

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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29th MARCH 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A

Procession

Gospel: Year A Matt 21:1-11 *Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Mass

Reading 1 Isa 50:4-7 *I did not cover my face against Insult, I know I shall not be shamed.*

Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 r. 2 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Reading 2 Phil 2:6-11 *He humbled himself, but God raised him high*

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9 *Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.*

Gospel: Year A Matt 26:14–27:66 *The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ*

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: Eva Perfect, Margaret Campion, Cecilia Maynard, Kenneth Fleming, Jane Liston, Carmina Travaglini, Derek McManus, Weronica Oszwa, Angelo Cilloni, Laura Toborek, Derek Knapp, Edward Wickens, Peter Negus, Muriel Sanders, Patrick Sullivan, Mary Stevens, Marie Keating, Santa Tizzano, Alfred Cannavina & David Allen.

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

Readers this 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

Readers Next week (Easter Sunday):

Sun 9.30am	Ann Williams Nicky Croft Sharon Chinwuba
Sun 11.30am	Ellie Tetteh Dinah Kansime Samuel Robson
Sun 6.30pm	Shakira Kara Anastasia Ebifa Akhebai Tegha

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	£541.48	£77.00	£309.00	£48.75	£976.23
Football Parking (Tues & Sat)	£495.00				£495.00



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

Good Friday Papal Collection for **The Holy Places of Palestine**

REQUIEM MASS of Apolonia MacKenzie will take place, this Monday 30th March 2026, at 12noon, followed by her burial at Woodlands Cemetery at 2pm.

EASTER SERVICES – As we move into Holy Week there will be lots of changes to Mass times. Please see the separate 'Programme of Easter Services' leaflet enclosed.

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.

PLANNED GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – We thank all the parishioners who renewed their commitment last weekend. God bless you. We are grateful to the Team that helped to organize this exercise. The next exercise shall be the follow up and reporting. For those who did not provide their bank details pass them to Deacon Michael or Dayle Bergin. Those who have not renewed their commitment, the forms are available at the back of the Church. Collect a form, complete it and bring it back.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES – Next week your Mass Offering is a personal thanksgiving gift to Fr Dennis & Fr Pascoal. Please take an Easter Offering envelope, donate generously in the spirit of appreciating the good works our Priests are doing in the parish, and return the envelope next week. Many thanks.

HELP NEEDED – CANDLESTICK & BRASS CLEANING

If you are able to offer assistance with cleaning all the candlesticks & plaques in the Church, please meet in the McMahon Hall after Mass on Tuesday morning or speak with Peggy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th March	Filipino Mass at 12noon followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm until 5pm
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Evening of 28th March – Don't forget to change the clocks - FORWARD by 1 hour

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FEAST 2026 CELEBRATIONS – 12th APRIL @ 2.30pm

at St Andrews Church, Washington Drive, Cippenham, Slough SL1 5RE.

The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, Mass, Talk, Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome to celebrate this glorious feast with us. Please call millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage - 11th July @ St George's

Cathedral: If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format "John and Mary Smith"; your home address; your parish; and the anniversary you are celebrating. You will be sent an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Contact us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk The the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Tenterden, Gillingham.



JOB VACANCY: PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVISER.

Are you passionate about Religious Education and committed to strengthening the Catholic mission in our primary schools? The Southwark Catholic Education Service are seeking to appoint an exceptional Primary Religious Education Adviser on a seconded basis (2 days per week) to support the implementation of the Religious Education Directory (RED) and Lighting the Path across our primary schools. To apply and find out more, visit <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/primary-religious-education-adviser-education-service/>

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s/30s) -DISCERNING GOD'S CALL IN YOUR LIFE - 15th - 17th May, Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

PLEASE JOIN US ON A MARY'S MEALS WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Details of all the pilgrimages offered by Mary's Meals are available here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope>. Options include the Augustine Camino from Rochester to Ramsgate via Aylesford Priory, Canterbury Cathedral and Minster Abbey from 5-11 September, and The Way of Our Lady of Consolation from West Grinstead to Storrington and onto Arundel Cathedral from 8-9 May.

You are very welcome to join us for a single day; several days; or a whole pilgrimage. Come on your own or as a group. To find out more or to sign up, please go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope> or contact Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals at info@marysmeals.org .

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (20 th Mar)	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	‘Thanks for God’s Mercies’ for Joseph Okafor
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Tony Phillips
Monday (30 th Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Fionnuala Gallagher
	10.30am	<i>Stations of the Cross (No Confessions)</i>
	12noon	Requiem Mass for Apolonia MacKenzie Followed by her burial at Woodlands Cemetery
Tuesday (31 st Mar)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Angeline Enanei and Benjamine Nleno
	10.30am	Confessions
Wednesday (1 st April)		NO MASS <i>(Chrism Mass at St George’s Cathedral)</i>
Thursday (2 nd April) Maundy Thursday	10.00am	Confessions
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Darrell Franz and Birthday Thanksgiving for Chukwukbuka Edeji
Friday (3 rd April) The Passion of the Lord	10.00am	Children’s Stations of the Cross
	10.30am	Confessions
	12noon-2.30pm	“The Passion” film in the McMahon Hall
	2.40pm 3.00pm	Day 1 – The Divine Mercy Novena THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday (4 th April)	10.00am	Confessions
	11.30am	Blessing of Food (lead by the Polish Community)
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	7.40pm 8.00pm	Day 2 – The Divine Mercy Novena Repose of the soul of Marie Keating
Easter Sunday (5 th April) Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	9.30am	Cottam Family Intentions
	11.30am	Good Health of Pat Harrington
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
(20 minutes prior to ALL Easter Sunday Masses – Day 3 - Divine Mercy Novena)		

FRIDAY

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
6.15pm – 6.55pm
Followed by Stations
of the Cross at 7pm
and
Holy Mass at 7.30pm**



SATURDAY

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

