

## OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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### 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY – Year A

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Reading 1</b>          | Zech 9:9-10                   | <i>See now, your king comes humbly to you.</i>                                                                         |
| <b>Psalm</b>              | Ps 144: 1-2. 8-11. 13-14 r. 1 | <i>I will bless your name for ever, O God my King or Alleluia!</i>                                                     |
| <b>Reading 2</b>          | Rom 8:9, 11-13                | <i>If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.</i>                                     |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | cf. Matt 11:25                | <i>Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.</i> |
| <b>Gospel</b>             | Matt 11:25-30                 | <i>I am gentle and humble of heart.</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** Osita Isiwu†, Akinbowale Oluwole Adebisi†, Mary Shirley†, Chris Milne†, Sarah Shannon† and Apolonia MacKenzie†, who have recently died;  
 Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Kathleen Figg, Virginia Skerbiene, Eileen Byrne, Elizabeth Goodwin, Cyril Fewkes, Harold Gent, Vera Newton, Inez Truwein, Ivy Longridge, Tyrone Ward, Catherine Jordan, Letterio Lauri, Heather Iandolo, Paddy Kehoe, Audrey Green, Jim Wilson, Marian Kalibabka and David Golding.

#### Readers this week:

|                  |                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat 6.30</b>  | Gabriel Concepcion;<br>Alyssa Mae Viernes;<br>Kieran Shannon |
| <b>Sun 9.30</b>  | Nnamdi Eke; Chisoba Okeke;<br>Gillian Knight                 |
| <b>Sun 11.30</b> | Dinah Kansiime;<br>Onyehialam Sisters                        |
| <b>Sun 6.30</b>  | Frances Okafor;<br>Victoria Shosanya;<br>Daniela Ibeh        |

#### Readers next week:

|                  |                                                    |
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| <b>Sat 6.30</b>  | Sandaña Family                                     |
| <b>Sun 9.30</b>  | Ann Williams; Chimaka Eke;<br>Nicky Croft          |
| <b>Sun 11.30</b> | Dominic Gali; Olivia Gali;<br>Samuel Robson        |
| <b>Sun 6.30</b>  | Archi Macwan;<br>Anastasia Ebifa;<br>Akhebai Tegha |

## Our Parish NOTICES

### Collections this week:

| CATEGORY          | CASH<br>(Loose) | GIFT<br>AID | CONTACTLESS<br>Amount | Gift Aid | TOTALS         |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------|
| Offertory         | £488.43         | £127.65     | £252.00               | £33.75   | <b>£901.83</b> |
| Second Collection | £129.17         | £5.00       | £77.00                | £15.50   | <b>£226.67</b> |



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

*Next Sunday* – there will be a second collection for Stella Maris. Stella Maris is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide, providing practical & pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of their nationality or belief.

**FR PASCOAL** – will be travelling home to Angola on 12<sup>th</sup> July to attend the Provincial Chapter, and thereafter he will take his annual leave. Fr Pascoal is hoping to be back at the Parish by the end of August.

**FR DENNIS** – will be travelling to Lourdes with the HCPT Hosanna House Pilgrimage on 26th September. Anyone wishing to travel with him, should come & speak with Fr Dennis or the Parish Office, for further details.

**LOST PROPERTY** – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June @ 9.30am Mass, a Parishioner lost her gold chain bracelet. If anyone remembers seeing an item of jewellery, in the pews or on the floor, please can you let the Office know. Many thanks.

**PARISH THANKSGIVING** – Thank you for your ‘thanksgiving’ donations which NOW total £2805.53, plus £238.00 gift aid, totaling £3043.53 for the renovation of Frs. dining room. For over 40 years the Presbytery has never been touched. This project includes the painting, decorating, electrical and flooring. Hence it will cost more than the earlier estimates. Thus, donations are still being accepted and can be made by bank transfer to RCAS Gillingham; 60-08-37; 55153119 or via the contactless machine, using the ‘THANKSGIVING’ option. There are also ‘Thanksgiving’ envelopes available at the back of the Church. **Thank you all for your generosity.**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** - Sunday, 5 July 2026 will be the final Children's Liturgy session before the summer break. Children's Liturgy will resume in September 2026. We are looking for more volunteers to help with these sessions so that they can be held more than once a month. If you are interested in joining the team, please email the parish office at [gillingham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:gillingham@rcaos.org.uk). Please note that all volunteers will be subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                        |                                                                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | Fr Pascoal travelling home to Angola                                         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> July  | Filipino Mass, followed by a Gathering in the McMahon Hall. All are welcome. |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> August | OLoG Seeds – Young Adult Mass                                                |

## AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### **CAFOD-DEC VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas. Many of our neighbours have been killed or injured, and buildings, including churches, seminaries and Caracas Cathedral, have been damaged. Despite this, our trusted Church partners in Venezuela are already helping the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and shelter. **Your parish's support will reach families affected by the earthquakes.** To find out more about how you can make a donation, please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal>

### **CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE – Youth Day – 11<sup>th</sup> July**

St John Fisher School, City Way, Chatham, ME1 2FA from 11am until 5.30pm. £5 per child, including lunch. This is an excellent day of good input on the faith, with sports and creative activities. A chance to make new friends. Ending with Mass for Sunday in the late afternoon. For more information, email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

### **HCPT HOSANNA HOUSE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2026**

Come and join us for a life changing experience. We shall visit places of interest such as Bartres & Gavarnie in the Pyrenees. We are looking forward to a week of prayer, rest and fun. Young helpers would be provided training. Come and join us to experience a new adventure. For further details, please contact: Amanda/Tharshi on 020 8393 7891 or Emil on 020 2898 9222 or via email to [group537@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group537@hcpt.org.uk)

### **STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING BROUGHT BACK**

Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. 'Not Dead Yet UK' has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. **Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here:** <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>

### **THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL**

In life, you will fall out with people that you never thought you would. Get betrayed by people you trusted with all your heart. And get used to people you would do anything for. But life also has a beautiful side to it. You will get loved by someone you never thought you would have. Form new friendship with people that will establish more meaningful and stronger relationships. And overcome thing you never thought you would get over. We all have chapters that end with people at some point in life. But take pride in knowing that the very best part of the book about your life is still being written. *Heartfelt prayers for you from Fr Dennis.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

|                                                                                            |         |                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday (4 <sup>th</sup> July)<br><br><i>Vigil Mass</i>                                   | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Eileen Byrne                              |
|                                                                                            | 10.30am | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT<br>and RECONCILIATION       |
|                                                                                            | 3.00pm  | OLoG Seeds – Young Adult Mass                                   |
|                                                                                            | 6.30pm  | Repose of the soul of Doreen Colesworthy                        |
| Sunday (5 <sup>th</sup> July)                                                              | 9.30am  | Pro Populo                                                      |
|                                                                                            | 11.30am | Repose of the soul of Bernard Bligh                             |
|                                                                                            | 6.30pm  | Repose of the soul of Peter Nash                                |
| Monday (6 <sup>th</sup> July)                                                              | 10.00am | Maufe Family Intentions                                         |
| Tuesday (7 <sup>th</sup> July)                                                             | 10.00am | 91 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving for Irene Mergulhao      |
| Wednesday (8 <sup>th</sup> July)                                                           | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Rev Fr John Lacey                         |
| Thursday (9 <sup>th</sup> July)                                                            | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Heather landolo                           |
| Friday (10 <sup>th</sup> July)                                                             | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Vera Batchelor                            |
|                                                                                            | 6.15pm  | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION                                          |
|                                                                                            | 7.30pm  | Repose of the soul of Anthony Crack                             |
| Saturday (11 <sup>th</sup> July)<br><i>Saint Benedict</i><br><br><br><br><i>Vigil Mass</i> | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Teresa Carroll Snr                        |
|                                                                                            | 10.30am | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT<br>and RECONCILIATION       |
|                                                                                            | 12noon  | Memorial Mass for Rosario Reyes                                 |
|                                                                                            | 2.00pm  | Marriage Convalidation of Sharon Fernando &<br>Panaivala Peries |
|                                                                                            | 6.30pm  | Repose of the soul of Josephine Firth                           |
| Sunday (12 <sup>th</sup> July)                                                             | 9.30am  | Repose of the soul of Michael Keating                           |
|                                                                                            | 11.30am | Repose of the soul of John Bhatia                               |
|                                                                                            | 6.30pm  | Pro Populo                                                      |

If you would like to book a Mass intention, please see Sue McIntyre or complete a 'Mass Intention envelope'. Mass Intention donations are £10.00