

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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

13th September 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Reading 1

Ecclesiasticus
27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour the hurt that he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Psalm

Ps 102: 1-4. 9-12
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The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Reading 2

Rom 14: 7-9

Alive or dead we belong to the Lord

Gospel

1 Sam 3:9; John
6:68

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.*

Acclamation

John 13:34

*I give you a new commandment Love
One Another, just as I have loved you.*

Gospel

Matt 18:21-35

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times,
but seventy-seven times.*

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 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: Susan O'Connell, Christopher Gellest, Anna Holden, Cherry Burgess, William Herbert, Emily Fennell, Gerard Szalajko, Patricia Tuffin, Florencio Revil (Jnr), Julia Knell, Francis Stewart, David Baxter, Ryxzard Jecz, Farid Anthony, James (Jimmy) Sherry, Veronica (Peggy) Hardy, Rita Bannister, John Fleming, Leslie Whittell, Jane Rand, Christine Goodwin, Thomas Long, Doreen Knight, Stanley Potter, Carmine Filippone, Feliks Welke, and Maria Crozier. **May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.**

Readers this week:

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

Readers next week: 19th/20th September

Sat 6.30

Gabriel Concepcion; Kara Iyiegbu; Kieran Shannon

Sun 9.30

Ann Williams; Nicky Croft; Akhebai Tegha

Sun 11.30

Onyehialam Sisters; Dinah Kansime

Sun 6.30

Frances Okafor; Victoria Shosanya; Daniela Ibeh

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£629.23	£156.70	£376.00	£45.00	£1206.93



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

THIS WEEK there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service, which works on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools.

NEXT WEEK there will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday.

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

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.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – next training session will take place on Monday 14th September @ 6pm.

CHILDREN's LITURGY – Started on 6th September & will continue on the FIRST Sunday of every month, during 9.30am Mass. Children aged 5yrs & above (until they make their First Holy Communion) are welcome to attend. Unfortunately, due to volunteer absence, there will NO Children's Liturgy on Sunday 4th October.

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
2 nd October	CAFOD Family Fast Day
19/20 th Sept 26/27 th Sept 3/4 th October 10/11 th October	Annual Mass Count 2026

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/tnpn4hqd> 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.

JOHN WOODHOUSE LAUDATO SI' ANIMATORS UK - SEASON OF CREATION SEPT 1 TO OCT 4 2026 LIVING WATER

The season of Creation begins on Sept 1 the World Day of prayer for the care of creation. The theme of the season is "Living water". We learn of a river growing deeper and restoring barren land with reviving waters and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. This vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage and embracing interconnectedness. We are called to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

In the Gospel, today, Peter asks how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me. Jesus answered "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times". A parable follows but how much God has forgiven us and we must forgive our fellow servants in the same way.

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](tel:+447887296983)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (12 th August)	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 August)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Apolonia McKenzie
	11.30am	Thanksgiving Intention for Jacques Desire Laval
	6.30pm	Birthday Thanksgiving for Fr Pascoal
Monday (14 th August) <i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Maureen Coombs
Tuesday (15 th September) <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of John Gallagher
Wednesday (16 th September) <i>Saint Cornelius</i>	10.00am	Birthday Intention of Clare Whiteoak
Thursday (17 th September)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Maureen Mabon
Friday (18 th September)	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Caterina Cannavina
	6.15pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of George Norman
Saturday (19 th September)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Antonio DaCosta
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Mary Cade
Sunday (20 th September)	9.30am	Pro Populo
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Mark Opunga Makuri
	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