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Sixth Sunday of the Year C - 16th 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 Benedict Kenechukwu/ Kieran Shannon	9.30am Edeji Family	11.30am Ellie Tetteh/ Dinah Kansime	6.30pm Victoria Shosanya/ Ugochi Uche
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Readers next week:

6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion/Betty Sequiera	9.30am Amarachi ilhuegbu/lfeioma lhuegbu	11.30am Chelsea Atoe/Joan Aruma	6.30pm Chidubm Uche/Joseph Kuruvilla
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✘ Please pray for Deacon Simon Cockshutt† Clive and Beryl Brooker†, 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:

✘ Godfrey Vandenburg, Linda Hannion, Joyce Terry Joseph (Joe) Borg, Hannah wadding, Martha Kitson, John Triggs, Paul Beatty, Joni Gallagher, Joanna Smith, Tom Perera and Robert (Paddy) Plummer.

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

Collections Last week's collection amounted to £625.52 of which £209.00 was Gift Aided.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.



Second collection today for Racial Justice

PARISH NOTICES

TODAY 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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY for Clergy Support Fund. It enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for clergy in their retirement, old age and at their time of ill-health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, the Church and his people

WELCOME back to Fr Dennis on his safe return from visiting his mother and family. Please keep his mother in your prayers.

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 -.. Parents, please add our email address gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk to your safe sender list to avoid missing any updates.

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY TODAY. As baptised children of the Most High God, it is our Father's will to invite all people to His banquet. Come and join us to spread the Good News of Our Lord. Give your details to deacon Michael, or Fathers Dennis or Pascoal. We invite new members to join the Legion of Mary at their weekly meetings every Sunday in the Presbytery living room at 10.40 am. For more information please call 07412859763.

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.

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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 15th Feb Vigil Mass	10.00am	Birthday of Jennifer – Thanksgiving to God Followed by Exposition and Confession
	12.30pm	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Nerys Hayes
Sunday 16 th Feb	9.30am	Ifeany Nicholas Nnandi - In thanksgiving for his job – and Well being of Mary Shirley
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Isaac Uzoegbu
Monday 17 th Feb	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs Di Lisio and Peter Murray's intentions
Tuesday 18 th Feb	10.00am	Repose of the soul Daniel Nelson
	2.00pm	Funeral of Elizabeth Lynsdale at Medway Crematorium
Wednesday 19 th Feb	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Paul Beatty & Intentions of Mary Shirley
Thursday 20 ^h Feb	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Beryl Brooker & John Foster
Friday 21 ST Feb	10.00am	Intentions of the Sequiera family
	7.30pm	Thanksgiving for the Karafamily
Saturday 22 nd Feb	10.00am	Alice & Victoria Parmenter's health and well being Followed by Exposition and Confession
	Vigil Mass 6.30pm	Adam Young – health and spiritual well being

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.