

## OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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### 5th April 2026

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – Year A

<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 10: 34. 37-43	<i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	117: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 r. 24	<i>This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i>
<b>Second Reading</b>	Col 3: 1-4	<i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i>
	or 1 Cor 5:6-8	<i>Get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread.</i>
<b>Sequence</b>		<i>Victimae paschali laudes Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	1 Cor 5:7-8	<i>Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 20: 1-9	<i>He must rise from the dead</i>

**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: Edith Smith, Thomas Smith, Douglas Wharfe, Theresa Melville, David Mabon, Jane McCann, Stephen Cunningham, Barbara Ryan, Maria Freeman, James Walsh, Antonia Edney, Mary Hewson, Ernest Gizzi, Teresa Lawson, Eva Fantetti, Ellen O'Neill, Martin Mullins, Patrick Bishop, Alfonso Gizzi, Daniel Scullion, Carlton Aubert, Alinda Read and Marie Jones. ***May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace***

#### Readers this week:

<b style="color: purple;">Sun 9.30am</b>	Ann Williams Nicky Croft Sharon Chinwuba
<b style="color: purple;">Sun 11.30am</b>	Ellie Tetteh Dinah Kansiieme Samuel Robson
<b style="color: purple;">Sun 6.30pm</b>	Shakira Kara Anastasia Ebifa Akhebai Tegha

#### Readers Next week:

<b style="color: purple;">Sat 6.30pm</b>	Sandana Family
<b style="color: purple;">Sun 9.30am</b>	Edeji Sisters
<b style="color: purple;">Sun 11.30am</b>	Dominic Gali Olivia Gali Samuel Robson
<b style="color: purple;">Sun 6.30pm</b>	Uche Family

## 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	£596.97	£125.00	£340.65	£42.50	<b>£1105.12</b>



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

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** – This week your Mass Offering is a personal thanksgiving gift to Fr Dennis & Fr Pascoal. Please take and use an Easter Offering envelope, donate generously in the spirit of appreciating the good works our Priests are doing in the parish. If you pay via the Contactless machine, please ensure you include a message stating 'Personal Offering for the Priests'. Many thanks.

**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. The raffle will be drawn on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**EASTER PAINTING & PHOTO COMPETITION** – There are two competitions on offer to all young people aged between 7yrs & 18yrs. Entries will be split into 3 different age categories: 7-11yrs; 11-14yrs; 14-18yrs. Closing date for the Painting Competition is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April & for the Photo Competition is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the Posters at the back of the Church for entry details.

**MINISTRY FOR THE ELDERLY – SPRING DANCE** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 2pm. Parishioners aged 70+ are invited to join Fr Dennis in the McMahon Hall, for a 'chat & a cuppa', and some light entertainment. Refreshments will be provided. A letter & invitation will be distributed shortly either via email or post/hand delivered. Please RSVP, so we know how many are attending. You are welcome to bring a support person for assistance. If you haven't already registered with the Parish & would like to attend, please leave your name, address, phone number & email address (if applicable) with the Parish Secretary in the Office.

**GIFT AID** – All Parishioners who have previously signed up to Gift Aid, please collect your new box of envelopes from Dayle or the Office.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 <sup>th</sup> April	Ministry for the Elderly – Spring Dance – McMahon Hall at 2pm
25 <sup>th</sup> April	First Holy Communion Workshop in the McMahon Hall at 11.45am
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Filipino Mass @ 1.30pm, followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 3pm until 6pm

## AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FEAST 2026 CELEBRATIONS – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 - 11<sup>th</sup> July @ St George's**

**Cathedral:** If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + 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](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) 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](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://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](mailto:info@marysmeals.org) .

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (4 <sup>th</sup> April)  <i>The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night</i>	10.00am	Confessions
	11.30am	Blessing of Food (lead by the Polish Community)
	7.40pm 8.00pm	Day 2 – The Divine Mercy Novena Repose of the soul of Marie Keating
<b>(20 minutes prior to ALL Easter Sunday Masses – Day 3 - Divine Mercy Novena)</b>		
Easter Sunday (5 <sup>th</sup> April) <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	9.30am	Cottam Family Intentions
	11.30am	Good Health of Pat Harrington
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday (6 <sup>th</sup> April) <i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>	9.45am	Day 4 - Divine Mercy Novena
	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson
Tuesday (7 <sup>th</sup> April) <i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am	Good Health & Wellbeing of Gillian Knight
Wednesday (8 <sup>th</sup> April) <i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Jenny Dooner
Thursday (9 <sup>th</sup> April) <i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Dennis Singleton & Memorial Mass for John McBrian
Friday (10 <sup>th</sup> April) <i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Michael Keating
	7.30pm	Private Intention for Gillian Knight
Saturday (11 <sup>th</sup> April) <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>	9.40am	Day 9 – Closing of the Divine Mercy Novena
	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clarence, Teresa & Carlton Aubert
	1.30pm	Nuptial Mass for Chison & Cynthia
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Divine Mercy Sunday – Chaplet of Divine Mercy ( <b>15mins</b> prior to each Mass)		
Sunday (12 <sup>th</sup> April)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Apolonia MacKenzie
	11.30am	Special Intentions for all Priests & Vocations
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Patrick Bishop