

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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Second Sunday of Christmas – YEAR A



Reading 1	Eccl 24: 1–2. 8–12	<i>The wisdom of God has pitched his tent among the chosen people.</i>
Psalm	Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 r. John 1:14	<i>The Word was made flesh, and lived among us. or Alleluia!</i>
Reading 2	Eph 1:3-6, 15-18	<i>He determined that we should become his adopted sons through Jesus.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	cf. 1Tim 3:16	<i>Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.</i>
Gospel	John 1:1-18	<i>The Word was made flesh, and live among us.</i>
<i>shorter</i>	John 1:1-5, 9-14	<i>The Word was made flesh, and live among us.</i>

Readers this week

6.30pm Oliver Perez Laarni Fajardo Jeanette Alfayad	9.30am Edeji Family	11.30am Gali Family Samuel Robson	6.30pm Uche Family
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Readers next week (11th January 2026):

6.30pm Juan Jupit Quilas Imelda Cervantes Kieran Shannon	9.30am Uhuegbu Family Tania Jackson	11.30am Chelsea Atoe Kara Family	6.30pm Frances Okafor Daniela Ibeh Joan Aruma
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Fausta Cutone, Cornelius Rowland, Rodney Kirwan, Sheila Norman, Lucia Swan, Patricia Milton, Ruth Kirwan, Patrick O’Connell, Mary Murphy, James McKeenie, Francisco Gallo, Thomas Hanrahan, Daniel O’Driscoll, Sarah Gilder, Michael Walsh and Gwendoline Ryan, Edward Crittenden, Benito Balducci, Richard Turner, James Daly, Frederick Weller, Michela Libertuci, Maria Kiernan, Robert Ryan and Jane Sydney Hammond.

Please pray for Clarice Moca G.Domingos†, Mary Eason†, Ancy John (Kumar)†, Luna Ivy Webstert†, and baby Blake Moon Stephen† *who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* William Halliday, Antonietta Zeuli, Tessie Bergin, Christopher Newman, Fausta Cutone, Cornelius Rowland, Rodney Kirwan, Sheila Norman, Lucia Swan, Patricia Milton, Ruth Kirwan, Patrick O’Connell, Mary Murphy, James McKeenie, Francisco Gallo, Thomas Hanrahan, Daniel O’Driscoll, Sarah Gilder, Michael Walsh and Gwendoline Ryan, Edward Crittenden, Benito Balducci, Richard Turner, James Daly, Frederick Weller, Michela Libertuci, Maria Kiernan, Robert Ryan and Jane Sydney Hammond.

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

Our Parish NOTICES

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

Collections Last Week: To be published in next week's newsletter

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS		TOTALS
			Amount	Gift Aid	
Christmas Offering					£4,047.00



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

FR DENNIS is now on his way to Uganda, to visit his Mother He will be away for about 5 weeks.

CHRISTMAS 'OFFERING' Thank you all for your very kind generosity.

GRATITUDE: Thanks to all who assisted in the preparations for the celebration of Christmas 2025; the clergy, the readers, the stewards, the choirs, altar servers and those did the cleaning and decoration of the Church.

OLOG SEEDS - Thank you to everyone who supported the OLOG Seeds Christmas Dinner. The event was a great success, and we truly appreciate your generosity.

The raffle draw winners are as follows:

- 5th Prize (Dining Set): Ticket 234 – Patricia
- 4th Prize (Dining Set): Ticket 337 – Karen Dadson
- 3rd Prize (Heater): Ticket 57 – Janet Alfigad
- 2nd Prize (Toaster): Ticket 221 – Ugochukwu Eze
- 1st Prize (George Home Air Fryer): Ticket 362 – Ugochi Ihionu

Congratulations to all our winners. Please meet the Parish Priest or any Youth Coordinator with a valid ID to claim your gift.

CARETAKER VACANCY – Our Lady of Gillingham needs YOU. Do you have strong DIY & cleaning skills; a flexible approach; problem-solving skills and an ability to work under pressure? The Caretaker position will become vacant at the end of December, and therefore we require a new person for the role, to start as soon as possible. For further information, please speak with Fr Dennis.

To apply, please send your CV to hr@rcaos.org.uk

APPRECIATION – Thank you to everybody for your contributions to the Priests' kitchen renovations, which currently amount to **£5591.26**. The work is now finished and has costed us **£12,442**. Kindly pass any further donations, to the Parish Priest, or via bank account: RCAS Gillingham 60-08-37 55153119 (Ref. Building fund), or by

Contactless machine - Thanksgiving. Cheques should be made payable to **RCAS Gillingham**.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>Continue until 11th Jan</i>	ADVENT & CHRISTMAS FAMILY BLESSINGS If you would like a visit from Fr Pascoal, please complete the Advent Family Blessing form, at the back of the Church, & leave it in the Parish Office.
<i>3rd January</i>	OLOG Young Adult Mass at 3pm.
<i>4th January</i>	First Holy Communion Parents only meeting after 11.30am Mass in the Parish Hall.

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MARY'S MEALS is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey (roy.peachey@marysmeals.org or 07593 447297) if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit marysmeals.org.uk. Thank you for your support!

NORTH GILLINGHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER – invite you all to attend the North Gillingham Churches together hosting AFY Uganda Service on 11th January at 6pm at St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham, ME7 5PW.

RETROUVAILLE helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

PILGRIMAGE TO HONOUR 'OUR LADY OF LOURDES' Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9 to 14 February 2026.

It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother. Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026. Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. Travel, full board and program cost £590. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

Pax Christi PEACE SUNDAY – 18TH JANUARY – the work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (3 rd January) <i>Vigil Mass</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Theresa Ezenwajikwa
	3.00pm	OLOG Young Adult Mass
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Violet Smith
Sunday (4 th January) Second Sunday after the Nativity	9.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Aleena
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Santonio Alvares
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday (5 th January)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of James W Lane
	11.30am	Requiem Mass of Mary Easton
Tuesday (6 th January) The Epiphany of the Lord	10.00am	For the intentions of Tony Luckhurst
	7.30pm	The Epiphany of the Lord
Wednesday (7 th January)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Lucy Craigen
Thursday (8 th January)	10.00am	Blessings Intentions for Mary Crowley
Friday (9 th January)	10.00am	In Thanksgiving
	7.30pm	Intentions for Isaac Onabajo
Saturday (10 th January) <i>Vigil</i>	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Angiel and Clyde DeRoche
	10.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation
	6.30pm	Blessings and Thanksgiving for the Williams Family
Sunday (11th January) Baptism of the Lord	9.30am	Pro Populo
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Simon Julian
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Gabriel Elumese Repose of the soul of Teresa Okolie