

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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

6th September 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Reading 1	Ezek 33:7-9	<i>If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.</i>
Psalm	Ps 94: 1-2. 6-9 r.7-8	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</i>
Reading 2	Rom 13:8-10	<i>Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 17:17	<i>Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.</i>
	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>
Gospel	Matt 18:15-20	<i>If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.</i>

Please Pray for Eric Fernandez, Malcolm Scarfe†, David Prescott†, Osita Isiwu†, Akinbowale Oluwole Adebisi†, who have recently died. Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Salvatore Formosa, Davina Colgan, Ernest Cragon, Michael Dooner, Kenneth Almond, Matteo Rocco, Betty O'Connell, Rita Keating, Colm Crowley, Alice Wills, Iris Appleton, Fedor Yarmak, Stuart Hills, George Norman, Mareen Coombs, Philip Dunfold, Tony Collins, Marjorie Shea, Joyce Guscott, Hilda Mason, Lisette Cathan & Gerald Bunce.

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	Janette Alfayad; Gillian Knight; Yolanda Danday
Sun 9.30	Nnamdi Eke; Chizoba Okeke; Gillian Knight
Sun 11.30	Dominic Gali; Katalina Souza; Laarni Fajardo
Sun 6.30	Charbel Tsagli; Francisca Okeke; Joan Aruma

Readers next week: 12th/13th September

Sat 6.30	Oliver Perez; Benedict Okeke; Betty Sequiera
Sun 9.30	Edeji Sisters
Sun 11.30	Ellie Tetteh; Chelsea Atoe; Laarni Fajardo
Sun 6.30	Uche Family

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£500.26	£111.50	£477.00	£58.75	£1147.51
Football Parking	£262.50				£262.50



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

NEXT WEEK there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service

MONTHLY OFFERTORY REPORT 2026 - August

MONTH	CASH LOOSE	GIFT- AID	CONTACTLESS	GIFT-AID	STANDING ORDER	GIFT- AID	GRAND TOTAL
TOTALS	2,335.82	474.16	1,986.00	252.50	926.00	167.50	£6141.98

READER's & ALTAR SERVERS' COMMISSIONING – will take place, next weekend, Saturday 12th September @ 1pm in Church, followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm until 5pm. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be attending.

<i>1st Reader</i>	Gabriel Concepcion
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	Julia Osinachi-Okoh
<i>2nd Reader</i>	Ann Williams
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	Tania Jackson; Betty Sequiera; Alyssa Mae Viernes; Kieran Shannon; Akhebai Tegha; Ugochi Uche

PARISH THANKSGIVING – Thank you for your 'thanksgiving' donations which NOW total **£5206.78** for the renovation of Frs. dining room. The carpet has now been fitted & the project is complete. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK – We are still collecting unperishable food items for the local food bank. Please leave any donations in the box at the back of the Church.

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, 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

12 th September	Readers & Altar Servers' Commissioning at 1pm, followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm-5pm
26 th September	Filipino Mass at 12.30pm, followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm. All are welcome

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

RECOMMENDATION by BISHOP PAUL HENDRICKS – An Experimental Programme: How do we pray? How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Us to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a Diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hq4> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

Archdiocese of Southwark – Annual Service – 30th September

The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30th September 2026, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be lead by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE KENT - Sycamore – Growing in Faith – 8th; 15th; 22nd; 29th September

The Growing in Faith Together for married and engaged couples is an ONLINE course, which has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang, (Bishop-elect Arundel and Brighton) Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for:

- married couples to enrich their friendship and love.
- engaged couples who want to continue exploring their faith together

The next course begins on Tuesday Sept 8th and continues on Sept 15th, 22nd and 29th at 8.30pm – 9.30pm. For further information and to book a place, please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

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.

RETRouvaille - Marriage Help - Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. **Bookings close 18th Sept.** www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (5 th August)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Malcolm Scarfe
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	3.00pm	Young Adult Mass
	6.30pm	Intentions of Immaculate Sserebe
Sunday (6 th August)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Davina Colgan
	11.30am	For All the Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday (7 th August)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Fr Gerald Quinn
Tuesday (8 th September) <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	Good Health & Wellbeing of Philip Croft
Wednesday (9 th September)	10.00am	Thanksgiving Intentions for Pere Laual
Thursday (10 th September)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mary Shodimeji
Friday (11 th September)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Eric Fernandez
	6.15pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
	7.30pm	For All the Holy Souls
Saturday (12 th September) Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the soul of John Nicol
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	1.00pm	Readers & Altar Servers' Commissioning
	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Sunday (13 th September)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Apolonia McKenzie
	11.30am	Thanksgiving Intention for Pere Laual
	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