

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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## 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent - C

<b>Reading 1</b>	Josh 5:9-12	<i>The People of God keep the Passover on their entry into the promised land.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 33:2-7 r. 9	<i>Taste and see that the Lord is good.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	2 Cor 5:17-21	<i>God reconciled us to himself through Christ.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Luke 15: 18	<i>I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	<i>Your brother here was dead and has come to life.</i>

### Readers this week

6.30pm Dinah Kansiime/Yolanda Danday	9.30am Aleena Abraham/Amarachi Ihuegbu	11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Akheibal Teghe	6.30pm <u>Chidubem</u> <u>Uche/Joseph</u> <u>Kuruvilla</u>
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### Readers next week:

6.30pm Imelda Cervantes/Francisco Okeke	9.30am Ifeoma Ihuegbu/Sinachi Onyegahrelam	11.30am Susanna Inya/Ugochi Uche	6.30pm <u>Susanna Inya/Shakira</u> <u>Kara</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:

✘ Eileen Jenkin. Carmina Travaglini, Derek McManus, Weronica Oszwa, Laura Toborek, Edward Wickens, Peter Negus, Muriel Sanders, Patrick Sullivan, Santa Tizzano, Alfredo Cannavina, David Allen & Thomas Smith

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

**Collections:** Last week's collection in church amounted to £631.68 of which £169.00 was Gift Aided; the second collection amounted to £148.06 of which £11.00 was Gift Aided and Football Parking amounted to £285.00

Thank you

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## PARISH NOTICES

**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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 beginning with mass at 10.00 am. Everyone, make effort to attend this recollection.

**POPE'S APRIL prayer intention:** For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**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. The petition has been extended to tomorrow 31st March so if you have not already done so please sign the petition on line using the QR code attached. Support for the Bill appears to be dwindling so any anti bill petitions are important. Also, there is a Pastoral letter from the Archbishop on the Church's concerns to be read next Sunday at all Masses/

**LENT RETREAT DAY:** The Carmelite Community, Faversham, invites you to join a Lent Retreat Day next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Tanners Street, ME13 7JW. Programme starts at 10.00am and ends at 4.00pm We invite you to a time set aside in the busyness of our lives to journey through the themes of Lent and to discover a God that calls out to us, listens to us, and desires us to be awakened this Lent – a call to live in hope. Please bring along something for your lunch—hot and cold drinks will be available. Plenty of parking behind the church. All welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025** – The children will be making their First Holy Communion at their Mass on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> April 6pm. Should you wish to contact the team please email us at [gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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**.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD PRIORY** – Archbishop John is inviting all of us to the Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025 Find out more from the poster in the porch or by visiting [aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileeccelebration](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileeccelebration).

Pre-booking for the 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4) will commence at 11 am on Wednesday 30 April at [aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileeccelebration](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileeccelebration). The organisers are also asking for **volunteers** to help on the day. If you might like to help, register to volunteer at [bit.ly/southwarkhelper](http://bit.ly/southwarkhelper).

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 29 <sup>th</sup> March  <b>Vigil Mass</b>	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker <b>Followed by Exposition and Confession</b>
	12.30pm	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	Intentions of the Lee Family
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Nnami Ifeany Nicholas – thanksgiving for his job
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Steve Miles Followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Christopher Lane
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Birthdays of Lawrence Edeji, & Esther Omwuko
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Beguinet & Kara families - In thanksgiving -
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Marie Magdalene Keating
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Joy Bright
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Vigil Mass</b>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Eleuterio Sequiera <b>Followed by Exposition and Confession</b>
	6.30pm	Mattia's birthday – in thanksgiving

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