

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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

20th September 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Reading 1	Isa 55:6-9	<i>My thoughts are not your thoughts.</i>
Psalms	Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18 r.18	<i>The Lord is close to all who call him.</i>
Reading 2	Phil 1:20-24, 27	<i>Life to me is Christ.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Luke 19: 38	<i>Blessings of the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace be in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	cf. Acts 16:14	<i>Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son</i>
Gospel	Matt 20:1-16a	<i>Why be envious because I am generous?</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 Eric Fernandez†, Malcolm Scarfe†, David Prescott†, Osita Isiwu†, Akinbowale Oluwale Adebisi†, who have recently died. Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Hugh Corr, Honora O'Hare, Peter Perfect, Magno Bottiglieri, Frederick Jackson, Lidia Tompolska, April Larkin, David Keating, Alice Burley, Valerie Gent, Margaret Sims, Joan Keohane, Robert Plummer, Samuel Scott, Thomas McKee, Linda Stroud, Catherine Keane, Martin McDonagh, Karla Benakova, Michael Kiernan, Bjorn Borg, Peter Smith and Margaret Baxter.
May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

Readers this week:

Sat 6.30	Gabriel Concepcion; Lucy Nnamdi; Kieran Shannon
Sun 9.30	Ann Williams; Tania Jackson; Akheba Tegha
Sun 11.30	Onyehialam Sisters; Dinah Kansiime
Sun 6.30	Frances Okafor; Victoria Shosanya; Daniela Ibeh

Readers next week: 26th/27th September

Sat 6.30	Mary Sandana; Maria Alphonse; John Jupit Quilas
Sun 9.30	Uhuegbu Sisters; Vincent Obi
Sun 11.30	Shakira Kara; Olivia Gali, Samuel Robson
Sun 6.30	Anastasia Ibefa; Julia Osinachi-Okoh; Karen Dadson

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£477.19	£130.00	£453.00	£37.00	£1097.19
Second Collection – Education Sunday	£114.88	£48.00	£49.00	£6.50	£218.38
Football	£160.00				£160.00



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

THIS WEEK there will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday. This collection enables the spread of the gospel in our own country.

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

FR DENNIS will be going on the HCPT Pilgrimage on Saturday 26th September, and will return to the Parish on Friday 9th October.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT – this weekend is the first National Mass Count.

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. A redeeming power in the body and blood of Jesus.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – next training session will take place on Monday 21st September.

CHILDREN's LITURGY – 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

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	Today Annual Mass Count 2026
OCTOBER	Devotions to the Holy rosary will take place every day @ 9.30am

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest – 2nd October

Please support our Family Fast Day collection and help communities facing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can help children like Tayla in Zimbabwe stay in school through improved access to water, nutritious school meals, and school gardens.

Donate using a CAFOD envelope in church, online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, or by calling **0303 303 3030**.

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.

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.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE KENT – BEREAVEMENT RETREAT

For anyone who has experienced bereavement, recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope, and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus.

There are still places available on the Bereavement Retreat at Aylesford Priory, 10th-11th October 2026. Cost is £280 single or £250 shared room.

For further information & to book, please contact reception@thefriars.org.uk or telephone 01622 717272

THE *EMBER* PROGRAMME: FANNING THE FLAMES OF FAITH AND JUSTICE

Faith isn't just something you believe - it's something you do.

A call to action for young adults (18-25) ready to go beyond talking about justice and start living it - together. The six-month course is designed to fit round your university course or job.

Led by the Columbans and the FCJ Centre for Spirituality and EcoJustice.

The deadline for applications is 30th September. For more information and registration: tinyurl.com/Ember26



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (19 th September)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Antonio DaCosta
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	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
Monday (21 st September) St Matthew	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Christine Barton
Tuesday (22 nd September)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of David Keating
Wednesday (23 rd September) St Pius of Pietrelcina	10.00am	Repose of the soul of David Mabon
Thursday (24 th September) Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Bill & Patricia Tuffin
Friday (25 th September)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Michael Kiernan
	6.15pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
	7.30pm	Kuriakose Chacko
Saturday (26 th September) Vigil Mass	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Teresa Vella
	10.30am	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION
	12.30 – 2pm	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	“For God’s Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners”
Sunday (27 th September) World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees	9.30am	Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of 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