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The Presentation of the Lord – 2nd February 2025

Reading 1	Malachi 3:1-4	<i>The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.</i>
Psalm	Ps 23:7-10 r. 8	<i>Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord</i>
Reading 2	Heb 2:14-18	<i>It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Lk 2:32	<i>The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.</i>
Gospel	Lk 2:22-40	<i>My eyes have seen your salvation.</i>
	<i>shorter</i> Lk 2:22-32	<i>My eyes have seen your salvation.</i>

Readers this week

6.30pm 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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Readers next week:

6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion Yolanda Danday	9.30am Ann Rose Mathew/ Tania Jackson	11.30am Daniella Ibeh/ Titus Eneh	6.30pm Divine Uche/ Joan Aruma
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✘ Please pray for Deacon Simon Cockshutt † 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:

✘ Marguerite Williams, Nicola Di Lisio, Roy Woodward, Tony Phillips, Marie Hammond, Isobel Tapley, Kevin Ketchen, Margaret Atfield and Robert Martin. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections Last week's collection amounted to £585.50 of which £116.01 was Gift Aided.

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PARISH NOTICES

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).

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

PARISH OFFICE - As we pray for the recovery of our secretary. The parish office will be covered by the following, Carmelita Wheeler on Mondays, Betty Sequeira on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Toni Putland booking of masses and Pennie producing the parish newsletter. **NB: Booking of masses, please give an alternate date if the prefer date is not available.**

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.**

THANK YOU - I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for the good wishes, gifts, masses prayers for my birthday celebrations. I was totally overwhelmed by everybody's kindness, thoughts and prayers. Thank you also for the warm OLOG welcome shown to my family. Pennie.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: *what you need to know, and what you can do?*

All parishioners are invited to a special talk on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm at St Michael's parish hall, Chatham. The speaker is Dr. Cajetan Skowronski, a specialist geriatric and palliative care doctor in the NHS. Refreshments served. Car park on site. Chatham train station 30 seconds away.

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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 2nd February 2025

Saturday 01 st Feb	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Kate Walsh
	Vigil Mass	Followed by Exposition and Confession Repose of the souls of Claudio Galon, Jr, Fe Nora Galon, Jeanet Tormes and Kris Galon
Sunday 02 nd Feb	9.30am	Pro Populo
	11.30am	In Thanksgiving and Understanding - Nnamdi Ifeany Nicholas
	6.30pm	Repose of the souls of George and Mary Jones
Monday 03 rd Feb	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Culhane Repose of the soul of Marianna Kurirose
Tuesday 04 th Feb	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Mary and Aubrey Jamieson Intentions for Pennie Clarke
Wednesday 05 th Feb	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Rev Fr A P Porter
	4.30pm	Body of the late Thomas Hanarahan is Receive
Thursday 06 th Feb	10.00am	Requiem Mass for the late Thomas Hanarahan followed by burial at Chatham Cemetery
Friday 07 th Feb	10.00am	Birthday Intentions for Bridget Iwo
	7.30pm	Intentions for Pennie Clarke
Saturday 08 th Feb	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Margaret McIntrye Repose of the soul of Rita McManagan
	Vigil Mass	Followed by Exposition and Confession Repose of the soul of Oscar Batallones

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.