 2 Thess 2:14	<i>Through the Good News God called us to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
Gospel	John 2:1-11	<i>This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was at Cana in Galilee.</i>

Readers this 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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Readers next week:

6.30 pm Benedict Kenechukwu/ Yolanda Danday	9.30am Ifeomahuegbu/ Amarachi Ihuegbu	11.30am Chelsea Atoe/ Dinah Kansiiime	6.30pm Divine Uche/ Ugochi Uche
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✠ Please pray for Thomas Hanrahan †Beryl Brooker †, Julieta Gomes†, Maureen Chadwick† and Catherine O'Sullivan who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time are:

✠ Maria Di Lisio, Harold Hopper, Isaac Uzoegbu, Michael Dickinson, Peter Ince, Carlo Ferrari, Maurice Kavanagh, Thomas Macken and Michael Connolly. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections Last week's collection amounted to £738.00 of which £70.00 was Gift Aided. Football collection was £281.00.

Today's second collection is for **PAXI CHRISTI**

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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 Sequeira on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Toni Putland booking of masses and Pennie producing the parish newsletter.

CAR PARK – We appeal to gentlemen of goodwill 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.

PASTORAL LETTER - a letter from the Archbishop John Wilson on 'Called to Bear Fruit' is to be read at all Sunday Masses this weekend. Copies of the letter is at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025 - The next lesson will be on **Saturday, 8th February at 11.45am** in the parish hall. The first parent session will take place on Thursday 13th February at **6pm** in the hall. Parents please add our email address gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk to your safe sender list to avoid missing any updates.

CHRISTIAN UNITY – Today we begin a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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.**

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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 19th January 2025

Vigil Mass	Saturday 18 th Jan	10.00am	Thanksgiving and knowledge of Nnamdi Ifeany Nicholas Followed by Exposition and Confession
		12.30pm	Filipino Mass
		6.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 19 th Jan	9.30am 11.30am	Happy 90 th Birthday Noel Bea Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs Nicola Dilisio	
	6.30pm	Holy Souls	
Monday 20 th Jan	10.00am	Thanksgiving of Jan Michael Segarra	
Tuesday 21 st Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Beryl Brooker Repose of the soul of Brian Buupejens Happy Birthday Pennie Clarke	
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Ann Regan	
Thursday 23 rd Jan	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Beryl Brooker	
Friday 24 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Aubrey Jamieson	
	7.30pm	Holy Souls	
Saturday 25 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Harold Hopper Followed by Exposition and Confession	
Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Mary Mahony	

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.