

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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11th May 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Reading 1	Acts 13:14, 43-52	We must turn to the pagans.
Psalm	Ps 99:1-3, 5 r. 3	We are his people, the sheep of his flock. or Alleluia!
Reading 2	Apoc 7:9, 14b-17	The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.
Gospel Acclamation	John 10:14	I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Gospel	John 10:27-30	I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

Readers this week

6.30pm Imelda Cervantes /Kieran Shannon	9.30am Vincent Obi/Nnamdi Eke	11.30am SamueRobson/Chidubem Uche	6.30pm Anastasia Ebifa/Joan Aruma
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Readers next week:

6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion/ Joseph Kuruvilla	9.30am Tania Jackson/ Sharon Chinwuba	11.30am Sinachi Onyeajhialam/ Kathleen Kara	6.30pm Daniella Ibeh/ Nidhiya Cicily
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✘ Please pray for Lewis & Danny Lee†, Pope Francis†, Marie & Eric Jones†, Angela Singh†, and Clive and Beryl Brooker†, who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✘ Delcie Crack, Eileen Slater, Thelma Murphy, Augusta Azavedo, Neil Grant, Jessie Kavanagh, Barry Cox, Desmond Styne, Theresa Sullivan & Patricia Hanson.

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

Collections: Last week's collection in church amounted to **£593.15** of which £68.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you.



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

Second collection today for Ecclesiastical Education

Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY 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 24th May at 2pm following the Filipino Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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** here at the Church. Make effort to attend and receive the blessings of the Lord.

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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 18th MAY A letter from the Archbishop will be read. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code. Information leaflets will be available at the back of the church next week.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Congratulations to all the children who have received the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ this weekend. We pray they continue to grow in and love and remain close to Jesus.

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 has already started.** Places are limited - first come, first served. Please book only for your own children or grandchildren.

POPE LEO XIV



Thanks, God for the gift of the new Pope. The words of his first public address matters a lot to all of us: "Peace be with you all. Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!

It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

Prayer for the Pope

Let us pray for our Holy Father Leo XIV

Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Your Sacred Heart. Be his light, his strength and his consolation.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build Your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 10 th May Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Lane
	12.00pm	First Holy Communicants
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Danny Lee
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Ian Jamieson's intentions
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Danny Lee
Monday 12 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Anne Connolly, Fe Nora & Claudio Galon Jr & Jeanette Tormes
Tuesday 13 th	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker and Ken & Una Brice
Wednesday 14 th St Mathias, Apostle	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Danny Lee & for total restoration & God's favour
Thursday 15 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of William Cronin
Friday 16 th St Simon Stock	10.00am	Matthew Cottam's birthday
	6.15pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Danny Lee
Saturday 17 th Vigil Mass	10.00am	In Thanksgiving for 25 th Wedding Anniversary of Jennifer & her husband
	6.30pm	Pro Populo

PARISH DAY AND COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY READERS

This event has been scheduled on 17th August. Hence, we should begin making the preparations. On this same occasion we shall acknowledge all our past Lay Readers in the church of Our Lady of Gillingham parish.