OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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

15th November 2026 – Thirty Third Sunday (A)

World Day of the Poor

Reading 1	Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	*A perfect wife—who can find her?*
Psalm	Ps 127:1-5 r.1	*O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*
Reading 2	1 Thess 5:1-6	*Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.*
Gospel Acclamation	Apoc 2:10	*Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.*
	John 15:4. 5	*Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in me.*
Gospel	Matt 25:14-30	*You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.*

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 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: Norman Hope, Mary Kitney, Iveta Cernicka, Loreta Walker, Bernard Dowd, Alice Pollock, Loudia Borg, Michael Simmonds, Guiseppina Pizzuto, Jacqueline Hunt, Maureen Chadwick, Sante Read, Alfredo, Figueira, Peter Keating, Joseph Cardwell, Brian Holden, Thomas Caulfield and Derek Gorman.

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

Readers next week: 14th/15th November	
Sat 6.30	Moreena Immanuel; Michelle Immanuel; Imelda Cervantes
Sun 9.30	Tania Jackson; Chizoba Okeke; Chimaka Eke
Sun 11.30	Christabelle Nnamdi; Lucy Nnamdi; Janette Alfaya
Sun 6.30	Kara Family; Karen Dadson

Readers next week: 21st/22nd November	
Sat 6.30	Benedict Okeke; Francisca Okeke; Alyssa Mae Viernes
Sun 9.30	Edeji Sisters
Sun 11.30	Dominic Gali; Olivia Gali; Katalina De Souza
Sun 6.30	Charbel Tsagli; Julia Osinachi-Okoh; Joan Aruma

Our Parish NOTICES

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£641.90	£109.50	£361.00	£38.00	**£1150.40**
Second Collection – Archbishop's Appeal	£82.20	£11.00	£31.00	£6.25	**£130.45**
Football Parking	£200.00				**£200.00**

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

Next Week, there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Service, which supports youth work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM - STANDING ORDERS - PLANNED GIVING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 2026

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
No. of S/O	10	8	15	19	24	30	29	38	42	40
Amount	£311.00	£ 232.00	£ 448.00	£663.00	£748.00	£1038.00	£1023.00	£1259.00	£1,408.89	£1,318.00

NOVEMBER - is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray for all who have died. There are sheets at the back of the church on which you can record the names of those for whom you wish to pray together with any donations and place them in the baskets by the altar. Thank you.

OLoG SEEDS CHRISTMAS DINNER: **Sat 12th December – 6pm – McMahon Hall**
Calling ALL 16-36year olds .. Come & Celebrate the Festive Season. Dress in your best Evening Wear. A photobooth & karaoke will be available.
Tickets cost £27.00 are are available after Mass. All proceeds will go towards funding the South Korea trip to World Youth Day.
Please speak with an OLoG Seeds Organiser for more information .

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 – If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2027, don't forget to collect a form from Pennie on Sunday's, after Mass, & return it to Pennie or the Office, no later than 6th December, with the supporting documents attached.

IGBO CATHOLIC MASS – Come & celebrate the Catholic Mass in the Igbo language on Sunday 29th November at 1pm – St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, London Road, Rainham, ME8 7RH. Everyone is welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER	Devotions to the Holy rosary will take place every day @ 9.30am
21st /22nd November	The Repository will move to the McMahon Hall. Items will be available for browsing & purchase.
28th November	Filipino Mass at 12.30pm followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall, from 2pm. All are welcome.
29th November	IGBO Catholic Mass – St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Rainham, ME8 7RH from 1pm.
29th November	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

YOUNG ADULT MASS IN KENT

Following the popularity of our Young Adult Masses in London, SCYS is delighted to introduce a monthly Young Adult Mass in Kent for those aged 18-35, taking place on the third Sunday of each month. Our first Mass will be celebrated by Fr Stephen Trafford on **Sunday 15 November at 6pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 63 West Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 1AN. Confessions will be available during Mass, with refreshments and an opportunity to socialise afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

KNIGHTS of ST COLUMBA – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS
Closing date is 18th December 2026 for all competitions

1. Junior 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 more details.

DAILY REFLECTION FOR ADVENT – Recommended by Bishop Paul Hendricks

As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up - here is the link http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or you can take a look at their website www.southwarkdsc.org.uk and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS or email spirituality @rcaos.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (14th Nov) Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am 12pm – 5.30pm 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of the Deceased members of the Di Lisio Family; and Birthday Thanksgiving for Catherine Enoh EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION Holy Communion Pro Populo
Sunday (15th Nov) ***World Day of the Poor***	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Thanksgiving & Protection for Michael Okeke Thanksgiving & Mercy for the Ezenwaka Family Repose of the soul of Frank Hanham
Monday (16th Nov)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Yvonne Durkin
Tuesday (17th Nov)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of the deceased members of the McCormick Family
Wednesday (18th Nov)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Giovanni & Antonietta Zeuli
Thursday (19th Nov)	10.00am	Thanksgiving Intention for Georgina & Franklin Edeji's 20th Wedding Anniversary
Friday (20th Nov)	10.00am 6.15pm 7.30pm	Full Recovery of Gillian Knight & Fr Anthony Raj EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Repose of the soul of Peter Keating
Saturday (21st Nov) ***The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*** Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Philip Croft EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION Thanksgiving Intention for Francisca Okeke's new job
Sunday (22nd Nov) ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Apolonia McKenzie Pro Populo Thanksgiving Intention for Benedict Okeke's career

Mass Intentions are £10.

DO NOT request a Mass Intention using the contactless machine, please complete a Mass Offering envelope & leave it in the Office.

Payment can be made using the contactless device.