

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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## 15th FEBRUARY 2026 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A Day for the Unemployed

<b>Reading 1</b>	Eccl 15:15-20	<i>He never commanded anyone to be godless.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 r. 1	<i>They are happy who follow God's law!</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	1 Cor 2:6-10	<i>God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	1 Sam 3:9; John 6:68	<i>Speak, Lord, your Servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
	Matt 11:25	<i>Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Matt 5:17-37	<i>You have learnt how it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.</i>

### SATURDAY

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation**

**10.30am – 11.30am**



### FRIDAY

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**6.15pm – 7.20pm  
 Followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm**



**Please Pray for** Jo Firth†, Mary Eason†, Clarice Moca G.Domingos†, and Ancy John Kumart who have recently died; And also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Gillian Evans, Lillian Mayson, Lillian (Nellie) Lennon, Bernadette Adapen, Karen Bruce, Kathleen Cox, Godfrey Vandenberg, Michael Black, Linda Hannion, Joyce Terry, Joseph Borg, William Tomlin, Hannah Swadling, Martha Kitson, John Triggs, Paul Beatty, Soni Gallagher, Florence Bond, Tadeuso Wardawowski, Joanne Jean Smith, Janet Matthews, Cecil Lee and Aurchio (Tom) Perera.

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

### Readers this week:

<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Sandana Family
<b>Sun 9.30am</b>	Sharon Chinwuba Nicky Croft Ann Williams
<b>Sun 11.30am</b>	Ellie Tetteh Dinah Kansime Laarni Fajardo
<b>Sun 6.30pm</b>	Akhebai Tegha Anatasia 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	£444.89	£71.60	£476.00	£53.25	<b>£1045.74</b>
Football Parking	£220.00	-	-	-	<b>£220.00</b>



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

Retiring Collection **TODAY** will be for the Clergy Support Fund. Please use the envelopes provided.

**PRAY FOR JO FIRTH** – Please continue to pray for Jo Firth, who passed away on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Josephine will be received into the Church on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 @ 4.15pm. The Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 @ 11.30am, followed by her burial at Woodlands Cemetery.

### **THE SEASON LENT – begins on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Ash Wednesday)**

Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own baptism and do penance.

### **LEGION OF MARY – Would you like to become a Member?**

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. If you are interested, please speak to Deacon Michael or call 07412859763 .

**FOODBANK** - We are still collecting non-perishable food & essential hygiene and baby items for the Medway Foodbank. Please leave your donations in the box at the back of Church. Please **DO NOT** leave perishable fruit & vegetables or 'out of date' items.

The Medway Foodbank has sent a 'THANK YOU' certificate & following message ..  
"On behalf of the team at Medway Foodbank, please see the certificate for the donations made between July and December 2025 (including Harvest collections). Your donations have been invaluable in enabling us to help those in need in Medway so thank you for your amazing support".

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	First Holy Communion Class 'Chapters 3 & 4' in the McMahon Hall at 11.45am
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Knights of St Columba Pre-Lenten Walk from St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church to The Friary, Aylesford Priory. Starts at 10.00am
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> – Holy Day of Obligation – Mass will be at 10.00am & 7.30pm. A day of fasting & abstinence.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	First Holy Communion Class 'Chapters 5 & 6' in the McMahon Hall at 11.45am

## AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### **CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION – TODAY**

The Clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting Priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. The Clergy Support Fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for Priests in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health. Please use the 'Clergy Support Fund' envelope or telephone 020 7960 2504 (Mon-Fri) or use the QR code to make your donation.



**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027)

For information about youth activities for all ages across the Archdiocese please visit our website at [www.tinyurl.com/scys1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (14 <sup>th</sup> Feb)  <i>Vigil Mass</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mr & Mrs Di Lisio
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Eileen Gallagher
Sunday (15 <sup>th</sup> Feb) <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	9.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Jennifer
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Peter Nash
Monday (16 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Kathleen & James McEvans
Tuesday (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb) <b><i>End of Ordinary Time Before Lent</i></b>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Sheila O'Hare
Wednesday (18 <sup>th</sup> Feb) <b><i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i></b>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Daniel Nelson
	7.30pm	
Thursday (19 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Jo Firth
Friday (20 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson
	6.15pm	ADORATION
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Violet King
Saturday (21 <sup>st</sup> Feb)  <i>Vigil</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Joseph Borg
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	6.30pm	Special Intentions
Sunday (22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb)	9.30am	"For God's Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners
	11.30am	Repose of the souls of Fred & Freda King
	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