

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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

26th July 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY – Year A

Reading 1	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12	<i>You have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself.</i>
Psalm	Ps 118: 57. 72-76-77. 127-130 r.97	<i>Lord, how I love your law!</i>
Reading 2	Rom 8:28-30	<i>God intended us to become true images of his Son.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 15:15	<i>I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.</i>
Gospel	Matt 13:44-52	<i>He sells everything he owns and buys the field.</i>

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



Please Pray for Malcolm Scarfe†, David Prescott†, Osita Isiwu†, Akinbowale Oluwale Adebisi†, Mary Shirley†, and Chris Milne†, who have recently died. Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Giovanni De Fazio, Margaret Finlayson, Nora Percival, Edward Dann, Agnes Starck, Alma Wilkie, William Lawson, James Fernig, Thomas Brennan, Peter John, Sarah Southey, William Owen, Partrick Murphy, Norah Harris, Maureen Drake, Nuala Hanley, Rita Bailey and Maureen Parry.

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 this week:

Sat 6.30	Oliver Perez; Benedict Okeke; Laarni Fajardo
Sun 9.30	Uhuegbu Sisters; Vincent Obi
Sun 11.30	Ellie Tetteh; Chelsea Atoe; Yolanda Danday
Sun 6.30	Uche Family

Readers next week: 1st/2nd August

Sat 6.30	Sandaña Family
Sun 9.30	Uhuegbu Sisters; Anastasia Ebifa
Sun 11.30	Dominic Gali; Olivia Gali; Samuel Robson
Sun 6.30	Archi Macwan; Daniela Ibeh; Anastasia Ebifa

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount Gift Aid		TOTALS
Offertory	£338.50	£148.00	£439.00	£68.75	£994.25
Monthly Standing Order Collections – June 2026					£870.00
Football Parking	£155.00				£155.00



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

SPIRITAN FATHER's MEETING – Our Priests will be travelling to Manchester on Thursday 30th & Friday 31st July for the Spiritan Annual Assembly.

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.

PARISH THANKSGIVING – Thank you for your 'thanksgiving' donations which NOW total **£4110.53**, plus **£269.25** gift aid, totaling **£4379.78** for the renovation of Frs. dining room. 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 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Children's Liturgy will resume in September 2026 and more volunteers are needed to help with these sessions. If you are interested in joining the team, please email the parish office at gillingham@rcaos.org.uk. Please note that all volunteers will be subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS – our *volunteer* cleaners work very hard to keep the Church presentable for everyone. We are encouraging Parishioners and/or their children to refrain from eating during Mass, especially biscuits/crisps or food that creates a lot of crumbs, so that the Church remains tidy for every Mass. Thank You.

DAY-by-DAY – Books for August, September and October are now available in the Repository, at a cost of £1.25 each.

LEGION OF MARY – will have their book barrow/Gazebo set up at the entrance of the Church, after all Masses this weekend. All are invited to take any of the items on the table and have a quick chat with them. Feel free to ask any questions about faith.

IGBO MASS – The Igbo Community are invited to join the IGBO Mass at St Thomas' Catholic Church, Rainham on 26th July 2026 from 1pm. IGBO Mass will be celebrated at 1pm on the last Sunday of every Month.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 th July	IGBO Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Rainham. 1pm onwards.
1 st August	OLoG Seeds – Young Adult Mass
8 th August	Reader's Training & Formation in the McMahon Hall. 2pm – 4pm
22 nd August	Filipino Mass at 1pm, followed by a Gathering in the McMahon Hall.
29 th August	Reader's Training & Formation in the McMahon Hall. 2pm – 4pm
29 th August	OLoG Seeds Youth Sports Day & BBQ

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Summertime 2026: 11th August – 14th August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £199. For aged 11-15. An excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your Parish Priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, [Tel:01322 220075](tel:01322220075).

ST GEORGE'S CHRONICLE – THE LIVING HERITAGE

St George's. Chronicle: The Living Heritage is a flagship quarterly journal launched by St George's Cathedral to highlight the rich history and architectural legacy of the historic Catholic cathedral in London. The publication brings the cathedral's vital role in Catholic emancipation to the forefront. Quarterly subscriptions are available at £3 per copy. Please see the Office for a subscription slip.

A DAY WITH MARY - International Symposium – 29th-31st July

Please find details of the full itinerary on the noticeboard. To register, please contact www adaywithmary.org/symposium or tel 020 8641 6418

HCPT HOSANNA HOUSE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – 26th Sept – 2nd Oct 2026

Come and join us. 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. 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

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - "The 16th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 1st August, please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk "

Nathanael will be walking 27 miles in one day on the Pilgrimage. He is raising money in aid of The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel and every donation will help. Good Counsel assists Mothers in difficult pregnancies and afterwards with financial help, practical support, baby goods and friendship. So please do as a Parish sponsor Nathanael as he raises funds to help save unborn babies from abortion with Good Counsel; <https://gofund.me/f48d1981c>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (25 th July) <i>Vigil Mass</i>	10.00am	Thanksgiving Intentions
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	6.30pm	Repose of the souls of Barry & Thelma Hodgman
Sunday (26 th July)	9.30am	“For God’s Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners”
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Davina Colgan
Monday (27 th July)	10.00am	Birthday Intention of Elaine Keating
Tuesday (28 th July)	10.00am	Health & Wellbeing of Gillian Knight
Wednesday (29 th July) <i>Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus</i>	10.00am	Thanksgiving Intentions
Thursday (30 th July)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Hooper
Friday (31 st July) <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Rosaria Carbonara
	6.15pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Mary Nash
First Saturday (1 st August) <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Jimmy Brown
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	3.00pm	OLoG Seeds Young Adult Mass
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Sunday (2 nd August)	9.30am	40 th Birthday Thanksgiving for Grace Croft
	11.30am	Repose of the souls of Margaret & Harold Cardwell
	6.30pm	Repose of the souls of John & Elizabeth Buck

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