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Fifth Sunday of the Year C - 9th February 2025

Reading 1	Isa 6:1-8	<i>Here I am, send me.</i>
Psalm	Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 r. 1	<i>Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 15:1-11	<i>I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 15: 15	<i>I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.</i>
Gospel	Luke 5:1-11	<i>They left everything and followed him.</i>

Readers this 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
Readers next week:			
6.30pm Benedict Kenechukwu/ Kieran Shannon	9.30am Edeji Family	11.30am Ellie Tetteh/ Dinah Kansime	6.30pm Victoria Shosanya/ Ugochi Uche

✘ Please pray for Deacon Simon Cockshutt† Clive and Beryl Brookert†, Julieta Gomes†, Maureen Chadwick†, Thomas Hanrahan†, Elizabeth Lynsdale† and Catherine O'Sullivan† who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✘ Robert (Peter)Martin Peter Nash, Igina Nasillo, Harry Barton, Rose Clegg, Salvatore Robusto, Sharon Fernandes, Olive Sherry, Margaret Miller, Eileen Jarrett, Ingeborg Sancto, Muriel Mathias, Lillian Lennon & Karen Bauce.

✘ May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections Last week's collection amounted to £624.15 of which £134.00 was Gift Aided and Football Parking amounted to £305.00
 The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.

Second collection next week for Racial Justice



PARISH NOTICES

NEXT SUNDAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – The second collection money goes to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

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 - NB: Booking of masses, please give an alternate date if the preferred 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.

BLESSING OF HOMES: Please return the completed forms so as to help us in organizing the pastoral visits and blessing of your families. 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 co-ordinators to collect and discuss with your groups.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025 - The next lesson will be **next Saturday, 8th February at 11.45am** in the parish hall. The first parent session will take place on Thursday 13th February at **6.30 pm** 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, please use the **Contactless machine at the Sacristy.**

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.

Flame 2025 15 MARCH - OVO Arena, Wembley – From 16years old only ‘. Forms should have been submitted by the end of January. Please see Fr Pascoal if you missed the deadline and wish to attend.

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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.***

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 08th Feb Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Margaret McIntyre Repose of the soul of Rita McManagan Followed by Exposition and Confession
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of
Sunday 9th Feb	9.30am	Cottam Family Reconciliation
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Peter Martin
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 10th Feb	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Ben Doyle
Tuesday 11th Feb	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Sharon and Joe Fernandes
Wednesday 12th Feb	10.00am	Well-Being for Mark Homewood
Thursday 13^h Feb	10.00am	Perpetua Pereira
Friday 14^h Feb	10.00am	Well-Being of Alfreda and Colin Smith
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Alice Gitimu
Saturday 15th Feb Vigil Mass	10.00am	Birthday of Jennifer – Thanksgiving to God Followed by Exposition and Confession
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Nerys Hayes

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.