

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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27th APRIL – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Year C

Reading 1	Acts 5:12-16	The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord steadily increased.
Psalm	Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 r.1	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Reading 2	Apoc 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19	I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.
Gospel Acclamation	John 20:29	Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Gospel	John 20:19-31	Eight days later, Jesus came.
✘ Please pray for Pope Francis, Angela Singht†, Michael Corcoran†, 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:		
✘ Derek Roach, Janet Breen, Josephine Knell, Lina Welch, Doreen McCormick, Joele Wilcox, Elizabeth Crosby, William Hurley, Helen Smith, Peter Flynn, Giovanni Didonato.		
✘ May their souls, and all Athe souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen		

Readers this week 6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion Kieran Shannon	9.30am Aleena Abraham Chimaka Eke	11.30am Ellie Tetteh Chelsea Atoe	6.30pm Joseph Kuruvilla Nidhiya Cicily Joseph
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Readers next week 6.30pm Benedict Okeke Betty Sequiera	9.30am Ann Williams Vincent Obi	11.30am Aleena Abraham Amarachi Ihuegbu	6.30pm Divine Uche Ugochi Uche
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Collections: Last week's Easter collection in church amounted to **£3,893.56** of which £664.36 was Gift Aided, Good Friday for Holy Land **£467.00** and Football Parking amounted to **£305.00**
 Thank you.



Second collection today for St George's Cathedral

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL; This is for the maintenance of the Cathedral and the money collected helps meet the cost of its upkeep.

APPRECIATION – Frs. Dennis and Pascoal express their gratitude to you for your generous donations on Easter Sunday that amounted to **£3,893.56**. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

HOPE IN ADORATION - As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John Wilson 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**.

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 <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelabration>



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

May the Lord show his Divine Mercy to all of us and more especially to our brothers and sisters whose faith and practice has gone down. Through the Divine mercy and grace of God let the risen Christ draw all back to the Church for the salvation of humankind. For the sake of his sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After mass all our brethren who have not been worshipping with us for some time, the new members and visitors are invited to join the parish community in the Parish hall for a social and animation gathering.



R.I.P. POPE FRANCIS

Archbishop John: let Pope Francis' legacy be one of love. In a message to the Archdiocese, following the death of Pope Francis, Archbishop John Wilson called on us to imitate the Holy Father and be witnesses to the Gospel. The Archbishop said "let Pope Francis's legacy be a legacy of love" and called on us to be like the Holy Father by being "a witness to the Gospel, a witness to the love and mercy of Christ, and never be afraid to speak the truth of the Lord Jesus and his saving Gospel". You can watch or read the full message at rcaos.org.uk/legacyoflove.

Take a prayer for Sede Vacante please.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 26 th April Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Pope Francis & Mary Jane Saunders
	1.00pm	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of David Keating
Sunday 27 th	6.30pm/9.30am	In thanksgiving
	11.30am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 28 th St George, Martyr & Patron of England	10.00am	Well-being of Adele Hilder & Repose of the souls of Ernest & Olga Santo
Tuesday 29 th St Catherine of Vienna, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
Wednesday 30 th <u>St Pius V, Pope</u>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Eutrona Galendez
Thursday 1 st May St Joseph the Worker	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Murphy
Friday 2 nd St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Aubrey & Mary Jamieson
	6.15pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Thanksgiving Mass for Beguinot & Kara families
Saturday 3 rd SS Philip & James, Apostles Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
	6.30pm	Dinma Family –In thanksgiving

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