

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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18 JANUARY 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A

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| Reading 1 | Isa 49: 3, 5-6 | <i>I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.</i> |
| Psalm | Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10 r. 8.9 | <i>Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.</i> |
| Reading 2 | 1 Cor 1:1-3 | <i>May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.</i> |
| Gospel Acclamation | | <i>Blessing on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!</i> |
| | John 1:14.12 | <i>The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to be come children to God.</i> |
| Gospel | John 1:29-34 | <i>Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.</i> |

Readers this week

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| 6.30pm Oliver Perez Imelda Cervantes Yolanda Danday | 9.30am Chizoba Okeke Vincent Obi Sharon Chinwuba | 11.30am Onyehialam Sisters | 6.30pm Anthonia Fatuase Victoria Shosanya Francisca Okeke |
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Readers next week (25th January 2026):

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| 6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion Juan Jupit Quilas Kieran Shannon | 9.30am Ann Williams Akhebai Tegha Nicky Croft | 11.30am Ellie Tetteh Anastasia Ebifa Dinah Kansime | 6.30pm Sandana Family |
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Please pray for Clarice Moca G.Domingos†, Mary Eason†, Ancy John (Kumar)†, Luna Ivy Webster†, and baby Blake Moon Stephens† *who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:*

Bernard Moore, Rose Smyth, Jacqueline Hunt, Stephen Plummer, Ronald Gordon, Phyllis Gay, William (Bill) Waller, Maria Di Lisio, Harold Hopper, Clive Brooker, Emily Harte, Violet Cook, Emanuella Psaila, John Sleator, Isaac Uzoegbo, Susan Dalrymple, Rosemary McCarthy, Michael Dickinson, William Gavin, Dino Grancevola, Peter Ince, Leonard Charrington, Carlo Ferrari, Ivan Flannery and Maurice Kavanagh.

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 (weekend 11/12 Jan):

| CATEGORY | CASH (Loose) | GIFT AID | CONTACTLESS Amount | Gift Aid | TOTALS |
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| Offertory | £428.62 | £107.60 | £274.00 | £31.25 | £842.47 |
| Football Parking | £310.00 | | | | £310.00 |
| Crib Offering | £87.00 | | | | £87.00 |
| Christmas Offering | £32.00 | £5.00 | £10.00 | | £47.00 |



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RETIRING COLLECTION – THIS WEEK for Pax Christi Peace Sunday

RETIRING COLLECTION – NEXT WEEK for St George's Cathedral

FR DENNIS has gone back to Uganda to visit his Mother & Family. He will return to our Parish at the beginning of February.

CHRISTMAS 'OFFERING' Thank you all for your very kind generosity. A total of **£4,047.00** was donated.

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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| 18th Jan | Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion candidates, during the 9.30am Mass. All candidates must attend. |
| 24th Jan | Filipino Mass at 12.30pm, followed by a Gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm till 5pm. All are welcome. |
| 31st Jan | First Holy Communion class "Chapter 2" McMahon Hall, 11.45am till 12.45pm |
| 31st Jan | Marriage Preparation with Deacon Michael, McMahon Hall, 1pm-3.15pm |

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

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Pax Christi PEACE SUNDAY – THIS WEEKEND – the work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION 25TH JANUARY

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. If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags.

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/fdmGwmESSgl>

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. 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

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| Saturday (17 th January) Saint Anthony <i>Vigil Mass</i> | 10.00am | Deceased members of the Hegarty Family |
| | 10.30am | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION |
| | 6.30pm | Repose of the soul of Katherine Keane |
| Sunday (18 th January) | 9.30am | Repose of the soul of Eileen Byrne |
| | 11.30am | Repose of the soul of Billy Nohilly |
| | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Monday (19 th January) | 10.00am | Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs Nicola Di Lisio |
| Tuesday (20 th January) | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Lourdes Alvares |
| Wednesday (21 st January) Saint Agnes | 10.00am | Birthday Thanksgiving Intentions for Pennie |
| Thursday (22 nd January) | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Mary Ann Regan |
| Friday (23 rd January) | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Billy Nohilly |
| | 6.15pm | ADORATION |
| | 7.30pm | Repose of the souls of Fred & Freda King |
| Saturday (24 th January) St Francis de Sales <i>Vigil</i> | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Harold Hopper |
| | 10.30am | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION |
| | 12.30pm | Filipino Mass |
| | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Sunday (25th January) | 9.30am | Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson |
| | 11.30am | 100 th Birthday Thanksgiving for Kathleen Simmonds |
| | 6.30pm | Repose of the soul of Teresa Carroll Snr |

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