

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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25 JANUARY 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A

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| Reading 1 | Isa 8:23b–9:3 | <i>In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.</i> |
| Psalm | Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14 r. 1 | <i>The Lord is my light and my help.</i> |
| Reading 2 | 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | <i>Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.</i> |
| Gospel Acclamation | Matt 4:23 | <i>Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.</i> |
| | Matt 4:12-23 | <i>He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.</i> |
| Gospel | Matt 4:12-17 | <i>He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.</i> |

FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration
6.15pm – 7.20pm
Followed by Holy Mass
at 7.30pm



SATURDAY

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



Please Pray for Jo Firth, Mary Eason, Ancy John Kumar, Luna Webster, baby Blake Moon who have recently died;
 And also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Thomas Macken, John Gordon, Michael Connolly, Margaret King, Olive Lewis, Andrew Campbell, Michael Jessup, Roy Batt, Horace Haslam, Patrick Kennedy, Ivy Dias & Honorah Hubbert.
May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace

Readers this week:

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| Sat 6.30pm | Gabriel Concepcion Juan Jupit Quilas Kieran Shannon |
| Sun 9.30am | Ann Williams Akhebai Tegha Sharon Chinwuba |
| Sun 11.30am | Chelsea Atoe Anastasia Ebifa Dinah Kansime |
| Sun 6.30pm | Sandana Family |

Our Parish NOTICES

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

Collections this week:

| CATEGORY | CASH (Loose) | GIFT AID | CONTACTLESS Amount | Gift Aid | TOTALS |
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| Offertory | £504.40 | £64.00 | £346.00 | £30.50 | £944.90 |
| Second Collection (Pax Christi) | £171.40 | - | £86.00 | £18.75 | £276.15 |
| Football Parking | £280.00 | - | - | - | £280.00 |



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

Retiring Collection **THIS WEEK** for St George's Cathedral

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 for more information.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – ALMA MATER FUND

The Alma Mater fund is an initiative by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. It provides financial Grants to University students across the UK who are Facing crisis pregnancies, helping them to continue pursuing their academic and personal goals. To date, the fund has provided Grants to over 90 students and is currently experiencing unprecedented demand. This is why the Knights have chosen to support this initiative as our National Action project until 2026. There is a poster at the back of the Church for further information & details of how to donate.

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

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| 31st Jan | First Holy Communion class "Chapter 2". Please meet in the McMahon Hall, from 11.45am until 12.45pm |
| 31st Jan | Marriage Preparation with Deacon Michael. Please meet in the McMahon Hall, from 1pm until 3.15pm |
| 31st Jan | Filipino Mass at 1pm followed by a Gathering in the McMahon Hall, from 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome. |

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.



- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Cash / Cheque – please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes.

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/fdmGwmESSql>

THE GOOD COUNSEL BLACK TIE BALL will take place at 6pm on St Valentine's Day, Saturday 14th February 2026 in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £135 each. Or a table of ten for £1,300. For bookings and enquiries email GCNBall@gmail.com or telephone 07795205117

RETRouvaille - LAST CALL for online marriage programme.

Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday (24 th January) <i>Vigil Mass</i> | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Harold Hopper |
| | 10.30am | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION |
| | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Sunday (25 th January) | 9.30am | Repose of the soul of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson |
| | 11.30am | 100 th Birthday Thanksgiving for Kathleen Simmonds |
| | 6.30pm | Repose of the soul of Teresa Carroll Snr |
| Monday (26 th January) Saints Timothy & Titus | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Patricia Ada Osakwe |
| Tuesday (27 th January) | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Andrew Shirley |
| Wednesday (28 th January) Saint Thomas Aquinas | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Joyce Alley |
| Thursday (29 th January) | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Jo Firth |
| Friday (30 th January) | 10.00am | Wellbeing of Philip and John Croft |
| | 6.15pm | ADORATION |
| | 7.30pm | Repose of the soul of Tony Phillips |
| Saturday (31 st January) Saint John Bosco Vigil | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Mary Mahoney |
| | 10.30am | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION |
| | 1pm | Filipino Mass |
| | 6.30pm | For God's Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners |
| First Sunday (1 st February) | 9.30am | Repose of the soul of Jo Firth |
| | 11.30am | Repose of the soul of Declan Gavin |
| | 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