

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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23rd March 2025 Third Sunday of Lent - C

Reading 1	Exod 3:1-8, 13-15	<i>I Am has sent me to you.</i>
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11 r. 8	<i>The Lord is compassion and love.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12	<i>The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 4: 17	<i>Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.</i>
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9	<i>Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.</i>

Readers this week

6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion/ Batty Sequiera	9.30am Chidera Edeji Susanna Inya	11.30am Chelsea Atoe/ Ugochi Uche	6.30pm <u>Daniella Ibeh/</u> <u>Joan Aruma</u>
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Readers next week:

6.30pm Dinah Kansiime/Yolanda Danday	9.30am Tania Jackson/Edube Edeji	11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Susan Ibeh	6.30pm <u>Chidubem</u> <u>Uche/Joseph Kuruvilla</u>
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✘ Please pray for Angela Singh†, 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:

✘ Francesco Verdolini, Fr Pierre Barbyer, Martin (Pat) Knell, Doreen Stone, Leo Ross, Ivy McCann, Tammy Dickie, Cecilia Maynard & Kenneth Fleming

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

Collections: Last week's collection amounted to **£783.84** of which **£108.45** was Gift Aided and CAFOD collection amounted to £327.07 of which £42.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you

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Second collection today for Poor Parishes

PARISH NOTICES

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

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

PARISH LENTEN RECOLLECTION; has been scheduled on Saturday 5th April 2025 beginning with mass at 10.00 am. Everyone, make effort to attend this recollection.

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. Please keep him in your prayers as he is now very frail.

FLAME 2025 - 'A very memorable day as reported from a participant – 'To be honest, I wasn't sure what to expect at this event, but I wasn't prepared for how breath-taking it would all be. I was blown away by the sheer number of people who were there, all gathered to praise Jesus. It was so moving. All the effort and talent put into this spectacular day really shone through. It was absolutely incredible and I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to attend!' The key word uttered by Fr Pascoal was UNSTOPPABLE!

LENT RETREAT DAY: The Carmelite Community, Faversham, invites you to join a Lent Retreat Day on Saturday 5th April, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Tanners Street, ME13 7JW. Programme starts at 10.00am and ends at 4.00pm
Information at the back of the church

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 6pm. Should you wish to contact the team please email us at gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION – Deacon Michael is starting Preparation classes in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 7pm. on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Parish hall 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. Make donations and church collections by using 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 Lenten - Easter Programme 2025

Date	Time	Activities
Wednesday 05-Mar-25	10:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Mass
	7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass
Saturday 05-Apr-25		
	10:00AM	Mass & Lenten Recollection
Saturday 12-Apr-25		
	6:30 PM	Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday 13-Apr-25	9:30 AM	Palm Sunday Masses
	11:30 AM	
	6:30 PM	
Monday 14-Apr-25	10:00 AM	Morning Mass
	10:30 AM	Stations of the Cross
	11:00 AM	Confession
Tuesday 15-Apr-25	10:00 AM	Morning Mass
	10:30 AM	Confession
Wednesday 16-Apr-25		
	12:30 PM	Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral
Holy Thursday 17-Apr-25	10:00 AM	Confession
	7:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration
Good Friday 18-Apr-25	10:00 AM	Children's Stations of the cross
	10:30 AM	Confession
	2:45 PM	Day 1 Divine Mercy Novena
	3:00 PM	The Passion of the Lord
	7:00 PM	Stations of the cross
Holy Saturday 19-Apr-25	10:00 AM	Confession
	11:30 AM	Blessing of food
	7:45 PM	Day 2 Divine Mercy Novena
	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday 20-Apr-25	15min prior to every mass	3 rd Day Divine Mercy Novena
	9:30 AM	Easter Sunday Mass
	11:30 AM	
	6:30 PM	
Easter Monday 21-Apr-25	9:45 AM	Day 4 Divine Mercy Novena
	10.00 AM	Easter Monday Mass
Mass Saturday 26-Apr-25	9.45 AM	Closing of the Novena of the Divine Mercy
	10:00AM	Mass
	10.30 AM	Confession
Divine Mercy Sunday 27-Apr-25		
		Chaplet of Divine mercy 15 min before every mass

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 22 nd March Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Margaret O'Keefe Followed by Exposition and Confession
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Patricia Adaoli Osakwe
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
	11.30am	Peggy Bishop's birthday intentions
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 24 th	10.00am	Peggy Bishop's intentions & Repose of the soul of Fionnuala Gallagher Followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 25 th The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00am	Michelle Douglass' intentions
Wednesday 26 th	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Michael Corcoran followed by cremation at Medway Crematorium
Thursday 27 th	10.00am	In thanksgiving
Friday 28 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	Intentions of our parishioners
Saturday 29 th Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker Followed by Exposition and Confession
	12.30	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	Intentions of the Lee Family

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.