

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR A



Reading 1 Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 *Here is my servant in whom my servant delights.*

Psalm Ps 28:1-2. 3-4. *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*
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Reading 2 Acts 10:34-38 *God anointed him with the Holy Spirit*

Gospel
Acclamation Mk 9:8 *The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'*

Gospel Matt 3:13-17 *As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.*

Readers this week

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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Readers next week (18th January 2026):

6.30pm Oliver Perez Imelda Cervantes Yolanda Danday	9.30am Chizoba Okeke Vincent Obi Sharon Chinwuba	11.30am Onyehialam Sisters	6.30pm Anthonia Fatuase Victoria Shosanya Francisca Okeke
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Please pray for Clarice Moca G.Domingos†, Mary Eason†, Ancy John (Kumar)†, Luna Ivy Webster†, and baby Blake Moon Stephens† *who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:*

Percy Ryan, Isabella Ryle, Patrick Storey, Valerie Murray, Jane Hammond, William Cannon, Harold Cardwell, Frederick Wigley, Emma Gooding, Mary (May) Smith, Fr Thomas Scott, Joan Barton, Mary Gallagher, Edwin Swan, Pasquall Galantini, Margaret Hannon, Ena Dean, Agnes Ryder, Patrick Bray, Christopher Giles, William Hardy, George Mullins, Brian Ross, Winifred (Eileen) Thorlby and Herbert Barton.

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 (weekend 27/28 Dec):

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£456.02	£47.00	£355.00	£26.25	£884.27
Crib Offering	£27.00				£27.00
Fr Pascoal Air Ticket	£30.00				£30.00
Christmas Offering	£120.00	£5.00	£195.00	£35.00	£355.00

Collections (weekend 03/04 Jan 2026):

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£609.13	£53.00	£860.00	£41.25	£1563.38
Crib Offering	£47.60				£47.60
Football Parking	£305.00				£305.00
Christmas Offering	£30.00	£20.00	£75.00	£15.00	£140.00



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

FR DENNIS has arrived in Uganda. He will be away for approximately 5 weeks.

CHRISTMAS 'OFFERING' Thank you all for your very kind generosity. A total of **£4,047.00** was donated.

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 Alfagad
- 2nd Prize (Toaster): Ticket 221 – Ugochukwu Eze
- 1st Prize (George Home Air Fryer): Ticket 362 – Ugochi Ihionu

Congratulations to all our winners. Please bring valid ID to claim your gift.

CARETAKER VACANCY – Our Lady of Gillingham **STILL 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th Jan	Marriage Preparation with Deacon Michael, McMahan Hall, 1pm-3.15pm
18th Jan	Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion candidates, during the 9.30am Mass. All candidates must attend.
24th Jan	Filipino Mass at 12.30pm, followed by a Gathering in the McMahan Hall from 2pm till 5pm. All are welcome.
31st Jan	First Holy Communion class "Chapter 2" McMahan Hall, 11.45am till 12.45pm
31st Jan	Marriage Preparation with Deacon Michael, McMahan Hall, 1pm-3.15pm

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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. Envelopes for donations will be handed out. Only ONE envelope per family, please, as we haven't been given many.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 1st February 2026

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at the 10am Mass.

Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride. After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion.

You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>

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!

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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (10 th January) <i>Vigil Mass</i>	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Angiel and Clyde DeRoche
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	6.30pm	Blessings and Thanksgiving for the Williams Family
Sunday (11 th 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
Monday (12 th January)	10.00am	Personal Intentions of Theresa Cottam
Tuesday (13 th January)	10.00am	Personal Intentions of Carmel
Wednesday (14 th January)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Joyce Alley
Thursday (15 th January)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Eileen Byrne
Friday (16 th January)	10.00am	Personal Intentions of Elaine Keating
	6.15pm	ADORATION
	7.30pm	Thanksgiving Intentions of Jessica
Saturday (17 th January) Vigil	10.00am	Deceased members of the Hegarty Family
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Katherine Keane
Sunday (18th January)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Eileen Byrne
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Billy Nohilly
	6.30pm	Pro Populo

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