

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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4th May 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Reading 1	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41	<i>We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.</i>
Psalm	Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11- 13 r. 2	<i>I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me. or Alleluia!</i>
Reading 2	Apoc 5:11-14	<i>The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power/</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Luke 24:32	<i>Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.</i>
Gospel	John 21:1-19	<i>Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.</i>

Readers this week

6.30pm Benedict Okeke Betty Sequiera	9.30am Joseph Kuruvilla Vincent Obi	11.30am Ihuouma Ihuegbu Amarachi Ihuegbu	6.30pm Divine Uche Ugochi Uche
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Readers next week:

6.30pm Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon	9.30am Vincent Obi/Nnamdi Eke	11.30am Samuel Robson/Chidubem Uche	6.30 Anastasia Ebifa/Joan Aruma
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- ✘ Please pray for Pope Francis†, Angela Singh†, Michael Corcoran†, 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:
- ✘ 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 the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections: Last week's collection in church amounted to **£706.29** of which £88.00 was Gift Aided. The Second collection amounted to £97.15 and Football Parking amounted to £275

Thank you.



Use the QR code to be used for your weekly offerings and second collections.

Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION – This is the Priests' Training *Fund* and the collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent Diaconate.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY – A reminder that the Rosary is recited before the weekday Masses at 9.30

Filipino May Procession on Saturday 31st May at 2pm following the Filipino Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025 – The children will be making their First Holy Communion at their Mass next **Saturday 10th May at 12 noon.** We ask that you continue to pray for all the children. Should you wish to contact the team please email us at; gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 18th MAY A letter from the Archbishop will be read. We also like to remind parents it is your responsibility to ensure that your child(ren) remains safe in and around the church premises.

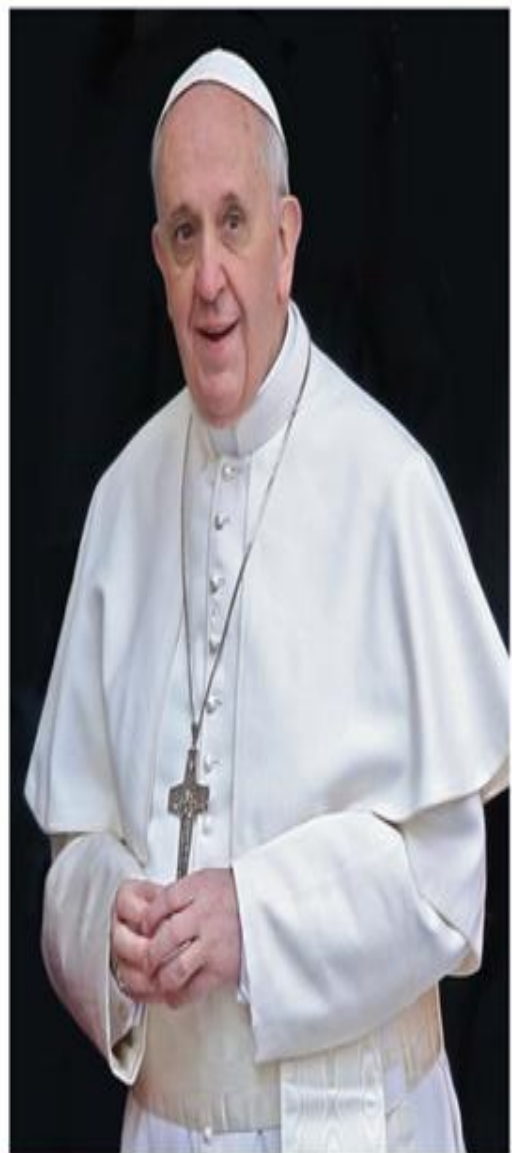
CONFIRMATION –Preparation classes have started in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 7pm in the Parish hall for those children who are in Year 9 and above.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD PRIORY – Archbishop John is inviting us all to join him at Aylesford Priory on Saturday 7 June, 10 am-5 pm, for our Archdiocese of Southwark Jubilee Celebration Day. It promises to be a great event! For more information, visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee_celebration.

That's also where you go to register for 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4). **Pre-booking for these sessions begins at 11 am this Monday 5 May.** Places are limited - first come, first served. Please book only for your own children or grandchildren. For those who miss out, there are other

children's activities, notably a novel 'Saints Treasure Trail' which has been developed especially for this celebration.

PARISH DAY AND COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY READER – This event has been scheduled on 17th August. Hence, we should begin making the preparations. On this same occasion we shall acknowledged all our past Lay Readers in the church of Our Lady of Gillingham parish.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

V. Let us pray to Almighty God.

R. O Lord, Jesus Christ, Supreme Pastor of the Church, we thank you for the ministry of Pope Francis, and the selfless care with which he has led us as a Successor of Peter, and your Vicar on earth.

Good Shepherd, who founded your Church on the rock of Peter's faith and have never left your flock untended, look with love upon us now, and sustain your church in faith, hope and charity.

Grant, Lord Jesus, in your boundless love for us, a new Pope for your Church who will please you by his holiness and lead us faithfully to you, who are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

V. Our Father...R. Give us this day...

V. Hail Mary... R. Holy Mary...

V. Glory be to ... R. As it was....

V. Our Lady Vulnerata R. Pray for us

V. Saint Alban R. Pray for us

V. Our College Martyrs R. Pray for us

V. St Peter R. Pray for us

V. St Paul R. Pray for us

V. St Francis R. Pray for us

V. Saint N. R. Pray for us

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty, truth and compassion.
And do not fear to stand against injustice, lying and greed.
Speak the truth and the truth shall set you free.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 3 rd May Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
	6.30pm	Dinma Family – in thanksgiving
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Cottam family reconciliation
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Rosaleen Byrne
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 5 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Antonio Perera & Grace's birthday – thanksgiving for her life
Tuesday 6 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker and Danny Lee
Wednesday 7 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Michael O'Keefe
Thursday 8 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs William Putland & In Thanksgiving
Friday 9 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Michael Keating
	6.15pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	For success in exams
Saturday 3 rd Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Lane
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Danny Lee

OLD FRIENDS

Shakespeare said

New friends may be poems But old friends are alphabets.
Do not forget the alphabets, because you will need them to read the poems.