

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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**Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark CIO, registered charity 1173050**

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**✕ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A ✕**

Readers this week :6.30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Ugochi Uche/Betty Sequiera	Susane Inya/Leanne Opeodu	Joseph Kuruvilla//Chelsea Atoe

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

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Augustine Eghomare/Yolanda Danday	Vincent Obi/Tania Jackson	Paul Nwachukwu/ Juliet Okakwe

- ✕ Please pray for Joan Dolan†, David Parsonage† and Stephanie Alexander† who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✕ Alfredo Figueira, Peter Vella, Peter Keating, Joseph Cardwell, Paddy Dolan, Brian Holden, Bishop John Jukes, Thomas Caulfield, Chester Starr, Basil Foremere, Margaret Clark, Nellie Gillman & Hermina Abeydeera,
- ✕ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

	<b>✕ MASS INTENTIONS ✕</b>
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6.30pm Anonymous intention
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Repose of the soul of Peter Keating
	11.30am Pro Populo
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b> Feria.	10.00am Repose of the soul of Brian Holden
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b> Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am Repose of the soul of Bernard McKenna
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> St Cecilia	10.00am Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> St Clement, Pope	10.00am Dulay Family – thanksgiving for souls of Jimmy Rodel & Iluminada
	1pm Funeral of Stephanie Alexander at Medway Crematorium
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b> St Andrew	10.00am Anonymous intention
	7.30pm Anonymous intention
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b> St Catherine of Alexandria	10.00am Anonymous intention
	1pm <b>Filipino Mass</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.30pm Anonymous intention

**Collections** The collection in church last week amounted to £979.55 of which £106.00 was Gift Aided, the Second collection amounted to £172.28 of which £48.30 was Gift Aided. And Football parking amounted to £75.00. Thank you  
**Second collection next Sunday for Catholic Youth Services**

## PARISH NOTICES.

**TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF THE POOR.** The Seventh World Day of the Poor celebrated by the Catholic Church today with the theme of “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:10)

**NEXT SUNDAY IS NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY** - The retiring collection will be for the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please see our website [tinyurl.com/scys1](http://tinyurl.com/scys1). Please also sign up to our network at [tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork) to receive regular updates. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced further World Youth Sunday resources at [worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023](http://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023).



**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS** – There are 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.

**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. ‘Donate to **CAFOD’s Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers’

**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.

**REPOSITORY** -. The Repository shop moves into the McMahon Hall this weekend and will also be in the hall on the weekend of 2 -3 December. There is a variety of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, candles and everything you need for Christmas. Please come and browse.

**FREE MISSIO CALENDARS are available at the back of the church.**

**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.

**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](mailto: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.