

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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5TH November 2023

✠ Thirtyfirst Sunday of Year A ✠

Readers this week :6.30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Princy Manuel/Yolanda Danday	Samuel Robson/Tony Luckhurst	Titus Eneh/Joan Aruma

Reading 1	Mal 1:14-2:2. 8-10	<i>You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.</i>
Psalm	Ps 130	<i>Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.</i>
Reading 2	1 Thess 2:7-9, 13	<i>We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	1 Sam 3:9; John 6:68	<i>Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
Gospel	Matt 23:1-12	<i>They do not practise what they preach.</i>

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Kieran Shannon/Josmy Manuel	Ifeoma Yhegbu/AmarachiUhegbu	Dinah Kansime/Maureen O-Krakue

- ✠ Please pray for those who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ **Pasqualina Scalera, Nina Lepore, Emily Green, Joyce Waller, Charles Swan, Peggy Scullion, George Jones, Jason Charles, Peggy Enver & Peter Szemelak.**
- ✠ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday 4th November	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 5th		9.30am	Repose of the souls of Aubrey & Mary Jamieson
		11.30am	Repose of the soul of Simon Juliam
Monday 6th	Feria	10.00am	Deceased members of the Cannavina Family & Intentions and well-being of Lewis Lee
Tuesday 7th	Dedication of Cathedral church of St George	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Anthony Al;vares
Wednesday 8th		10.00am	Holy Souls & Repose of the soul of Maureen Fox
Thursday 9th	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10.00am	Birthdays of Benita Edeji, Ifany Okoro & Evelyn Ibe
Friday 10th	St Leo the Great	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Joseph
		7.30pm	Holy Souls
Saturday 11th	St Martin of Tours	10.00am	Deceased members of the Di Lisio Family
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £781.34 of which £116.52 was Gift Aided.. Football parking amounted to £240.00 and the Boiler Appeal received a further £10.. Thank you

Second collection next week for Archbishop's Appeal

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday is for the ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL which funds three key mission areas; Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action and Clergy Care and Formation. Please collect an envelope from the back of the church for your donation.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. – There are also sheets at the back of the church for you to record all those who you wish to have remembered at the Masses in November. An envelope is attached for voluntary donations.

THE ANNUAL SERVICE AT THE CEMETERY for the Blessing of graves is **Sunday 12 November at 2pm.**

DEVOTIONS to 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

WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST – Following Pope Francis' Day of Prayer & Fasting, please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, especially for the people of Israel & Gaza and for peace in the world.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – Cafod have issued their annual Christmas World Gift booklets for this year. Please take a booklet to see how you can help those in need in the world. There is a variety of gifts with prices to suit every pocket.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEXT SUNDAY – We welcome all those children who have not made their First Holy Communion. It will take place in the Presbytery if the Hall is not free.

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.

PASSING ON THE FAITH FOR PARENTS - How do we start? How do we continue? What works well for children at different stages? 4 online sessions starting on Thursday November 9th, 8pm – 9:30pm. Email Lisette on mflse@rcaos.org.uk for either session

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Applications for children to make their First Holy Communion in 2024 are now closed. Any applications received now will be considered for the next programme in 2025. For further information contact Pennie Clarke after one of the Sunday Masses or use gillinghamfhc@rcaos.org.uk

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 classes** have commenced every Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

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

God does not demand that I be successful, God demands that I be faithful. When facing God, results are not important. Faithfulness is what is important.'

Sister Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)