

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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16th March 2025 – Second Sunday of Lent - C

Reading 1	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18	<i>God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.</i>
Psalm	Ps 26:1. 7-9, 13-14 r. 1	<i>The Lord is my light and my help.</i>
Reading 2	Phil 3:17-4:1 or	<i>Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 17:5	<i>From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'</i>
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36	<i>As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.</i>

Readers this week

6.30pm Benedict Okeke/Joseph Kuruvilla	9.30am Ann Williams/Sharon Chinwuba	11.30am Ihuoma Onyehialam/Kathleen Kara	6.30pm <u>Seraphin</u> <u>Borces/Yolanda</u> <u>Danday</u>
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Readers next week:

6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion Kieran Shannon	9.30am Chidra Edeji Susanna Inya	11.30am Chelsea Atoe/ Ugochi Uche	6.30pm <u>Daniella Ibeh/</u> <u>Joan Aruma</u>
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✘ Please pray for Angela Singht†, Michael Corcoran†, 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:

✘ 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 **£627.20** of which **£79.00** was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £325.00. Thank you
 The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.



CAFOD Family Fast Day -collection today
Second collection next Sunday for Poor Parishes

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR POOR PARISHES; This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – The Lenten appeal from CAFOD was on Friday. Please hand in your envelopes or donations as you leave the church. Thank you.

RCIA-This is a course for those who wish to learn about our faith and Catholic adults who wish to be confirmed. Deacon Michael has organised meetings in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7pm

POPE'S MARCH prayer intention: For families in crisis. The intention is that families may find healing through forgiveness and rediscovering each other's gifts.

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 children will be making their First Holy Communion at their Mass on **Saturday 10th May at 12 noon**. The next preparation session for the children will be Saturday 29th March at 11.45am in the hall and for parents, Thursday 10th April. 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. There is also a National Essay Writing competition for secondary pupils. The theme is; **As Young People of Faith, how will you keep your light shining brightly until the Lord returns?**

ASSISTED SUICIDE PETITION Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales before April using the QR code.



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/hope in adoration](http://rcaos.org.uk/hope-in-adoration)

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 15 th March	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Angela Singh Followed by Exposition and Confession
Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 16 th	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Michele Cannavina
	11.30am	Tony Luckhurst's birthday intentions
	6.30pm	Lady Victoria Ajayi's 80th birthday – in thanksgiving
Monday 17 th St Patrick, Bishop & Patron of Ireland	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker Followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 18 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker & James Ojo
Wednesday 19 th St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgini Mary	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Edna Nelson
Thursday 20 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mrs Patricia Ada Osakwe
Friday 21 st	10.00am	Repose of the soul of John J Saunders
	7.00 pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Repose of the soul of Angela Singh
Saturday 22 nd	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Margaret O'Keefe Followed by Exposition and Confession
Vigil Mass	6.30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.