OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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

25th October 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Reading 1	Exod 22:20-26	*If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.*
Psalm	Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.2	*I love you, Lord, my strength.*
Reading 2	1 Thess 1:5-10	*You broke with idolotry and became servants of God; you are waiting for his Son.*
Gospel Acclamation	cf. Acts 16:14	*Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son*
Gospel	Matt 22:34-40	*You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

FRIDAY

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



Please Pray for Linda May Carter†, Henry Lee†, Elizabeth Law†, Philip Croft†, Patsy Wallace†, Pat Pullen†, Eric Fernandez†, Malcolm Scarfe†, David Prescott†, Osita Isiwu†, who have recently died.
Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: William Azavedo, Muriel Walsh, Ann Morrissey, Katherine Prysiazniuk, Eileen Robbard, Paul Read, Marion Gittens, Gary Webster, Kenneth Snowball, David Green, Agnes Haighton, Carmela Sordillo, Kathleen Hemmings, Heather Stowell, Pascal D'Armenia, Violet Lewis, Joyce Plummer, Eric Bannerji, Stephanie Alexander, Ancy Kumar, Ellen Hanlon, Margaret Kleman, Augusta De Souza & Arthur Hughes.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

SATURDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation 10.30am – 11.30am



Readers this week:	
Sat 6.30	Michelle Immanuel; Lucy Nnamdi; Rajeswari Hariwaran
Sun 9.30	Tania Jackson; Chizoba Okeke; Nnamdi Eke
Sun 11.30	Dominic Gali; Olivia Gali; Samuel Robson
Sun 6.30	Charbel Tsagli; Karen Dadson; Julia Osinachi-Okoh

Readers next week: 31st Oct/1st Nov	
Sat 6.30	Gabriel Concepcion; Frances Okafor; Betty Sequeira
Sun 9.30	Uhuegbu Sisters; Susanna Inya
Sun 11.30	Samuel Robson; Dinah Kansiime; Laarni Fajardo
Sun 6.30	Charbel Tsagli; Akhebai Tegha; Joan Aruma

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£769.80	£130.77	£341.00	£28.00	**£1269.57**
Second Collection - Missio	£156.73	£0.00	£67.00	£12.50	**£236.23**

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

MONTHLY OFFERTORY REPORT 2026 - September

MONTH	CASH LOOSE	GIFT-AID	CONTACTLESS	GIFT-AID	STANDING ORDER	GIFT-AID	GRAND TOTAL
TOTALS	£2027.08	£515.70	£1709.00	£181.25	£926.00	£167.50	£5526.53

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT (hosted by the OLoG Seeds)
Saturday 7th November 2026 @ 5pm - Come along to a fantastic night of fun… testing your brain power & socialising with friends & family. **Everyone** from the Parish is welcome … come as an individual or bring your team of 7. Please, bring your own refreshments. Cost is £5 per person or £30 per team of 7. Payments can be made in cash on the day or via bank transfer to Ebubechukwu Aruma; a/c 42132205; sort code 60-83-71. Please complete a registration slip.

FUNERAL of PHIL CROFT – Tuesday 3rd November 2026
The Requiem Mass for Phil Croft will take place at 10.00am followed by his cremation at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing, from 12noon. Friends & Parishioners are also invited to join the family at the Smallholders Club, Woodside, Wigmore, ME8 0JG, after the service.

ANNUAL 'BLESSING OF THE GRAVES' Service @ Woodlands Cemetery
Sunday 8th November 2026 @ 3pm. Please gather at the 'small roundabout/junction' towards the back of the Cemetery for a short service, followed by the Blessings.

***'CALLING ALL'* …EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** at Our Lady of Gillingham. Can all Extra-Ordinary Ministers, please, complete a Registration Form, available from the Office. Details will then be added to a database, to ensure we keep up-to-date records & contact information.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY!
Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents.
To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: **cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER	Devotions to the Holy rosary will take place every day @ 9.30am
24th October	Filipino Mass at 12.30pm, followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm. All are welcome.
25th October	IGBU Mass – 1pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Rainham. All are welcome. IGBU Mas will be celebrated on the last Sunday of every Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury, Rainham.
31st October	Altar Server's training in the McMahon Hall, 11am – 4pm
7th November	OLoG Seeds hosting a Parish Quiz Night

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FEAST OF ST JUDE, Whitefriars, Tanners Street, Faversham –
Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th & Wednesday 28th October
The programme of activities during the feast includes regular celebrations of the Eucharist; blessings with the oil of Saint Jude & other devotions. All are welcome. Please call 01795 539214; visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk; or email shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk for more information.

YOUTH RETREAT – AGES 13–17 – Saturday 7th November – 11am-4pm
The Southwark Catholic Youth Service invites young people aged 13–17 to a Youth Retreat led by the SCYS Mission Team at St John Fisher School, Kent, ME1 2FA. A wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith, make new friends and enjoy a day of prayer, fun and fellowship.
Book your place**:** https://tinyurl.com/retreatnov26

KNIGHTS of ST COLUMBA – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS
Closing date is 18th December 2026 for all competitions
1. JUNIORS PAINTING COMPETITION 2026/2027
2. SENIOR PAINTING COMPETITION 2026/2027
3. PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026/2027

Please see the posters on the noticeboard at the back of Church, for all the information & details.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION, INTEGRATION AND HUMAN DIGNITY, SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026 9:30AM-4PM
Inspired by the vision and teaching of **Pope Leo XIV**, this conference invites us to reflect on how migration touches real people, families, communities and our shared human dignity. This gathering is an opportunity to explore new ways for our parishes, communities and organisations to become places of **encounter, dialogue, integration and local witness**. We invite you to come, participate, share your experience and discover new possibilities for living our Christian mission and building communities of welcome, belonging and hope. **Tickets are £12.00**, including refreshments and a light lunch. For further information, tickets and registration please search local.magnicharity.org or email blackfen@rcaos.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (24th October)	10.00am 10.30am 12.30-2pm 6.30pm	For All the Holy Souls EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION Filipino Mass followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall Repose of the soul of Julia Burke
Sunday (25th October)	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	"For God's Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners" Pro Populo Thanksgiving Intention in honour of Our Lady of Victory
Monday (26th October)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Gary Webster
Tuesday (27th October)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Elegia Ochavillo
Wednesday (28th October) ***Saints Simon & Jude***	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Patrick O'Doherty
Thursday (29th October)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Mary & Andrew Shirley
Friday (30th October)	10.00am 6.15pm 7.30pm	Repose of the souls of Leif & Ullabritt Oskarsson EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Repose of the soul of Kimi Keletaona
Saturday (31st October) Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Comfort Tembu EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION Thanksgiving Intention in honour of St Anthony of Padua
Sunday (1st November) ***ALL SAINTS***	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Health & Wellbeing of David Keating Jnr All the Holy Souls Pro Populo

Mass Intentions are £10. Please use a 'Mass Intention/offering envelope'.