

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

<b>Reading 1</b>	Eccl 27:4-7	<i>Do not praise a man before he has spoken.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 91:2-3, 13-16 r. 2	<i>It is good to give thanks to the Lord.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	1 Cor 15:54-58	<i>He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	cf Acts 16:15	<i>Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.</i>
	Phil 2: 15-16	<i>You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 6:39-45	<i>A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.</i>

### Readers this week

6.30pm Francisca Okeke Betty Sequiera	9.30am Nnamdi Eke Tania Jackson	11.30am Titus Eneh Chelsea Atoe	6.30pm Shakira Kara Victoria Shosanya
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### Readers next week:

6.30pm Oliver Perez/ Betty Sequiera	9.30am Ann Rose Mathew/ Chiamaka Doris Eke	11.30am Daniella Ibeh/ Samuel Robson	6.30pm UgochiUche /Joan Aruma
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✘ Please pray for Anne Connolly† Clive and Beryl Brooker†, Julieta Gomes†, Maureen Chadwick† and Catherine O'Sullivan† who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✘ Derek McManus, Phillip Flannery, Emmanuel Muscat and Robert Elder,

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

**Collections:** Last week's collection amounted to **£697.22** of which **£90.00** was Gift Aided. **Second collection** for Racial Justice amounted to **£159.09** of which **£14.00** was Gift Aided. Thank you.

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## PARISH NOTICES

**FLAME 2025** – Payments to be paid using the Contactless machine in the parish office or use Bank account RCAS Gillingham 60-08-37 55153119. Frs wish to express their sincere thanks to those parishioners who have generously contributed towards supporting this event. We still appeal to all who are willing to donate use the contactless machine or BACS.

**PARISH OFFICE - NB: Booking of masses, please give an alternate date if the preferred date is not available.**

**NEWSLETTERS** - please do not leave newsletters in the benches when you leave the church after Mass. Replace them on the windowsills at the back of the church. Thank you.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** this week sees the beginning of **LENT** – There are two Masses; 10.00am and 7.30pm during which ashes will be distributed. We shall as well have the Stations of the Cross on Mondays after 10.00am mass and on Fridays at 7.00pm.

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** Please complete the form at the back of the church if you wish to have your home blessed and return them to Frs. Dennis or Pascoal.

**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 **next** 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.

**CONFIRMATION** – If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation see Deacon Michael who will be organising Confirmation classes on Monday evenings for those children who are in Year 9 and above. Please see him for further details.

**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 apologise that our contactless machines at the back of the Church are not working due to the internet connection problems. All parishioners who make donations and church collections by card, please use the **Contactless machine at the Sacristy.**

**MISSIO** - 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. Also, on pages 20/21 there are also several sad stories of missionaries who have been murdered while tending their flocks.

**LENT EVENING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MEN** –St Michael's Chatham Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. More details next week.

# 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

<p>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March</p> <p><b>Vigil Mass</b></p>	<p>10.00am</p> <p>6.30pm</p>	<p>In thanksgiving – Kara &amp; Beguinot families</p> <p><b>Followed by Exposition and Confession</b></p> <p>In Thanksgiving – for Nathan Iyoriobhe's baby</p>
<p>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>9.30am</p> <p>11.30am</p> <p>6.30pm</p>	<p>Repose of the souls of Aubrey &amp; Mary Jamieson and Beryl &amp; Clive Brooker</p> <p>Intentions of Catherine Enoll</p> <p>Pro Populo</p>
<p>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>Repose of the souls of Clive &amp; Beryl Brooker</p> <p>Followed by Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Of the Cross Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>Repose of the soul of Valerie Keating</p>
<p>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b></p>	<p>10.00am</p> <p>7.30pm</p>	<p>Repose of the souls of Clive and Beryl Brooker</p> <p>Intentions of Marie Keating and Lee</p>
<p>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>Health and well-being of Vyacheslav</p>
<p>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>10.00am</p> <p>7.00 pm</p> <p>7.30pm</p>	<p>Repose of the souls of Clive &amp; Beryl Brooker</p> <p>Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Holy souls</p>
<p>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p><b>Vigil Mass</b></p>	<p>10.00am</p> <p>6.30pm</p>	<p>In thanksgiving –</p> <p><b>Followed by Exposition and Confession</b></p> <p><i>Pro Populo</i></p>

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