

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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01 MARCH 2026 Second Sunday of Lent – Year A

Reading 1	Gen 12:1-4	<i>The call of Abraham, father of the People of God</i>
Psalm	Ps 32:4-5, 18-20. 22 r. 22	<i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i>
Reading 2	2 Tim 1:8-10	<i>God calls and enlightens us.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 17:5	<i>From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'</i>
Gospel	Matt 17:1-9	<i>His face shone like the sun.</i>

FRIDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.15pm – 6.55pm
 Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm and Holy Mass at 7.30pm



Please Pray for Bridget Hollingsworth†, Pauline Ketchen†, Jo Firth†, Mary Eason†, Clarice Moca G.Domingos†, and Ancy John Kumart† who have recently died;
 Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: William Hetherington, James Driscoll, Annie Jones, Alice Marriott, Derek McManus, Edmond Hamilton, David Hunt, Annie Brennan, Phillip Flannery, Richard Smith, Emmanuel Muscat, Thomas Lynes, David Keogh, Robert Elder, Angela Singh, John Rooney and Allan Fera.
May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace

SATURDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
10.30am – 11.30am



Readers this week:

Sat 6.30pm	Oliver Perez Francisca Okeke Juan Jupit Quilas
Sun 9.30am	Vincent Obi Chizoba Okeke Akhebai Tegha
Sun 11.30am	Onyehialam Sisters Shakira Kara
Sun 6.30pm	Victoria Shosanya Joan Aruma

Readers Next week:

Sat 6.30pm	Sandana Family
Sun 9.30am	Ann Williams Nicky Croft Sharon Chinwuba
Sun 11.30am	Ellie Tetteh Dinah Kansime Laarni Fajardo
Sun 6.30pm	Anastasia Ebifa Joan Aruma

Our Parish NOTICES

Office Hours – Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 10.30am – 1.30pm

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS		TOTALS
			Amount	Gift Aid	
Offertory	£516.49	£94.00	£336.00	£31.25	£977.74
Second Collection (Clergy Support)	-	-	£15.00	£2.50	£17.50
Football Parking	£275.00	-	-	-	£275.00



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

Today's Second Collection is for CAFOD Fast Day

LENTEN REFLECTION - *Lord make me a good steward so that through my Lenten observance, I respond to your invitation to praying, fasting and almsgiving. Enrich me with the spirit, love, sharing and reconciliation.*

PRAY FOR JO FIRTH – Please continue to pray for Jo Firth, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 3rd March at 11.30am, followed by her burial at Woodlands Cemetery at 1pm. Josephine will be received into the Church on Monday 2nd March 2026 @ 4.15pm.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – PROGRAMME OF PLANNED GIVING - Our parish will be carrying out a Programme of Planned Giving and Stewardship Campaign on 8th, 15th and 22nd March 2026.

KEEPING OUR CHURCH TIDY – ‘A gentle reminder’

Let us work together as a community to keep the Church tidy. We have a dedicated group of volunteers, who diligently clean the Church every week, but please do not leave newsletters, tissues, rubbish etc in the pews. If you do not wish to take the newsletter home, please return it to the back of the Church. Please also return any books or hymn books to bookcase.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th March	First Holy Communion Class (Chapters 7 & 8) at 11.45am in the McMahon Hall
21st March	First Holy Communion Class (Chapters 9 & 10) at 11.45am in the McMahon Hall
21st March	Legion of Mary “Acies” Renewal of Vows. In Church from 1pm & continuing in the McMahon Hall until 4pm.
<i>Lenten Spiritual Programme</i>	
Mondays	Stations of the Cross at 10.30am after morning mass
Fridays	Private meditation & exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.15-6.55pm Stations of the Cross at 7pm before evening Mass
Saturdays	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Confession at 10.30am

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY was on Friday 27th February 2026.

This Lent, live out the Gospel 'call to love your neighbour'. By Fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world. Please use a CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY envelope for your donation or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or text **CAFODENT to 70085** to donate £10.00

PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at 5pm** throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on **Friday 6th** and **Friday 27th March at 5pm**. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE ON THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO JUNE 8TH-14TH 2026

Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: A CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS RESOURCE.

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE - Pilgrimages for Young Adults

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7-13 June 2026. The cost is £789, including flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. Please visit: www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are also invited to register interest for the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in August 2027 at www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027

For information about youth activities for all ages across the Archdiocese please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/scys1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (28 th Feb)	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Pauline Ketchen
Sunday (1 st Mar) Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Repose of the souls of Stephen Cho Ndikum, Agnes Ndikum Awa and Ngefor Stellans Ndikum
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Mary Nash
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday (2 nd Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Beryl & Clive Brooker
	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
	4.15pm	Josephine Firth received into Church
Tuesday (3 rd Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Jo Firth
	11.30am	Requiem Mass of Josephine Firth
Wednesday (4 th Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Valerie Keating
Thursday (5 th Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Pauline Ketchen
First Friday (6 th Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Angela Singh
	6.15pm 7.00pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Jimmy Brown
Saturday (7 th Mar) Vigil	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Peter Nash
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	3.00pm	OLOG Seeds Youth Adult Mass
	6.30pm	Spiritual Welfare of Ian Parmenter
Sunday (8 th Mar) Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Repose of the soul Ifunanya Lucy Nwangene
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Hooper

MASS INTENTIONS – Please ensure, when paying via Contactless, that your Intention has been entered into the diary & include the Intention date in the ‘message’ section on the Contactless device. Mass Intentions are £10.00