

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark CIO, registered charity 1173050

7th January 2024

✠ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD B ✠

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Princy Manuel/Augustine Eghomare

9:30am Ifeoma & Amarachi

11:30am Dinah Kansime/

Sunday 6.30pm, Stanley O-Krakue/Betty Sequiera

Reading 1	Isa 60:1-6	<i>Above you the glory of the Lord appears.</i>
Psalm	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 r. cf. 11	<i>All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.</i>
Reading 2	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	<i>It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 2:2	<i>We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.</i>
Gospel	Matt 2:1-12	<i>We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.</i>

Readers next week: 6.30pm Kieran Shannon/Josmy Manuel

9.30am Vincent Obi/Tania Jackson

11.30am Seraphin Borces/Juliet Okakwe

6.30pm Ugochi Uche/Bridget Iwu

- ✠ Please pray for Daniel Welke, Natalina Yarmak † & Crystal Leola Jeanetta Talbot† who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ Fred Weller, John Abela, Liam Byrne, Michela Libertucci, Donald McGuire, Marie Kiernan, Valerie Murphy, Jane Hammond, Bill Cannon, Harold Cardwell and May Smith.
- ✠ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

✠ MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th January	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 7th		9.30am Jo Firth's intentions & Repose of the soul of Isaac Uzuegbu
		11.30am Pro Populo
		6.30pm In Thanksgiving Varghese & Family
Monday 8th The Baptism of the Lord		10.00am Repose of the soul of Madonna Madrid
Tuesday 9th	Feria	10.00am Intentions of Katie Alexander & Family
Wednesday 10th	Feria	10.00am
Thursday 11th	Feria	10.00am
		1pm Requiem Mass for Natalia Yarmak followed by committal Woodlands Cemetery
Friday 12th	Feria	10.00am
		7.30pm
Saturday 13th St Hilary		10.00am
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm Pro Populo

PARISH NOTICES.

NEXT SUNDAY IS A DAY FOR PEACE – The second collection for next Sunday shall be for the work of Paxi Christi for the promotion of peace worldwide. **There are envelopes for your donations at the back of the church.**

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE LIFE – In line the Archdiocesan team for family and marriage, in the year 2024 the focus of our pastoral plan is to promote marriage and family life. Hence, we shall soon publish the plan of activities.

FOOTBALL CAR PARKING – HELP NEEDED: The ladies who have been looking after car parking on match days have now retired and we need two or three people which should include at least one gentleman especially for the evening matches. Please let the office know if you can help.

READERS NEEDED – Thanks to those who have volunteered to read at 6.30 Mass on Sundays. Volunteers are still needed to read regularly on a rota basis. Please let Maureen O-Krakue or the office know if you can help.

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.

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.

FREE MISSIO CALENDARS are available at the back of the church. And all MISSIO supporters are called upon to return the **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 **items** that the Food Bank need currently 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

CAFOD – a BIG 'Thank you' to all our parishioners for their generosity in raising money for CAFOD. We raised a total of £500 – of which we gifted '2 Homes for Life'. Please see the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information. We hope to continue raising fund for CAFOD

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TEAM:

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a *Building a Better Marriage Course* throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £917.60 of which £115.10 was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £250.00. **Thank you. Second collection next Sunday for Peace.**