

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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

23rd August 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Reading 1	Isa 22:19-23	<i>I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.</i>
Psalm	Ps 137: 1-3. 6-8 r.8	<i>Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.</i>
Reading 2	Rom 11:33-36	<i>All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	2 Cor 5:19	<i>God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us that they are reconciled.</i>
	Matt 16:18	<i>You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.</i>
Gospel	Matt 16:13-20	<i>You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.</i>

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



Please Pray for Eric Fernandes, 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: Jack Deere, Maurice Fraser O'Connell, Pasquale Simone, Reginald Kevin Flannery, John Slevin, Ruth Ireland, Royston Herbert Lewis, Ellen Almond, Edward Oghomwen Obasuyi, Cosimo Damiano Carmine Larini, William John O'Grady, Teresa Vella, Nancy Buckley, John Fleming, Walter Joseph Hardy.

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	Gabriel Concepcion; Alyssa Mae Viernes; Kieran Shannon
Sun 9.30	Chimaka Eke; Chizoba Okeke; Gillian Knight
Sun 11.30	Dinah Kansime; Onyehialam Sisters
Sun 6.30	Frances Okafor; Victoria Shosanya; Daniela Ibeh

Readers next week: 29th/30th Aug

Sat 6.30	Lucy, Crystabelle, Yday Danday
Sun 9.30	Ann Williams Nnamdi Eke Akhebai Tegha
Sun 11.30	Kara Family Samuel Robson
Sun 6.30	Charbel Tsagli Julia Joan Aruma

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount Gift Aid		TOTALS
Offertory	£696.32	£93.10	£347.00	£38.75	£1,175.17
Football Parking	£377.00	-	-	-	£377.00



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

WE NEED YOU - EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

The Parish needs more Eucharistic Ministers to assist Fr Dennis with visiting the 'sick and/or housebound'. If you would like to assist Fr Dennis; join the Eucharistic Ministry; & become a valuable member of the Parish Volunteer Community, please complete a registration form, which are available at the back of the Church, & return the completed form with the evidence requested to Fr Dennis or the Parish Office. Training will commence on Monday 24th August 2026, at 6.30pm in the parish hall.

PARISH THANKSGIVING – Thank you for your 'thanksgiving' donations which NOW total **£4948.78** 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.** The decorating & electrical work is now complete. We await the quote for new carpet.

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, Thank You.

HOLY HOUR WITH JESUS: A reminder to all that every **Friday at 6.15pm** we have the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. All the parishioners are invited to be part of this holy devotion of spending an hour with Jesus our savior for the spiritual nourishment. There is a redeeming power in the body and blood of Jesus.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 th August	Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist in McMahon Hall. 6.30pm for 7pm.
29 th August	Reader's Training & Formation in the McMahon Hall. 2pm-4pm
5 th September	Reader's Training & Formation in the McMahon Hall. 2pm-4pm
12 th September	Reader's Commissioning at 1pm.

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

COULD YOU BE A GOVERNOR AT A LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL OR A DIRECTOR AT A CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST? Please use the link:

www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-become-a-governor-or-director

FUNDRAISING FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - From Bishop Paul.

One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week. If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw

IGBO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS – SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST 2026

The Igbo Catholic Community, under the Nigerian Catholic Chaplaincy in England and Wales, warmly invites everyone to join us for a joyful celebration of our Catholic faith, culture and community. **Sunday, 30 August 2026 at 1.00 pm St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Rainham, Kent, ME8 7RH.** Families and friends are all warmly welcome.

SUMMER FAITH RESOURCES

I am delighted to share the CELEBRATE summer family faith resources, created to equip and encourage families in sharing faith with their children.

[Revised Summer family activity pack](#) - [Summer Psalm Walk](#) - designed to help families explore Psalm 139 whilst they walk Contact Claire Fernandes clairefernandes@celebratetrust.org for more information.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS



On behalf of the Archbishop you are invited to attend 12th annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday, 3rd October 2026 at the Amigo Hall, St Georges Cathedral, SE1 6HU. To book via the or scan the QR code <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. The day is for all catechists including those involve in RCIA and Children Liturgy.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA - Monday 28th September – Thursday 1st October. Cost £419 (includes flights, half board accommodation and transfer to Lisbon) contact Fr Stephen via email dartford@rcaos.org.uk or 07504518262 for more details. Closing date is 13 September.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (22 nd August) <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Kenechukwu Benedict Okeke
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	1.00pm	Filipino Mass
	12noon	Baptism of Raymone Andrew Perez
	6.30pm	For All the Holy Souls
Sunday (23 rd August)	9.30am	Health and Well Being of Gillian Knight
	11.30am	For All the Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Frank Hanham
Monday (24 th August) <i>St Bartholomew Apostle</i>	10.00am	Pro Populo
Tuesday (25 th August)	10.00am	54 th Wedding Anniversary and Birthday of Alfreda
Wednesday (26 th August)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Sylvia Azubuine
Thursday (27 th August) <i>St Monica</i>	10.00am	For All the Holy Souls
Friday (28 th August) <i>St Augustine</i>	10.00am	For All the Holy Souls
	6.15pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
	7.30pm	For All the Holy Souls
Saturday (29 th August) <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i> Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Gerald Odi Osakine
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	12.30pm	Baptism of Alexander Leon Odjocsea
	6.30pm	God's Blessings and Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners
Sunday (30 th August) 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Intentions for Claire Whiteoak
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	For all the Holy Souls

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