

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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22nd October 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year A

Readers this week :6.30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Princy Manuel/Yolanda Danday	Covenant Iyoriobhe/Nnamdi Eke	Joan Aruma/Dinah Kansiime

Reading 1	Isa 45:1, 4-6	<i>I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.</i>
Psalm	Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10 r.7	<i>Give the Lord glory and power.</i>
Reading 2	1 Thess 1:1-5	<i>We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 17:17	<i>Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.</i>
Gospel	Matt 22:15-21	<i>Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.</i>

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Betty Sequiera/AugustineEghomare	Lennette Opeodu/Bridget Iwu	Chelsea Atoe/Joseph Kuruvilla

- ✘ Please pray for those who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Vincenzo Rocco, Philomena Breach, Margaret Griffin ,Margaret Blair, William AAzavvedo, Muriel Walsh, Ann Morrissey, Paul Read, Marion Gittens, Gary Webster, Kenneth Snowball, David Green & Heather Stowell.
- ✘ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Saturday 21st October	Vigil Mass	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 22nd		6.30pm Evangelisation of the world
		9.30am Patrick Pullen's intentions & Repose of the soul of John Bose
		11.30am Pro Populo
Monday 23rd	Feria	10.00am Repose of the soul of Margaret Griffin
Tuesday 24th	Feria	10.00am Carol Knight's intentions
Wednesday 25th	Feria	10.00am Repose of the soul of Angela Di <u>donato</u>
Thursday 26th	Feria	10.00am Repose of the souls of Gary Webster & Kenneth Snowball
Friday 27th	Feria	10.00am Repose of the soul of Comfort Tembu & Jo Firth's birthday
Saturday 28th	SS Simon & Jude	7.30pm
		10.00am
		1pm Filipino Mass
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm Lee family intentions

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £741.35 of which £91.60 was Gift Aided..
Thank you
Second Collection today for Missio

PARISH NOTICES

TODAY is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. Today 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

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING - Pope Francis has announced another **day of prayer and fasting** for an end to the Israel-Hamas war, to be observed on **Friday 27 October**. On that Friday, the Holy Father will preside over a vigil in St Peter's Square at 6pm (5pm UK). He is desirous that faithful around the world join with him in prayer at that hour "in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world".

SEMINAR TO PROMOTE RACIAL & CULTURAL INCLUSION – This will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral on **Saturday 28th October from 9.30am, – 4pm**. Please see poster at the back of the church for registration information. Registration is free.

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.

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.

'SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD' – PRO-LIFE VIDEO PRESENTATION – This will take place at **English Martyrs, Strood on Friday 27 October at 7pm** to which you are all invited. It concerns the Pro-Life work in America and the UK especially in the light of 'Baby Lily' and the Lucy Letley cases

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.

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

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.

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

If someone asks you, "Have you stopped stealing?" you wouldn't give a direct 'yes' or 'no' answer without implicating yourself because the question presupposes that you have stolen before. Because it is 'loaded' with questionable presumptions, such questions are faulted as fallacies in logic. Like a loaded gun, such loaded questions are dangerous. The way to approach them therefore is not answer 'yes' or 'no' but to challenge the assumptions they make.

