

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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22nd MARCH 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A

Reading 1	Ezek 37:12-14	<i>I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.</i>
Psalm	Ps 129 r. 7	<i>With the Lord there is mercy And fullness of redemption.</i>
Reading 2	Rom 8:8-11	<i>The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 11: 25-26	<i>I am the resurrection and the life, Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.</i>
Gospel	John 11:1-45	<i>I am the resurrection and the life.</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: Grace Fingleton, Francesco Verdolini, Lorna Ryan, Fr Pierre Barbyer, Kathleen Mary, Martin (Pat) Knell, George Bond, Brenda Corcoran, Doreen Stone, Leo Ross, William Banks, Ivy McCann and Tammy Dickie.

***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



Readers this week:

Sat 6.30pm	Crystabelle Imelda Cervantes Kieran Shannon
Sun 9.30am	Tania Jackson Uhuegbu Sisters
Sun 11.30am	Kara Family Chelsea Atoe
Sun 6.30pm	Daniella Ibeh Frances Okafor

Readers

Weds 25th March:

10.00am
Jim Spencer Ann Williams
7.30pm
Laarni Fajardo Akhebai Tegha

Readers Next week:

Sat 6.30pm	Gabriel Concepcion Oliver Perez Laarni Fajardo
Sun 9.30am	Vincent Obi Chizoba Okeke Gillian Knight
Sun 11.30am	Onyehialam Sisters Dinah Kansime
Sun 6.30pm	Victoria Shosanya Anastasia Ebifa

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	£870.76	£131.05	£375.00	£42.25	£1419.06
Retiring Collection (Fr Joseph)	£299.54	-	£130	-	£429.54
Football Parking	£175.00	-		-	£175.00



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

MY PARISH COMMITMENT – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL ..

As you will be aware, we have been running a planned giving drive over the last two weeks. First weekend we reflected on how we are each uniquely called to exercised Stewardship of our God-given gifts of Time, Treasure & Talents, investing and sharing these with those around us in the best way to give glory to God. Our parish is one of the gifts we have received, thanks to the generosity of those who went before us. Last week your fellow parishioners, on the finance committee, shared with you some of the ways in which our parish needs help to ensure our parish continues to flourish and is handed on to future generations in even better condition than we received it. This week, you will all have the opportunity to put your decisions into practise by completing a form – each household will be handed one.

Please take a form even if you are already a planned giver and gift aider in the parish. This is because this is a parish-wide renewal, so it is important for each one of us to reflect on our blessings and pray about our Stewardship of this parish. This form will also ensure your contact details and Gift Aid details are up-to-date which is very important for parish records.

Additionally, over the last few weeks you will have heard us talk about stewardship, and the concept of sharing our gifts of time and talent.

Once you have finished completing the offertory pledge form, please turn to the volunteer sign-up form. Here you will see there is the opportunity to sign up to a variety of volunteering opportunities in the parish. We shall contact you in the coming weeks to provide you with more information. I welcome you to mention if you have any other talents that could be of use to us as a parish community.

REQUIEM MASS of Apolonia MacKenzie will take place on Monday 30th March 2026 at 12noon, followed by her burial at Woodlands Cemetery.

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

Wednesday 25th March	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses will be held at 10.00am & 7.30pm
28th March	Filipino Mass at 12noon followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm until 5pm
<i>Evening of 28th March – clocks go FORWARD by 1 hour</i>	
29th March	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Lenten Spiritual Programme	
<i>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.</i>	
Mondays	Stations of the Cross at 10.30am after morning mass
Fridays	Private meditation & exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.15-6.55pm Stations of the Cross at 7pm before evening Mass
Saturdays	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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 21st to 28th 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) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks (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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (21 st Mar)	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Sunday (22 nd 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
Monday (23 rd Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Junie Tomias
	10.30am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Tuesday (24 th Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Yvonne Durkan
Wednesday (25 th Mar) The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Junie Tomias
	7.30pm	Good Health & Wellbeing of Dominique Cannavina
Thursday (26 th Mar)	10.00am	Thanksgiving Intention for Varghese Sebastian & Family
Friday (27 th Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Pauline Ketchen
	6.15pm 7.00pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	Thanksgiving Intentions for Mrs Moni Adebisi
Saturday (28 th Mar) Vigil	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Junie Tomias
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	12noon	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	“For God’s Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners”
Sunday (29 th Mar) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.30am	Repose of the soul of the Selvaraj Family
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Tony Phillips

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