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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th January 2025 (C)

Reading 1 Neh 8:2-6, 8-10 *Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.*

Psalm Ps 18:8-10, 15 r. John 6:63 *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

Reading 2 1 Cor 12:12-30 *You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

shorter 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 *You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18 *The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.*

Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 *This text is being fulfilled today.*

Readers this week

6.30 pm Benedict Kenechukwu/ Yolanda Danday	9.30am Ifeoma Ihuegbu/ Amarachi Ihuegbu	11.30am Chelsea Atoe/ Dinah Kansiime	6.30pm Divine Uche/ Ugochi Uche
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Readers next week:

6.30 pm Oliver Perez/ Betty Sequiera	9.30am Aleens Abraham/ Ann Williams	11.30am Shakira Kara/ Joan Aruma	6.30pm Daniela Ibeh/ Ugochi Uche
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✠ Please pray for Clive Brooker† 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:

✠ Thomas Joseph Macken, Michael Connolly, Olive Lewis, Roy Batt, Patrick Kennedy, Honorah Hubbert, Antonio Nasillo, Nicola Di Lisio and Marguerite Williams. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections Last week's collection amounted to £659.40 of which £126.50 was Gift Aided. Football collection was £256.60.

Collection is for **PAXI CHRISTI** amounted £121.70

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PARISH NOTICES

THIS SUNDAY IS THE Word of God – in discovering and renewing a genuine love for the ‘*Word of God*’, we nurture our relationship with Christ.

FLAME 2025 – We have booked 20 seats only. If you have taken a form and have not returned it, then the deadline is 31st January 2025. 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.

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.

CALL TO BEAR FRUIT – Copies of these booklets are available for group coordinators to collect and discuss with your groups.

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.

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.**

YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT (Ages 13 – 17) – Saturday, 1 March at St John Fisher in Rochester. Further details will be forthcoming – Watch this Space!

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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 26th January 2025

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
Sunday 26 th Jan	9.30am	Repose of the soul Clive Brooker Peg Finlon
	11.30am	Repose of the souls of Alvaro and Afra Collaco
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Andrew Shirley
Monday 27 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Andrew Shirley Birthday Mass Helna Maria John
Tuesday 28 th Jan	10.00am	Intentions Shirley Varrall
Wednesday 29 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Andrew Campbell
Thursday 30 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Catherine O'Sullivan
Friday 31 st Jan	10.00am	Intentions for Peggy Thanksgiving of Hogan Family
	7.30pm	Holy Souls
Saturday 01 st Feb	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Kate Walsh Followed by Exposition and Confession
Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pro Populo

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.