

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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## 15 MARCH 2026 Third Sunday of Lent – Year A

<b>Reading 1</b>	1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13	<i>David is anointed king of Israel.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 22 r. 1	<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Eph 5:8-14	<i>Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you,</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	John 8: 12	<i>I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who believes in me will have the light of life.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 9:1-41	<i>He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.</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** Apolonia MacKenzie†, Bridget Hollingsworth†, Pauline Ketchen†, Jo Firth†, Mary Eason† and Clarice Moca G.Domingos†, who have recently died;  
 Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Francis Brincat, Bernice Flannery, Maureen Hodgson, Anne Featherstone, Edna Busher, James Quirke, Charles Lay, Benjamita Rebello, Eileen Fleming, Karen Bruce, Rosaria Formosa, John O’Neill, John Harte, Pauline Fairfax, Brian Sadler, Darrell Franz, Mary Hanna, & Eileen Jenkin.  
***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**

<b>Readers this week:</b>	
<b>Sat</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Alyssa Mae Viernes Lucy Janette Alfayad
<b>Sun</b> <b>9.30am</b>	Edeji Sisters
<b>Sun</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Samuel Robson Gali Family
<b>Sun</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Uche Family

<b>Readers Next week:</b>	
<b>Sat</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Crystabelle Imelda Cervantes Kieran Shannon
<b>Sun</b> <b>9.30am</b>	Tania Jackson Uhuegbu Sisters
<b>Sun</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Kara Family Chelsea Atoe
<b>Sun</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Daniella Ibeh Frances Okafor

# 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	£627.54	£145.60	£400.25	£36.25	£436.250
Football Parking	£235.00	-	-	-	£235.00



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

**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.*

**ANNUAL LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY**, consecration to Our Lady, will take place here in Our Lady of Gillingham church, on Saturday the 21st of March at 1pm. All children of our blessed Mother Mary are welcome. There will be Prayer, talk from the Priest, Consecration, Benediction and refreshments in the parish hall.'

## **OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL ..**

***‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it?’ –***

### **Luke 14:28**

Last week, our Parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their commitment to our Parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances. Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our Parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take a “Week 2 – Our Parish, Our Responsibility” appeal newsletter. Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish.

Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a pledge card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, Dayle will be available after Mass today, or speak with Fr Dennis

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE** – The OLoG SEEDS are holding an Easter Egg Raffle. £1 per strip of tickets, which will be on sale after Mass. Please support our Young Parishioners.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	First Holy Communion Class (Chapters 9 & 10) at 11.45am in the McMahon Hall
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Legion of Mary "Acies" Renewal of Vows. In Church from 1pm & continuing in the McMahon Hall until 4pm
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses will be held at 10.00am & 7.30pm
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Filipino Mass at 12noon followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm until 5pm
<i>Evening of 28<sup>th</sup> March – clocks go FORWARD by 1 hour</i>	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
<b><i>Lenten Spiritual Programme</i></b>	
<b>Mondays</b>	Stations of the Cross at 10.30am after morning mass
<b>Fridays</b>	Private meditation & exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.15-6.55pm Stations of the Cross at 7pm before evening Mass
<b>Saturdays</b>	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Confession at 10.30am

## AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**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](http://rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary)

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. I have also found it a blessing to be able to accompany and to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled. Details for booking travel and accommodation: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>  
We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>  
For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera ([edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)) or Deacon John Fogarty ([johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk)) or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks ([paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk))

**FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS** - Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst: (1) Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August); (2) The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character.

For more details: [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (14 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	6.30pm	Repose of the souls of Margaret & Harold Cardwell
Sunday (15 <sup>th</sup> Mar) Fourth Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Sammy Formosa
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday (16 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Jo Firth
	10.30am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Tuesday (17 <sup>th</sup> Mar) <b>St Patrick</b>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Pauline Ketchen
Wednesday (18 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Dominique Cannavina
Thursday (19 <sup>th</sup> Mar) <b>St Joseph</b>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Edna Nelson
Friday (20 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	10.00am	Good Health of Sarah Adams & her unborn child
	6.15pm 7.00pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Jean-Claude Beguinot
Saturday (21 <sup>st</sup> Mar)  Vigil	10.00am	Repose of the soul of John J. Saunders
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	1.00pm	Legion of Mary "ACIES" (Renewal of Vows)
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Sunday (22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar) Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Healing & Spiritual Welfare of Ian Parmenter
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Samuel Odoom
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Frank Hanham

**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