

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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15th October 2023 Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year A

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| Readers this week :6.30pm | 9:30am | 11:30am |
| Ugoche Uche/Augustine Eghomare | Tania Jackson/Nnenna Iweje | Chelsea Atoe /Dinah kansiieme |

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| Reading 1 | Isa 25:6-10 | <i>The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.</i> |
| Psalm | Ps 22 r.6 | <i>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.</i> |
| Reading 2 | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | <i>There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.</i> |
| Gospel Acclamation | John 1:12.14 | <i>The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.</i> |
| Gospel | Matt 22:1-14 | <i>Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.</i> |

- ✘ Please pray for May Woodward† and those who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Sarah Brown, Angiolina Fantetti, John Gethin, Alan O'Hara, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Simon Julian, Patrick Lee, Emilia Grosso & George McCann.
- ✘ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 14th October | Vigil Mass | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Sunday 15th October | | 9.30am | Repose of the soul of Ken Brice |
| | | 11.30am | Repose of the souls of Bill & Greta Tuffin |
| Monday 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque | | 10.00am | Repose of the souls of John & Elizabeth Buck |
| | | 4.00pm | Reception of May Woodward's body into church |
| Tuesday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch | | 10.00am | Requiem Mass for May Woodward followed by cremation at Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing |
| Wednesday 18th St Luke, Evangelist | | 10.00am | Sarah Burke – in thanksgiving |
| Thursday 19th Feria | | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Patrick Lee |
| Friday 20th Feria | | 10.00am | Jo Firth's intentions |
| | | 6.30pm | Syro Malabar |
| Saturday 21st St Margaret Clitherow | | 10am | Repose of the soul of Margaret Cardwell |
| | Vigil Mass | 6.30pm | |

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £749.67 of which £101.60 was Gift Aided. The CAFOD collection amounted to £201.00, Football parking amounted to £267.00 and the Boiler Fund received a further £52.00. Thank you.
Second Collection next Sunday for Missio

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT SUNDAY is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. That day will be celebrated in all the local churches as a feast of catholicity and universal solidarity. On that day Christians the world over will recognise their common responsibility about the evangelisation of the World. **The second collection is for Missio who are the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions.**

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS of the Blessed Virgin Mary continue by praying the rosary every day. The time for reciting the rosary here at the Church is 9.30 am

SYNOD – Please keep in your prayers Pope Francis and all those who are attending the Synod in Rome which will continue until the end of October. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

SAFEGUARDING – We would like to remind parents/carers that young children must be accompanied by an adult should they need to leave the church for any reason. It is your responsibility to keep them safe while on church premises.

CONFIRMATION – The meetings for the candidates for **2023 Confirmation** have commenced every Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall. And on Saturday 21st October all the candidates shall have a retreat at Aylesford. For further information see Deacon Michael Knight after mass.

HOLY COMMUNION – We are now accepting application for the programme starting in January 2024. Regular Mass attendance is a must to join the programme. The forms are only available at church. Deadline for accepting application is **31 October 2023. Any applications after this date will be considered for next programme in 2025.** For further information contact Pennie Clarke or use gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk

THANKS to all those who did the counting at Mass over the last four weeks

BAPTISMS – Parents who wish to have their children baptised should see Deacon Michael after one of the Sunday Masses.

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL – There is mass every Sunday at Medway hospital chapel, at 2 pm especially for the staff, the patients, and the visitors.

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE – We really appreciate the Sunday Mass attendance. However, we need to plan how to accommodate all our worshippers in a safe environment. We hope to organise a meeting soon for parishioners to discuss the most convenient time for an extra Sunday Mass.

FEAST OF ST JUDE 28-29 OCTOBER – All are welcome to join in the celebrations at the Shrine of St Jude in Tanner Street, Faversham. Please see poster at the back of the church for details.

Knights of St Columba Christmas Painting Competition for Primary School Children – Please see noticeboard at the back of the church for details.

THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

It is said that when you are good at making excuses, it's hard to excel in anything else. In today's Gospel, Jesus tell a parable about a king who invited people to his son's wedding banquet but they all failed to turn up, making excuses. Some even seized, maltreated and killed the messengers. Understandably, the king was furious. In a fit of rage, he killed those people and burnt down their city. Consequently, he threw the part open to all but had to throw out a man who came in without a wedding garment. The king might be seen as overreacting and it can be difficult to associate him with God as the parable intended. But, in the land of the deaf, you have to shout to be heard. Such exaggerated narratives are necessary to shake up a society that has lost the sense of God.