

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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**Office Hours – Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 10.30am – 1.30pm**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

### FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER – Year A

<b>Reading 1</b>	Acts 6:1-7	<i>They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 r. 22	<i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. or Alleluia!</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	1 Pet 2:4-9	<i>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	John 14:6	<i>Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the father except through me.'</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 14:1-12	<i>I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.</i>

### FRIDAY

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**6.15pm – 7.20pm**  
**Followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm**



### SATURDAY

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



**Please Pray for** Mary Shirley†, Chris Milne†, Sarah Shannont† and Apolonia MacKenzie†, who have recently died; Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Margaret O’Sullivan, John Sullivan, John Bareham, Mr Walker, Isabella Cooper, Joanna Anderson, Eileen Gilham, Anne Riddell, Norah Hackett, Nicolina Larini, William Tuffin, Patrick Carroll, Elizabeth Mallichan, Anthony Vallejo, Mary Lane, Michael Keating and Maria Cassington.  
***May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace***

#### Readers this week:

<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Sandaña Family
<b>Sun 9.30am</b>	Edeji Sisters
<b>Sun 11.30am</b>	Dominic Gali Olivia Gali Samuel Robson
<b>Sun 6.30pm</b>	Frances Okafor Joan Aruma

#### Readers next week:

<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Gabriel Concepcion Benedict Okeke Janette Alfayad
<b>Sun 9.30am</b>	Tania Jackson Uhuegbu Sisters
<b>Sun 11.30am</b>	Ellie Tetteh Chelsea Atoe Kathleen Kara
<b>Sun 6.30pm</b>	Uche Family

## Our Parish NOTICES

### Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS		TOTALS
			Amount	Gift Aid	
Offertory	£630.96	£88.65	£389.00	£53.75	<b>£1162.36</b>
Second Collection (Parish Training Fund)	£213.95	£33.20	£373.00	£12.00	<b>£632.15</b>



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

**MAY MARIAN DEVOTION** – Following the invitation of the Archbishop everybody please pray the holy rosary for life every day for the protection and promotion of life especially for the vulnerable ones. Here at the Church we pray the rosary every day at 9.30am before mass.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2026.** TODAY - Sunday 3rd May.  
In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at [rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday](https://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday) or via the QR code.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY** - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The Church was founded on Pentecost. To bring the universality of our Church, the bidding prayers shall in different languages. Also, on Pentecost please put on national/traditional attires. After 11.30pm Mass we shall celebrate together as a family of God with a parish meal. Hence, we appeal to parishioners to prepare, 'bring and share meals' of different types from the different nationalities and drinks. Those willing to donate write your names on the sheets at back of the Church.

**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.

**PRE-LOVED SALE** – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1pm until 3pm. There will be a sale of second hand/pre-loved items in the McMahon Hall. Come & have a browse & help to raise funds for the Church

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Safeguarding Sunday – National Day of Prayer - details to follow
9 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion Rehearsal at 11.45am in Church
14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Novena for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit begins
16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 12noon.</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> – Celebrations in the Church Garden

## AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**MISSIO AND THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES** invite all Red Box supporters and the wider Diocesan community to come together for two important events in 2026:

1. St Simon Stock Church, Bleakwood Rd, Walderslade, Kent ME5 0NF on Saturday 6 June at 11am. Join Fr Joseph Donkor (Missio Diocesan Director for Southwark) and the Mill Hill Missionaries for Mass, followed by lunch and sharing of mission work.
2. St Elizabeth of Portugal Roman Catholic Church, The Vineyard, Richmond TW10 6AQ on Saturday, 3rd October at 11am. Join us for this special World Mission month mass with Missio National Director, Fr Anthony Chantry MHM, and Fr Joseph Donkor.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or visit <https://missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events/> for further information.

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** - Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife). **Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

### **WESTMINSTER ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL HAS FALLEN**

The assisted suicide Bill has failed to pass all stages in the House of Lords. This means that Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has fallen and will not become law! This is a major milestone, but the battle is not over. Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring the Bill back in the next parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords.

**To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next, visit:** <https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls>

### **RETRouvaille MARRIAGE SUPPORT**

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443



### **Beginning Experience: WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED**

Weekend 8th to 10th May 2026 at Worth Abbey, West Sussex, RH1 4SB.

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by trained volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings, which encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For further details, please contact Mary on 07730 884315 or email:

[BeginningExperience.soe@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningExperience.soe@gmail.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (2 <sup>nd</sup> May)  Vigil	10.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Bella Edeji
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	1.00pm	Marriage Convalidation of Maria & Ernest
	3.00pm	OLOG Seeds Young Adult Mass
	6.30pm	Birthday Thanksgiving for Rose Mary Okeke
Sunday (3 <sup>rd</sup> May)	9.30am	Good Health & Wellbeing of Teresa Cottam
	11.30am	Thanksgiving for the Dadson Family
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday (4 <sup>th</sup> May)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Eutropia Galendez
Tuesday (5 <sup>th</sup> May)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Antonio Pereira
Wednesday (6 <sup>th</sup> May)	10.00am	Good Health & Wellbeing of Gillian Knight
Thursday (7 <sup>th</sup> May)	10.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Chinedu Benedict Okeke
Friday (8 <sup>th</sup> May)	10.00am	Good Health & Wellbeing of Gillian Knight
	6.15pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Ebubechukwu & God's protection over the Uzoma Family
Saturday (9 <sup>th</sup> May)  Vigil	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Lane
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Michael Patrick Keating
Sunday (10 <sup>th</sup> May)	9.30am	Intentions of the First Holy Communicants
	11.30am	Pro Populo & Repose of the soul of Helen Tajanlangit
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Apolonia MacKenzie

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.