

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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## 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 First Sunday of Lent – Year A

<b>Reading 1</b>	Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7	<i>The creation and sin of our first parents.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 50:3-6, 12-14 17 r. 3	<i>Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Rom 5:12-19	<i>However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.</i>
<b>shorter</b>	Rom 5:12. 17-19	<i>However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Matt 4:4	<i>Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Matt 4:1-11	<i>Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.</i>

### SATURDAY

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



### FRIDAY

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**6.15pm – 6.55pm**  
**Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm and Holy Mass at 7.30pm**



**Please Pray for** Pauline Ketchin, 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:

Robert Patrick Plummer, Marion Edwards, Razario Rubio, Maude Harris, Miargaret Patricia Wills, Andrew Snowdown, Patricia Ann Hamilton, Patrick Aloysius Galvin, Philip Andrew Redshaw, Florence Newson, Margaret Wharfe, Brian Michael Meade, Patrick Kennedy, John Joseph Tapley and Albert Francis Parris.

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

### Readers this week:

<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Alyssa Mae Viernes Gabriel Concepcion Juan Jupit Quilas
<b>Sun 9.30am</b>	Edeji Sisters
<b>Sun 11.30am</b>	Samuel Robson Gali Family
<b>Sun 6.30pm</b>	Uche Family

## 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	£279.08	£50.00	£251.00	£28.75	<b>£608.83</b>
Clergy Fund	£199.65	£27	£132.00	£29.25	<b>£387.90</b>
Football Parking	-	-	-	-	



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

Next Weeks Second Collection is for CAFOD Fast Day

**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.

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

**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".

**CAFOD Fast Day will take place on Friday 27th February.**

You are invited to offer your fast and Lenten sacrifice in support of the vital work of CAFOD. Please bring your Fast Day offering and present it at the collection next Sunday, 1st March.

**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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<i>Sacrament of Baptism</i>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<i>CAFOD Fast Day – Next week second collection will be for CAFOD.</i>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<i>First Holy Communion Class ‘Chapters 5 &amp; 6’ in the McMahon Hall at 11.45am</i>
Lenten Spiritual Programme	
<b>Mondays</b>	Stations of the Cross at 10.30am after morning mass
<b>Fridays</b>	Private meditation, exposition of Blessed Sacrament and at 6.15pm to 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

**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)

**Igbo Catholic Community** – Gathering on Sunday, 22nd February 2026, St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in Rainham, Kent, ME8 7RH starting with Mass at 1pm afterwards celebration in parish centre.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday (22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb) <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	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
Monday (23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Bea Doyle
Tuesday (24 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Joyce Alley Repose of the soul of Ann Marie Ntolo
Wednesday (25 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Patrick Galvin
	7.30pm	
Thursday (26 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	10.00am	Birthday and Thanksgiving for Stephen Cottam
Friday (27 <sup>th</sup> Feb) <i>CAFOD Fast Day</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Eileen Byrne
	6.15pm	ADORATION
	7.30pm	Pro Populo
Saturday (28 <sup>th</sup> Feb)  Vigil	10.00am	Pro Populo
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Pauline Ketchin
Sunday (01 Mar) <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am	Repose of the souls of Stephen Cho Ndikum, Agnes Ndikum Awa and Ngefor Stellans Ndikum
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	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