

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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

24th May 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY – Year A

Reading 1	Acts 2:1-11	<i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i>
Psalm	Ps 103: 1. 24. 29-31. 34 r. 30	<i>Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. or Alleluia!</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13	<i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i>
Sequence		<i>Veni Sancte Spiritus Holy Spirit, Lord of light</i>
Gospel Acclamation		<i>Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.</i>
Gospel	John 20:19-23	<i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i>

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: Patrick Kilmurray, Terence Richards, Tracey Weeks, Robert Morgan, Ellen Tracy, Brendan Kelly, Millicent Good, John Henry, Donald Cavanagh, Alfred Miles, Vera Galvin, Edmond Laffan, Kevin Coburn, Henry Stear, Sean Rice, Paul Priest, Royce Beno, and Eileen Lisgarten.

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

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

Readers this week:

Sat 6.30	Laarni Fajardo; Yolanda Danday; Kieran Shannon
Sun 9.30	Ann Williams; Akhebai Tegha; Nicky Frost
Sun 11.30	Shakira Kara; Anastasia Ebifa; Samuel Robson
Sun 6.30	Frances Okafor; Joan Aruma

Readers next week:

Sat 6.30	Francisca Okeke; Lucy; John Jupit Quilas
Sun 9.30	Edeji Sisters
Sun 11.30	Chelsea Atoa; Olivia Gali; Dominic Gali
Sun 6.30	Uche Family

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS		TOTALS
			Amount	Gift Aid	
Offertory	£665.82	£104.60	£373.00	£56.50	£1199.92
Second Collection	£100.05	-	£55.00	£12.50	£167.55



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

THIS Week there will be a second collection to support the Spiritan Mission, worldwide

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. This is Week IV, praying the Glorious Mysteries for the Elderly & Vulnerable. Here at the Church we pray the rosary every day at 9.30am before mass.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – TODAY, 24th May. We will be celebrating the birth of The Church, which was founded on Pentecost. The bidding prayers shall be in different languages. After, 11.30am Mass today, we will come together as a family of God with a Parish Pentecost meal in the Church garden. Please arrive with your 'bring and share meals' and drinks of different types from all the different nationalities. Parishioners with allergies or a prescribed diet, we recommend that you attend with your own packed lunch.

OLoG YOUTH SEEDS – As part of the Pentecost Celebrations, the Youth Seeds will be holding a raffle, tickets will cost £1. Additionally, a photobooth will be available to catch photos & snapshots of the day, costing from £1.99 per shoot.

PARISH REGISTER – It is important that we have contact details for all our Parishioners & consequently we keep an electronic Parish Register. If you are new to the Parish or think you have not previously completed a Parish Registration form, please take a copy from the back of Church & return the completed form to the Office or Fr Dennis. Please, also ensure that you notify us of any changes that occur & help us to keep email addresses & phone numbers up-to-date.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 th May	Pentecost Sunday – No Teas after 9.30am Mass – Celebrations will be in the Church Garden after 11.30am Mass.
24 th May	First Holy Communion THANKSGIVING Mass at 11.30am – all First Holy Communicants to attend, followed by Celebrations in the Church Garden
31 st May	Marian Possession for all parishioners after 11.30am Mass
6 th June	OLoG Youth Seeds – Young Adult Mass at 3pm
14 th June	Parish Thanksgiving & Tythe donation

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: 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. 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 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. **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>

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE (London) is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

SHRINE OF ST JUDE SUMMER CELEBRATION - Saturday 30 May in the grounds of the Carmelite Shrine of Saint Jude in Faversham. This is 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. There are refreshments provided throughout the day. For further information, contact shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk.

The programme is as follows:

11:00 – Devotions with Anointing

13:30 – Open Air Mass

14:00 – Procession past the Shrine of Saint Jude

The Shrine of Saint Jude is at: 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7JW and is easily accessible from road or rail.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (23rd May) <i>Vigil Mass of Pentecost</i>	10.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Teresa Cottam
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	12noon	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	Lee Family Intentions
Sunday (24 th May) <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Santonia Alvares
	11.30am	First Holy Communion Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday (25 th May) <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	10.00am	Repose of the souls of the Deceased Members of the Driscoll Family
Tuesday (26 th May) <i>St Philip Neri</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Seamus McEvoy
Wednesday (27 th May) <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Eutropia Galendez
Thursday (28 th May) <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mike Rabbitte
Friday (29 th May)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson
	6.15pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Apolonia MacKenzie
Saturday (30 th May) <i>Vigil Mass</i>	10.00am	Repose of the souls of the Deceased members of the Di Lisio & Cannavina families
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	3.00pm	Convalidation of Uche & Kyna
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Ebubechukwu and God's protection over the Uzoma family
Sunday (31 st May) <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9.30am	"For God's Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners"
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Special Intention of Joe Cannavina

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.

MAY DEVOTION 2026

THE HOLY ROSARY FOR LIFE

Week IV - 24th to 31st May: The Glorious Mysteries

AND

Pentecost Celebrations

24th May: Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit



The Church was founded on Pentecost. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit was manifested in a divine flame of fire. The Spirit's flame descended upon the assembled disciples together with the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was kindled in them and gave them the new ardour of God. Thus, what Jesus had previously said was fulfilled: I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled (Lk 12:49).

Beseeching the same Holy Spirit through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are praying the Holy rosary for Life. The Rosary for Life is prayed 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, victims of abuse, people with disabilities, the orphans and the elderly.

THE HOLY ROSARY FOR LIFE – MAY 2026

Week IV - 24th to 31st May: The Glorious Mysteries

We pray for the Elderly and Vulnerable

The First Glorious Mystery - The Resurrection

SCRIPTURE - Mark 16:5-6

“Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen.’”

PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all elderly people facing the end of their lives: may they be strengthened by the risen Lord Jesus, and take comfort that death is not the end but the start of a glorious and eternal life.

The Second Glorious Mystery - The Ascension

SCRIPTURE - Acts 1:10-11

“While they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’”

PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all who feel their life has lost its purpose or meaning: may they trust in the Lord Jesus who ascended in glory, knowing that their life is cherished and meaningful to God.

The Third Glorious Mystery - The Descent of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE - Acts 2:1-4

“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all medical professionals, carers and family members who accompany the elderly and the dying: may the Holy Spirit fill them with wisdom, patience, compassion and the courage to uphold the dignity of every human life.

The Fourth Glorious Mystery - The Assumption of Mary

SCRIPTURE - Luke 1:48-49

“For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all elderly people who feel abandoned, lonely or forgotten: may they find comfort in Mary, and know that her Assumption is a pledge of our own resurrection

The Fifth Glorious Mystery - The Coronation of Our Lady

SCRIPTURE - Revelation 12:1

“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.”

PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all those who are campaigning to oppose assisted suicide: may Our Lady Queen of Heaven intercede for them, and may they inspire others to know that life is a gift from God that must be protected and cherished until natural death.

Closing Prayers

HAIL HOLY QUEEN (SALVE REGINA)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain with us. And may souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and peace throughout the world. Watch over those in the fear and shadow of war, and protect them with your motherly love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
May all the Angels and Saints in heaven.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

24th May

Opening Prayer

V Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
R And enkindle in them the fire of your love.
V Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
R And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us Pray:

O God who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord Amen.