

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – YEAR A

Reading 1	Eccl 3:2-6. 12-14	<i>He who fears the Lord respects his parents</i>
Psalms	Ps 127:1-2, 3, 4-5 r.1	<i>O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!</i>
Reading 2	Col 3:12-21	<i>Family life in the Lord.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Col 3:15. 16	<i>May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.</i>
Gospel	Matt 2:13-15, 19-23	<i>Take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt.</i>

Readers this week

6.30pm Juan Jupit Quilas Imelda Cervantes Kieran Shannon	9.30am Amarachi Uhuegbu Ifeoma Uhuegbu Tania Jackson	11.30am Chelsea Atoe Anastasia Ebifa Kathleen Kara	6.30pm Frances Okafor Daniella Ibeh Joan Aruma
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Readers next week (4th January 2026):

6.30pm	9.30am	11.30am	6.30pm
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Please pray for Clarice Moca G.Domingos†, Mary Eason†, Ancy John (Kumar)†, Luna Ivy Webster†, and baby Blake Moon Stephen† *who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:*

William Halliday, Antonietta Zeuli, Tessie Bergin, Christopher Newman, Fausta Cutone, Cornelius Rowland, Rodney Kirwan, Sheila Norman, Lucia Swan, Patricia Milton, Ruth Kirwan, Patrick O'Connell, Mary Murphy, James McKecnie, Francisco Gallo, Thomas Hanrahan, Daniel O'Driscoll, Sarah Gilder, Michael Walsh and Gwendoline Ryan.

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 Last Week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount Gift Aid	TOTALS
Christmas Offering	Amount is not available			



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

FR DENNIS will be travelling to Uganda, to visit his Mother, in the New Year. He will be away for about 5 weeks.

CHRISTMAS 'OFFERING' ENVELOPES – As I am sure you are aware the Christmas Day offering was your way of THANKING Fr Dennis & Fr Pascoal for all their hard work & support throughout the year. Thank you all for your very kind generosity.

GRATITUDE: Thanks to all who assisted in the preparations for the celebration of Christmas 2025; the clergy, the readers, the stewards, the choirs, altar servers and those did the cleaning and decoration of the Church.

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 meet the Parish Priest or any Youth Coordinator with a valid ID to claim your gift.

CARETAKER VACANCY – Our Lady of Gillingham 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

APPRECIATION – Thank you to everybody for your contributions to the Priests' kitchen renovations, which currently amount to **£5591.26**. The work is now finished and has costed us **£12,442**. Kindly pass any further donations, to the Parish Priest, or via bank account: RCAS Gillingham 60-08-37 55153119 (Ref. Building fund), or by Contactless machine - Thanksgiving. Cheques should be made payable to **RCAS Gillingham**.



£8,000

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>Continue until 11th Jan</i>	ADVENT & CHRISTMAS FAMILY BLESSINGS If you would like a visit from Fr Pascoal, please complete the Advent Family Blessing form, at the back of the Church, & leave it in the Parish Office.
TODAY	PARISH THANKSGIVING & FAMILY DAY after 11.30am Mass Please 'bring & share' food & drink and wear your National Dress.
<i>3rd January</i>	OLOG Young Adult Mass at 3pm

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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!

NORTH GILLINGHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER – invite you all to attend the North Gillingham Churches together hosting AFY Uganda Service on 11th January at 6pm at St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham, ME7 5PW.

RETRouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

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. Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026. 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 (27 th December) St John Vigil Mass The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	10.00am	Intentions of Mary Shirley
	10.30am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Reconcilliation</i>
	12noon	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Ena D'Cruz
Sunday (28 th December) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	9.30am	In Thanksgiving and God's Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Gelsi Antonietta and Thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of Helen & Raphael
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday (29 th December) St Thomas of Canterbury	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Eason
Tuesday (30 th December)	10.00am	Thanksgiving for the 60 th Wedding Anniversary of Eric & Dawn Fernandez
Wednesday (31 st December)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Joseph Ezenwajikwa
Thursday (1 st January) Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Sylvia Azubuine
	6.30pm	Thanksgiving for the Anthonia Okeke Family & the Year Ahead
First Friday (2 nd January) St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	10.00am	Repose of the soul of James A. Lane
Saturday (3 rd January) Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Theresa Ezenwajikwa
	3pm	OLOG Young Adult Mass
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Violet Smith
Sunday (4 th January) Second Sunday after the Nativity	9.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Aleena
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Santonio Alvares
	6.30pm	Pro Populo