

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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13th April 2025 Palm Sunday in the Passion of Our Lord - C

Reading 1	Isa 50:4-7	<i>I did not cover my face against insult—I know I shall not be shamed.</i>
Psalm	Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 r. 2	<i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>
Reading 2	Phil 2:6-11	<i>He humbled himself, but God raised him high</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Phil 2:8-9	<i>Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.</i>
Year C	Luke 22:14–23:56	<i>The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>

Readers this week

6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Augustine Eghomare	9.30am Ann Williams/Tegha Akhebal Tegha	11.30am Titus Eneh/Dinah Kansiime	6.30pm <u>Joan Aruma/Seraphin Borces</u>
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Readers next week:

7.45pm Multiple readers	9.30am Nnamdi Eke/Amarachi Uhegbu	11.30am Samuel Robson/Ugoche Uche	6.30pm Victoria Shosanya/Divine Uche
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✕ Please pray for Angela Singht, Michael Corcorant, Anne Connollyt Clive and Beryl Brooker†, Julieta Gomet, Maureen Chadwick† and Catherine O'Sullivan† who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✕ Martina Thomas, Ruth Caulfield, Lloyd Albert, Mary Harewood, Kathleen Timson, Rose Mullon, John Nesbit, Pierce Ryan, Margaret Enright, Tina Mosca, Beatrice Golding, John Larkin, & Olga Martin.

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

Collections: Last week's collection in church amounted to **£746.90** of which **£165** was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £315.00.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown



Good Friday collection for the Holy Places in Palestine
Easter Sunday collection for the clergy of the parish

PARISH NOTICES

EASTER COLLECTIONS – Good Friday collection for the Holy Places of Palestine.

Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday collection is for supporting our priests; Fr Dennis and Fr Pascoal. Please take the Easter envelope from the back of the Church and donate generously.

Wed 16th April – There shall be no mass here as all the priests shall be going for the Chrism mass at St. George Cathedral.

POST FOR NEW PARISH SECRETARY – Those who want to apply for this post use the link below and send your application to hr@rcaos.org.uk before 24th April.
<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/vacancies/vacancies-in-southwark/parish-secretary-our-lady-of-gillingham/>

HOPE IN ADORATION - As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging all people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes “fulfilled by Christ”. Hence, we shall have the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** (Holy Hour) on every **Friday at 6.15pm** here at the Church starting on Fri **25th April**.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27th April – We shall start the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday ending it on Saturday 26th April. There is a special invite to all the brothers and sisters who faith has gone down to come back and share the divine mercy of the Lord on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please help us to share the invites to anyone you know. The invitation slips are still there at the back of the Church.

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

ASSISTED SUICIDE PETITION - If you have returned signed petition sheets to our London office, THANK YOU. If not, send them please to: **Care Not Killing Alliance, 8 Marshalsea Road, London, SE1 1HL** in order that arrangements can be made for the petitions to be presented to Parliament before the Leadbeater Bill's Third reading is looking more likely that the final vote on the Bill in the House of Commons will be delayed until either 16th May or later. If you have not yet registered your concerns



with your MP you can do so as the **ONLINE** version of the Petition is being kept open for the time being. Please feel free to use this website link <https://carenokilling.org.uk/petition/> OR the **QR code** in your parish newsletter so that we can send messages to Parliament.

LONDON MARATHON – One of our parishioners, Sue McIntyre is running the London Marathon on 27th April in aid of Parkinsons UK Charity. If anyone is able, and would like to support her and the charity, please donate via the following fundraising page. <https://events.parkinsons.org.uk/fundraisers/suemcintyre>.

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 last preparation session will be a workshop on Saturday 26th April at 11.45 in the Parish Hall. Should you wish to contact the team please email us at; gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION –Preparation classes have started in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 7pm in the Parish hall for those children who are in Year 9 and above.

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. See the poster in the porch or by visiting aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileeccelebration.

Walking Pilgrimage -There is a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral (2 June) to the Friars, Aylesford. Should your parishioners be interested in joining this, please ask them to visit as soon as they are able: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025>. 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. The organisers are also asking for **volunteers** help on the day. If you might like to help, register to volunteer at bit.ly/southwarkhelper.

Our Lady of Gillingham Parish - Holy week Programme 2025

Date	Time	Activities
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		No Mass at our Lady of Gillingham
	11:30 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	3 rd Day Divine Mercy Novena 15min prior to every mass	
	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 Sun. 27-Apr-25		Chaplet of Divine mercy 15 min before every mass

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 12 th APRIL Vigil Mass	10.00am	Cottam Family Reconciliation Followed by Exposition and Confession
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Anne Connolly
Sunday 13 th	9.30am	Birthday of Stephen Cottam Senior
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Frank Hanham
Monday 14 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker & Pem Kamla & family intentions Followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 15 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Judy Luckhurst
Wednesday 16 th	12.30pm	Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral
Maundy Thursday 17th Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm	Repose of the souls of -Cathy & Charles Keane
Good Friday 18th Liturgy of the Passion	10.00am	Children's Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Repose of the soul of Jean Babbington
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 19th	11.30am	Blessing of food
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	8.00pm	Keating & Cottam family intentions

We apologise for any names that are misspelt.

POPE'S APRIL prayer intention: 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.