

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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12th April 2026 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – Year A

Reading 1	Acts 2:42-47	The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.
Psalm	Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 r.1	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Reading 2	1 Pet 1:3-9	In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.
Gospel Acclamation	John 20:29	Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Gospel	John 20:19-31	Eight days later, Jesus came.

FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration
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



Please Pray for Apolonia MacKenzie†, Bridget Hollingsworth†, Jo Firth†, and Pauline Ketchen†, who have recently died; Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Carmen Buttigies, Joan Staples, Christopher McLaughlin, Antonio Cilloni, Agatha Winers, Vera Leslice, Martina Thomas, Ruth Caulfield, Lloyd Albert, Maria Finlay, Elizabeth Clark, Mary Harewood, Kathleen Timson, Rose Mullan, John Nesbit, Patrick Ryan and Margaret Enright.
May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace

Readers this week:

Sat 6.30pm	Sandana Family
Sun 9.30am	Edeji Sisters
Sun 11.30am	Dominic Gali Olivia Gali Samuel Robson
Sun 6.30pm	Uche Family

Readers next week:

Sat 6.30pm	Alyssa Mae Viernes Lucy Imelda Cervantes
Sun 9.30am	Tania Jackson Uhuegbu Sisters
Sun 11.30am	Shakira Kara Chelsea Atoe Kathleen Kara
Sun 6.30pm	Daniella Ibeh Frances Okafor

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	£2376.33	£426.00	£878.00	£137.50	£3817.83
Good Friday for Holy Land Places	£703.67		£15.00		£718.67



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

Second Collection **THIS** week is for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Second Collection **NEXT** Sunday for the Poor Parishes, which enables the Archdiocese to offer grants to the Poorer Parishes in the diocese.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES – Thank you for your very generous donations to Fr Dennis & Fr Pascoal. The Easter collection amounted to £3254.33

EASTER EGG RAFFLE – The OLoG SEEDS have drawn the Easter Egg Raffle. Winning Numbers are: 1st (518); 2nd (32); 3rd (97); 4th (165); 5th (778); 6th (881); 7th (22); 8th (720); 9th (421); 10th (597)

Please bring your winning raffle ticket to the Presbytery to collect your prize.

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 19th April & for the Photo Competition is Monday 20th April. Please see the Posters at the back of the Church for entry details.

MINISTRY FOR THE ELDERLY – SPRING DANCE – Sunday 19th April 2026 at 2pm. Parishioners aged 70+ are invited to join Fr Dennis in the McMahan Hall, for a 'chat & a cuppa', and some light entertainment. Refreshments will be provided. A letter & invitation have been distributed either via email or post/hand delivered. Please RSVP, so we know how many are attending. You are welcome to bring a 'plus one' or support person for assistance. If you haven't received an invitation or haven't 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 th April	Ministry for the Elderly – Spring Dance – McMahon Hall at 2pm
25 th April	First Holy Communion Workshop in the McMahon Hall at 11.45am
25 th April	Filipino Mass @ 1.30pm, followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 3pm until 6pm

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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 title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Tenterden, Gillingham.



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>

MARRIAGE CARE: *Would you like train in relationship counselling and provide couples with professional, effective support, that makes a real difference?* Marriage Care's next **Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC)** training course will begin in March 2027, the deadline for applications is **30th June**. Please note that there are costs associated with training on the CRC, including a non-refundable registration fee of around £175. These costs, which are outlined on their website.

Marriage Care are looking for those who are **empathetic, understanding** and have an **enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships**. Whilst you do not need experience as a counsellor for this role, **self-awareness** and having the **time and space to commit** to all that the training and role entails is essential.

For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE with FATHER GODWIN – 23-26 October 2026

Return Flight to Croatia (15kg bag included). Coach to Bosnia, Medjugorje to visit our Blessed Mother. Half board accommodation & travel guide included. Cost £480 (shared basis) Single Supplement £580. For more information contact Vincent Sexton on 07503 122313

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (11 th April) Vigil	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 & Repose of the soul of Ebubechukwu Ihionu
Divine Mercy Sunday – Chaplet of Divine Mercy (15mins prior to each Mass)		
Sunday (12 th April) <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Apolonia MacKenzie
	11.30am	Special Intentions for all Priests & Vocations
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Ebubechukwu Ihionu
Monday (13 th April)	10.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Stephen Cottam
Tuesday (14 th April)	10.00am	Good Health & Wellbeing of Dominique Cannavina
Wednesday (15 th April)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of David Potter
Thursday (16 th April)	10.00am	For Souls in Purgatory
Friday (17 th April)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Apolonia McKenzie
	6.15pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Patrick Bishop
Saturday (18 th April) Vigil	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Eleuterio Sequeira
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Jean Babbington
Sunday (19 th April)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Irene Alvares
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Roberto Galendez
	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Please ensure that, if you book a Mass via the contactless machine, you have booked your Mass Intention in the diary first. Mass Intentions require a £10 donation.