

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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## 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

<b>Reading 1</b>	1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23	<i>The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 r. 8	<i>The Lord is compassion and love.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	1 Cor 15:45-49	<i>We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	cf Acts 16:15	<i>Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.</i>
	John 13:34	<i>I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 6:27-38	<i>Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.</i>

### Readers this week

6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion/ Betty Sequiera	9.30am Amarachi Ihuegbu/ Ifeioma Ihuegbu	11.30am Chelsea Atoe/ Joan Aruma	6.30pm Chidubem Uche/ Joseph Kuruvilla
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### Readers next week:

6.30pm Francisca Okeke/Augustine Eghomare	9.30am Nnamdi Eke/Ann Rose Mathew	11.30am Titus Eneh/Ihuoma Onyehialam	6.30pm Shakira Kara/Ma'ttee
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✘ Please pray for Anne Connolly† Clive and Beryl Brooker†, Julieta Gomeš†, Maureen Chadwick†, Elizabeth Lynsdalet† and Catherine O'Sullivan† who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✘ Rozario Rubio, Maude Harris Margaret Wills, Patricia Hamilton, Patrick Galvin & Philip Redshaw.

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

**Collections:** Last week's collection amounted to **£623.26** of which **£119.10** was Gift Aided. **Second collection** for Racial Justice amounted to **£163.84** of which **£21.00** was Gift Aided. Football parking amounted to **£255.00** Thank you.  
 The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.



**Today's second collection is for the Clergy Support Fund.**

## PARISH NOTICES

### **SECOND COLLECTION TODAY 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.

**FLAME 2025** – Payments to be paid using the Contactless machine in the parish office.

**YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT** (Ages 13 – 17) –next Saturday, 1 March at St John Fisher in Rochester. Youth Co-ordinators will be contacting parents regarding this event.

**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 session will be Saturday; 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11.45am in the hall. Parents next session will be Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the hall. Should you wish to contact the team please email us at [gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk).

**JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY TODAY.** 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. Further 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.**

**Red Mission Boxes, Thank You.** The Missio secretary wishes to thank all those parishioners who continue to support our missionaries by keeping a Red Mission box at home. Special thanks to the two people who brought in their boxes last week, one of which, from an **anonymous** donor, was crammed with banknotes.

**Free** copies of the Spring edition of Missio are available in the porch, so please take one home to read the heart-warming stories about how your donations are helping the poor.

# Our Lady Of Gillingham Parish

## 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10.00am	Alice & Victoria Parmenter's health and well being <b>Followed by Exposition and Confession</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	12.30pm 6.30pm	<b>Filipino Mass</b>  Health & Spiritual wellbeing of Andrew Young
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Ifeany Nicholas Nnandi – In thanksgiving for his job & Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker  Repose of the soul of Patrick Galvin  Pro Populo
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Steven Cottam's (Jr) birthday intentions & repose of the souls of Clive and Beryl Brooker
Thursday 27 <sup>h</sup> Feb	10.00am 12.30pm	Repose of the souls of Sheila O'Hara & Clive & Beryl Brooker  Requiem Mass for Clive & Beryl Brooker followed by burial at Woodlands Cemetery
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am 7.30pm	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker  Repose of the soul of Anne Connolly
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	10.00am 6.30pm	In thanksgiving – Kara & Beguinot Families & Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker <b>Followed by Exposition and Confession</b>  In thanksgiving for Nathan Iyoriobhe's baby
<b>Vigil Mass</b>		

**We apologise for any names that are misspelt.**