

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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10th December 2023 ✕ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT B ✕

Readers this week :6.30pm Josmy Manuel/Betty Sequiera	9:30am Tania Jackson/Bridget Iwu	11:30am Titus Eneh/Chelsea Atoe
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Reading 1	Isa 40:1-5, 9-11	<i>Prepare a way for the Lord.</i>
Psalm	Ps 84:9-10, 11-12, 13-14	<i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.</i>
Reading 2	2 Pet 3:8-14	<i>We are waiting for the new heaven and new earth</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Luke 3: 4, 6	<i>Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.</i>
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8	<i>Make his paths straight.</i>

Readers next week: 6.30pm Ugochi Ihuoma/Princy Manuel	9.30am Edeji Family	11.30am Seraphin Borces/Maureen O-Krakue
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- ✕ Please pray for Joan Dolan† and Daniel Welke† who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✕ Ellen Wood, Anna McCarthy, Stephen Kearney, George Kavanagh, John Gay, Lidia Watts, Anthony Backs, Nicholas Harrison, Maria Maka, Norah Smith, Thomas Parsons, Estelle Flannery & Leslie Hollingsworth..
- ✕ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Saturday 9th December	Vigil Mass	✕ MASS INTENTIONS □
Sunday 10th		6.30pm 9.30am Repose of the souls of Roy and May Woodward & Conversion of Sinners 11.30am Pro Populo 3pm Knanaya Mass
Monday 11th St.Damasus		10.00am Repose of the soul of Daniel Onyirimba
Tuesday 12th Our Lady of Gualupe		10.00am Repose of the soul of Cenney Cannavina & Intentions of Evie Whitlock
Wednesday 13th St Lucy		10.00am Repose of the souls of Darren Franz & Robert Brown 12.30pm Funeral of Joan Dolan at St Michael's Chatham
Thursday 14th St John of the Cross		10.00am Repose of the souls of Kevin & Mary Bishop
Friday 15th Feria		10.00am Repose of the souls of Margaret Kiely & Joan Dolan 6.30pm Syro Malabar
Saturday 16th Feria		10.00am Repose of the soul of Norah Smith
Sunday 17th	Vigil Mass	6.30pm Lee Family Intentions 9.30am Repose of the soul of Jack McIntyre 11.30am Pro Populo

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £804.77 of which £100.40 was Gift Aided Football parking amounted to £440.00
Thank you.

PARISH NOTICES.

POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT - Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Intentions for Advent and Christmas Time: Migrants & Refugees and Expectant Mothers
(especially on Fourth Sunday of Advent)

CONFESSIONS - In preparation for Christmas there will be a Reconciliation Service **NEXT SATURDAY** followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation when both Frs. Dennis and Pascoal will be hearing confessions. Confessions will also be heard after the morning Masses during the following week

DEVOTIONS to the Blessed Virgin Mary conand there will betinue 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 - As the conflict enters its ninth week in the Holy Land, **CAFOD** are asking parishes to do what they can to support their [Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal](#) they also invite you in [calling for a lasting peace](#) by writing to the Foreign Secretary. 'Donate to **CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** at 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 'into 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.

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

MISSIO RED boxes. As we approach end of 2023 could all MISSIO supporters please bring their **RED BOXES** to the sacristy to be emptied.

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.

FOOD BANK NEWS – A special "Thank You" to those parishioners who have been so generous by supporting the **SVP FOOD BANK collection**. There is still a desperate need for more donations to help those in our community. Not necessary tins or pasta but also biscuits/sweets/toiletries for both male and females/ soft drinks etc. there is an updated shopping list at the back of the church and **particular** items that the Food Bank need at this time are Instant mash, Tinned/packet custard and pasta sauces

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

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

RESULTS OF THE PARISH CONSULTATIONS FOR THE EXTRA SUNDAY MASS

Time	Votes	Percentage			
Early Morning Mass	35	25.6%			
Late Evening Mass	90	65.7%	√		
Spoilt votes	12	8.8%			

Hence, we shall have an extra Sunday mass ad experimentum for 4 months starting on Sunday 24th December 2023. Based on the indications from this consultation the suitable time for this mass shall be 6.30 pm.

