

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✠ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✠

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Kieran Shannon/Josmy Manuel 9:30am Vincent Obi/Tania Jackson
 11:30am Seraphin Borces/Juliet Okakwe 6.30pm, Ugochi Uche/Bridget Iwu

Reading 1	1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19	<i>Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.</i>
Psalm	Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10 r. 8.9	<i>Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20	<i>Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	1 Sam 3:9; John 6:68	<i>Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you</i>
Gospel	John 1:35-42	<i>They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.</i>

Readers for next week: 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Augustine Eghomare 9.30am Samuel Robson/Chizoba Ikeke 11.30am JosephKuruvilla/Joan Aruma 6.30pm Ugochi uche/Maureen O-Krakue

- ✠ Please pray for Crystal Leola Jeanetta Talbot† who has recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ Joan Barton, Mary Gallagher, Pasquale Galantini, Christopher Giles ,Bill Hardy, George Mullins, Jacqueline Hunt, Stephen Plummer, Ronald Gordon, Bill Waller, Maria Di Lisio, Harold Hopper
- ✠ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

✠ MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13 th January	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 14 th		9.30am Eileen Byrne's intentions
		11.30am Ola O-Krakue's birthday
		6.30pm Pro Populo
Monday 15 th Feria		10.00am
Tuesday 16 th Feria		10.00am Repose of the soul of Isaac Uzeoghbu & Intentions of Alex Knight & Family
		1pm Requiem for Crystal Talbot followed by burial at Woodlands Cemetery
Wednesday 17 th St Anthony, Abbot		10.00am
Thursday 18 th Feria		10.00am
Friday 19 th Feria		10.00am Repose of the soul of Harold Hopper
		6.30pm Syro Malabar
Saturday 20 th St Sebastian		10.00am Repose of the soul of Patsy Green
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm

PARISH NOTICES

TODAY IS A DAY FOR PEACE – The second collection is for the work of Pax Christi for the promotion of peace worldwide. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. While this may seem a strangely technical term, we know that we do **know that we need to think about the consequences of the advances of peace and justice.**

Pope's January prayer intention: FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – starts on 18th – 25th January. We are all invited for the opening at St Mark's Church Gillingham, 1 Canterbury street, ME7 5TP, on Thursday 18th January, at 7.00 pm. This where all the Churches in Gillingham shall assemble for the **United Prayer Meeting.**

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE LIFE – 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. To register for the next programme commencing with a **Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024** or a **Face-to-Face** weekend in **Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024**, call or text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443** or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk 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>

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 Fr Dennis or Fr Pascoal or the office know if you can help.

READERS NEEDED – We invite all the readers and those who wish to become readers for a workshop on Sat. 3rd February 2024 at 10.30 at the parish hall. Volunteers are still needed to read regularly on a rota basis. Please let Maureen O-Krakue or the office know if you can help.

CONFIRMATION – We shall have the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Saturday 20th January at 2.00 pm. The Mass shall be presided by Bishop Paul J. Hendricks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – The Mass for the enrolment of our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion 2024, has been scheduled on **Sunday 21st January 9.30 am.**

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

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.

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £850.86 of which £113.75 was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £280.00. **Thank you. Second collection today for Peace.**