

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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7th September 2025 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY - Year C

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| Reading 1 | Wisdom 9:13-18 | <i>Who can discern what the Lord willd?</i> |
| Psalm | Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 | <i>O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.</i> |
| Reading 2 | Phil: 9b-10, 12-17 | <i>Have him back no longer as a bondservant but as a beloved brother.</i> |
| Gospel Acclamation | Psalm 119: 135 | <i>Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees.</i> |
| Gospel | Luke 14: 25-33 | <i>Any one who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.</i> |

Readers this week

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| 6.30pm Benedict Okeke Mary Sandana | 9.30am Chizoba Okeke Sharon Chinwuba | 11.30am Ihuoma Onyehialam Dinah Kansiime | 6.30pm Shakira Kara Akhebai Tegha |
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Readers next week (14th September):

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| 6.30pm Juan Jupit Quilas Kieran Shannon | 9.30am Amarachi Ihuegbu Sharon Chinwuba | 11.30am Ellie Tetteh Titus Eneh | 6.30pm Anastasia Ebifa Joan Aruma |
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Please pray for Annie Dolan†, James (Tony) Driscoll†, Christine Barton†, Brian McGrath†, Eileen Martin†, Rosaria (Rosa) Carbonara†, and Eileen Byrne†, who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Ernest Cragon, Michael Dooner, Kenneth Almond, Matteo Rocco, Betty O'Connell, Rita Keating, Colm Crowley, Alice Wills, Iris Appleton, Fedor Yarmak, Stuart Hills, George Norman, Maureen Coombs, Philip Dunfold, Tony Collins, Marjorie Shea, Joyce Guscott, Hilda Mason, Lisette Cothan, Gerald Bunce, Susan O'Connell, Christopher Gellett, Anna Holden and Cherry Burgess.

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

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections Last Week:

| CATEGORY | CASH (Loose) | GIFT AID | CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS | | TOTAL |
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| | | | Amount | Gift Aid | |
| Offertory | £565.93 | £75.00 | TBC | TBC | £640.93 |
| Building Fund | £10.00 | | TBC | TBC | £ 10.00 |
| Football Parking | <i>No 'home' matches</i> | | | | |



Please use the QR code for your weekly offerings & second collections

FR. DENNIS – please continue to keep Fr Dennis in your prayers. He is continuing to improve and has been discharged from hospital. We wish him God's Blessing.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – will commence on **TODAY, Sunday 7th September 2025**, and then continue on the first Sunday of the month thereafter. Children who are of school age & who have not yet made their Holy Communion are welcome to attend.

THE NEWSLETTER – would you like to receive a copy via email?

Please leave your name & email address with Sue McIntyre (Parish Secretary), and you will be added to a register to receive the newsletter via email on a weekly basis. Also, we are always looking for ways to improve our newsletter. If you have any comments or ideas, please share them or, in particular, if you have visited other Parishes & enjoyed reading their newsletter, please bring a copy to the office.

FOOD DONATIONS – thank you to everyone who continues to donate food & essential items, which are greatly appreciated, but *PLEASE* do not leave fruit & vegetables. These items are perishable & often have to be discarded.

APPRECIATION – Thank you to everybody who continues to donate towards the refurbishment of the Priests' House, the total is steadily increasing & the collection raised so far is **£3809.77**. Those willing to donate further, please bring your donation to the Parish Priest, or pay via bank account: RCAS Gillingham 60-08-37 55153119 (Ref. Building fund), or by Contactless machine - Thanksgiving. If you donate by cheque, please ensure the cheque is made payable to **RCAS Gillingham**.



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THE GILLS – Football season has started once again and our car park is used by Fans (both Home & Away) for parking, which is a significant source of income for our Church. Matches are predominantly on Saturday afternoons & Tuesday evenings. Please bear this in mind when using the McMahan Hall. Also, volunteers are *always* welcome. Please give your name to Sue McIntyre.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 8th September | SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION – Fr Pascoal’s 25th Anniversary of Religious Life. |
| 14th September | CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY’S NATIVITY after 11.30am Mass Join us as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lady, the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Sunday 14 th September 2025 at Our Lady of Gillingham Catholic Church. Our celebration will begin with the 11.30am Mass, followed by a procession, communal meal and fellowship in the McMahon Hall. We’ll conclude the day with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. All are welcome. |
| 20th September | ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS. Registration now open! You are invited to join us for a day filled with teachings and prayer and a chance to meet fellow Catechists. Join us at St George’s Cathedral, SE1 6HU from 10am. Registration and choice of workshops can be found at aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2025 |
| 20th September | FILIPINO MASS at 12noon, followed by the Community Gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm onwards. |
| 27th September | YOUTH SEEDS – are organising a Quiz Night for ALL members of the Parish, from 7.30pm onwards. Tickets will be available to purchase. Come & share your knowledge with your Parish Community. All money raised will go towards Our Lady of Gillingham Youth Seeds. |
| 25th October | SPIRITAN YOUTH CONCERT – We are looking for anyone who would like to take part and/or volunteer to help at this event. Please speak with Fr Pascoal. |
| 1st Feb 2026 | RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY MASS will be taking place at St George’s Cathedral |

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CAFOD - Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. You can find out more at cafod.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY MEDJUGORJE with MOSTAR & SURMANCI 2025
Fr Emmanuel Onwu (Parish Priest at St Thomas of Canterbury, Rainham) is leading this 7-night Pilgrimage, departing on 15th October 2025. The cost per person is £869, which is inclusive of flights, half-board hotel accommodation and coach tours. A full itinerary is on the noticeboard. For further information tel. 07745 952324

CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY - The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency are seeking feedback from anyone who may have information regarding the safeguarding function in Southwark Archdiocese. Follow the link below [Do you have information to help our safeguarding inspection in Southwark?](#)
[Survivors’ Work With Us](#)

Mass intentions for the week

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| Saturday (6 th September) Vigil Mass | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Div Colgan |
| | 6.30pm | Intentions of the Lee Family |
| Sunday (7 th September) | 9.30am | Cottam Family Reconciliations |
| | 11.30am | Pro Populo |
| | 6.30pm | Repose of the soul of Fr Gerald Quinn |
| Monday (8 th September) | 10.00am | In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Tuesday (9 th September) | 10.00am | Wellbeing & Birthday Intentions of Jacqueline Douglass |
| Wednesday (10 th September) | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Brian McGrath |
| | 4.30pm | Reception of & Vigil for Eileen Martin |
| Thursday (11 th September) | 10.00am | Requiem Mass for Eileen Martin followed by her cremation at Medway Crematorium |
| Friday (12 th September) | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of John Nicol |
| | 6.15pm – 7.20pm | <i>Holy hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| | 7.30pm | Approval of Canadian Study Permit for Fabian Akaeze |
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| | 6.30pm | Repose of the soul of Anna Holden |

MASS INTENTIONS - If you make a Mass Intention via the contactless machine, please ensure that you have notified the Parish Secretary or completed a Mass Intention envelope, stating payment via contactless, so it can be added to the Parish diary.