

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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9th March 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent - C

Reading 1	Eccl 27:4-7	<i>Do not praise a man before he has spoken.</i>
Psalm	Ps 91:2-3, 13-16 r. 2	<i>It is good to give thanks to the Lord.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 15:54-58	<i>He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	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>
Gospel	Luke 6:39-45	<i>A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.</i>

Readers this week

6.30pm Oliver Perez/ Betty Sequiera	9.30am Aleena Abraham/ Chiamaka Doris Eke	11.30am Daniella Ibeh/ Samuel Robson	6.30pm UgochiUche/Joan Aruma
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Readers next week:

6.30pm Kaycee Okeke/Joseph Kuruvilla	9.30am Ann Williams/Sharon Chinwuba	11.30am Divine Uche/Kathleen Kara	6.30pm <u>Seraphin</u> <u>Borces/Yolanda</u> <u>Danday</u>
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✘ Please pray for Angela Singh†, Michael Corcoran†, Anne Connolly† Clive and Beryl Brookert†, Julieta Gomes†, Maureen Chadwick† and Catherine O'Sullivan† who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✘ David Taylor, Richard Gibbons. Olga Scott, William Grant, Ronald Gordon, Jane Greef, Geoffrey Townsend, Phyllis Snuggs, Sydney Long, Michael Pearman, Maddalena Zeuli, Berniice Flannery, Maureen Hodgson & Ann Featherstone

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

Collections: Last week's collection amounted to £725.25 of which £91.00 was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £470.00. Thank you
 The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.



CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday

PARISH NOTICES

LENT – Stations of the Cross on Mondays after 10.00am mass and on Fridays at 7.00pm

LENT EVENING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MEN –St Michael's Chatham **Friday 14th March 7.00pm**. The evening will start with parish stations of the Cross, then Eucharistic adoration, two preached meditations, time for Confession, silent prayer, Rosary, a tea break and Benediction. The evening is led by Fr Peter Murphy, an experienced spiritual director and parish priest in Southwark Archdiocese. For questions, email MedwayCatholicMen@outlook.com.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – The Lenten appeal from CAFOD is next Friday 14th arch. There are envelopes at the back of the church for your donation. Please be as generous as you are able.

LEGION OF MARY. We invite all active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary to this year's *Acies* which will be held at St. Michael's Catholic church in Chatham **next Saturday 15th of March**. Start time will be 1 pm. All former Legionaries are also invited to renew their Consecration.

FLAME 2025 – taking place next Saturday 15th March at Wembley. Payments to be paid using the Contactless machine in the parish office or use Bank account RCAS Gillingham 60-08-37 55153119. Fathers 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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025 – The next session will be for Parents this Thursday, 13th March at 6pm in the hall. Should you wish to contact the team please email us at gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk.

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.

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**.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA annual Easter Photography of Easter Paschal candles with appropriate bible verse about the candles & Painting competition for secondary pupils; theme of any scenes from Last Supper to Whit Sunday Deadline dates are: **2nd May** for the Painting competition and **16th May** for the Photography competition. Details are in the porch. Our parish congratulates one of our young people, Francesca who won the second prize in the previous Christmas competition.

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.

HOPE IN ADORATION.

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ". The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese.

Find out more about the campaign at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD 7 JUNE 2025.

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). The event itself is free. Our parish is putting on a coach for the day itself, so to join our parish coach; cost to be advised later. To book places, please contact gillingham@rcaos.org.uk. You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 8 th March	10.00am	In thanksgiving Followed by Exposition and Confession
Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	Cottam family reconciliation
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Simon Julian
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Dennis Thompson
Monday 10 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker Followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 11 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Jones
Wednesday 12 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Anthony Alvares & Jean-Claude Beguinot
Thursday 13 th	10.00am	Theresa Cottam's intentions
Friday 14 th	10.00am	Tony Luckhurst's intentions
	7.00 pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Repose of the soul of Angela Singh
Saturday 15 th	10.00am	Repos of the soul oif Angela Singh Followed by Exposition and Confession
Vigil Mass	6.30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.