

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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20th April 2025 Easter Sunday in the Resurrection of Our Lord - Year C

First Reading	Acts 10: 34. 37-43	<i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.</i>
Psalm	117: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 r. 24	<i>This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i>
Second Reading	Col 3: 1-4	<i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	1 Cor 5:7-8	<i>Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord.</i>
Gospel	John 20: 1-9	<i>He must rise from the dead</i>

Readers this week

8.00pm Multiple readers	9.30am Nnamdi Eke Amarachi Uhegbu	11.30am Samuel Robson Ugoche Uche	6.30pm Joan Aruma Divine Uche
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Readers next week:

6.30pm Francisca Okeke Ann Rose Mathew	9.30am Aleena Abraham Chimaka Eke	11.30am Ellie Tetteh Divine Uche	6.30pm Joseph Kuruvilla Nidhiya Cicily Joseph
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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:

✘ William Kinnear, Ciaran Duffy, Jeremy Rafferty, Rosaleen Byrne, Canon Thomas McMahon, Michael Oweczko, Patricia Ward, Angeline Owen, Carmel Zarafa, John Cardwell, Lucia Pietreunti, John McCann & Pasquale Rocco.

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

Collections: Last week's collection in church amounted to **£765.43** of which £136.50 was Gift Aided and Football Parking amounted to £295.00



Easter collection is for the Parish clergy.

PARISH NOTICES

EASTER COLLECTION – is for supporting our priests; Fr Dennis and Fr Pascoal. Please donate generously.

APPRECIATION – Happy Easter! We thank all who have helped in the Easter celebrations especially during the Holy Week; our choirs, the stewards, the Church cleaners & decorators, the readers, altar servers, and all those who helped in the logistics and liturgical preparations.

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.**

LEGION OF MARY - You are invited to join the Legion of Mary in our Parish; the Catholic lay faithful serving the person of Jesus Christ under the leadership of Mary, Queen and Mother. See poster at the back of the church or speak to Deacon Mike or call 07412859763 for more information.

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://carenotkilling.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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ON 27TH APRIL



The Divine Mercy Novena started on Good Friday and ends next Saturday 26th April. We encourage all the parishioners to participate in this novena daily.

There is a special invite and intention to pray for all the brothers and sisters whose faith has gone down to come back and share the Divine Mercy of the Lord next Sunday. Please help us share the invites to anyone you know. The invitation slips are still there at the back of the Church.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 19 th APRIL Easter Vigil Mass	8.00pm	Keating & Cottam family intentions & Repose of the souls of Bernard & Bernadette Keburame & Edward Murengera
Sunday 20 th	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs Di Lisio Pro Populo Repose of the soul of Patrick Walsh
Monday 21 st	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Ciaran Duffy
Tuesday 22 nd	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Aubrey & Mary Jamieson & Rosaleen Byrne
Wednesday 23 rd	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Canon Thomas McMahon (First parish priest of Our lady of Gillingham)
Thursday 24 th	10.00am	Thanksgiving Mass for Marcelles's belated birthday
Friday 25 th	10.00am 7.00pm	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker Memorial Mass for Angela Singh
Saturday 26 th Vigil Mass	10.00am 1pm 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Mary Jane Saunders Filipino Mass Repose of the soul of David Keating

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.