

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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19th April 2026

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER – Year A

Reading 1	Acts 2:14, 22-33	<i>It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.</i>
Psalm	Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 r. 11	<i>Show us, Lord, the path of life. or Alleluia!</i>
Reading 2	1 Pet 1:17-21	<i>Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Luke 24:32	<i>Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within talk to us.</i>
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35	<i>They recognised him at the breaking of bread.</i>

FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration

6.15pm – 7.20pm

Followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm



Please Pray for Sarah Shannont†, Apolonia MacKenzie†, Bridget Hollingsworth† and Jo Firth† who have recently died; Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: David Savage, Tino Mosca, Beatrice Golding, John Larkin, Olga Martin, William Kinnear, Anthony Bunting, Ciaran Duffy, Jeremy Rafferty, Rosaleen Byrne, Canon Thomas McMahan, Michael Oweczko, Patricia Ward, Danny Lee, Nellie Moss, Allana Smith, Angeline Owen, Carmel Zarafa, John Cardwell and Lucia Pietrunti.

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 next week:

Sat 6.30pm	Janette Alfayad John Quilas Kieran Shannon
Sun 9.30am	Vincent Obi Chizoba Okeke Gillian Knight
Sun 11.30am	Onyehialam Sisters Dinah Kansime
Sun 6.30pm	Victoria Shosanya Anastasia Ebifa

Readers this 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	£439.35	£91.00	£422.00	£55.00	£1007.35
Football Parking	£260.00				£260.00



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

Second Collection **THIS** Sunday for Maintenance of St George's Cathedral.

Second Collection **NEXT** Sunday is for the Priest Training Fund

EASTER EGG RAFFLE – The OLoG SEEDS would like to thank everyone who supported their Easter Egg raffle. They raised £224.10 including donations, with a final profit of £194.51, after expenses. All proceeds will go towards future projects. Winning Numbers are: 1st (518) Laarni; 2nd (32) Gloria Bergin; 3rd (97) Udoki; 4th (165) Anthony; 5th (778) Ugochi Ihiona; 6th (881) Grace; 7th (22) Gloria Bergin; 8th (720) Celesta Therese; 9th (421) Laarni; 10th (597) Mayette.

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 – TODAY Sunday 19th 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.

GIFT AID – Parishioners who have previously signed up to Gift Aid & pay their weekly offertory in cash using the gift aid envelopes, please collect your new box of envelopes from Dayle or the Office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
3 rd May	Safeguarding Sunday – National Day of Prayer - details to follow
9 th May	First Holy Communion Rehearsal at 11.45am in Church
16th May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 12noon, followed by celebrations in the McMahon Hall.

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

IGBO CATHOLIC MASS – Sunday 26th April @ 1pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Rainham, ME8 7RH

NEXT SUNDAY - Good Shepherd Sunday – SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

-  Donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
-  Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am–5pm)
-  Or use the envelopes at the back of church



Leave a lasting legacy to the Church: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy.

SUMMER CELEBRATION OF ST JUDE – Saturday 30th May – 11.00am

In the grounds of the Carmelite Shrine of St Jude, 34 Tanners Street, Faversham. This will be a lovely occasion when we can, usually, celebrate Mass outside in the sunshine, followed by a procession past the Shrine of Saint Jude. We also have an opportunity for pilgrims to be anointed with Saint Jude oil. You are welcome to attend as a Parish Pilgrimage or individually. Groups larger than 30+ should notify the Shrine Office in advance: shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day. **Programme for the day:** 11.00am Devotions with Anointing; 13.30 Open Air Mass; 14.30 Processions past the Shrine of Saint Jude.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION'S 125th ANNIVERSARY OF PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES - 21- 28TH August 2026

The Catholic Association Pilgrimage (CA) is responsible for coordinating the welcome and care of many pilgrims including our 'assisted pilgrims' - those on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes who have particular care and support needs.

The CA pilgrimage is medically supported. The all-round care the CA team can provide means that we can support pilgrims in ways which are rarely possible.

Assisted Pilgrims can choose to stay in either a hotel with some basic support given by volunteer helpers (such as wheelchair assistance in getting around town or to services), or in the Accueil Notre Dame, where medical and personal care is provided. We have the opportunity for our assisted pilgrims to travel via a Jumbulance or by air.

Volunteer Helpers of all ages and backgrounds come to Lourdes as volunteer helpers to answer Our Lady's request to 'come in procession'. The minimum age for helping is 16 and there is no maximum age. If you are aged 16-25, you can be a part of the Young Helpers' Group. Financial support may be available through your Diocesan/Group Director or the CA. For more information email:

register@catholicassociation.co.uk or call: 07537 183321,

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 (18 th April)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Eleuterio Sequeira EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
Vigil	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
Monday (20 th April)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Patrick Walsh
Tuesday (21 st April) Saint Anselm	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Ciaran Duffy
Wednesday (22 nd April)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Aubrey & Mary Jamieson
Thursday (23 rd April) Saint George	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Canon Thomas McMahon
Friday (24 th April)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Rosaleen Byrne
	6.15pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of John Larkin
Saturday (25 th April) Saint Mark	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clarence, Teresa & Carlton Aubert
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	1.30pm	Filipino Mass
Vigil	6.30pm	“For God’s Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners”
Sunday (26 th April)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of David Keating
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Mary Jane Saunders
	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.