

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✂ THIRD SUNDAY – SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD B ✂

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Kieran Shannon 9:30am Samuel Robson/Chizoba Ikeke
 11:30am JosephKuruvilla/Joan Aruma 6.30pm, Ugochi uche/Maureen O-Krakue

Reading 1	Jon 3:1-5, 10	<i>The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.</i>
Psalm	Ps 24:4-9 r. 4	<i>Lord, make me know your ways.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 7:29-31	<i>The world as we know it is passing away.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Mark 1:15	<i>The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News.</i>
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20	<i>Repent and believe the Good News.</i>

Readers for next week: 6.30pm Josmy Manuel/Princy Manuel 9.30am Edeji Family
 11.30am Chelsea Atoe/Shakira Kara 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Bridget Iwu

- ✂ Please pray for all those who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✂ Isaac Uzoegbu,,Rosemary McCarthy, Michael Dickinson, Dino Grancevola, Peter Ince, Leonard Charrington, Carlo Ferrari, Maurice Kavanagh, Thomas Macken & Michael Connolly,
- ✂ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

✂ MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 20 th January Vigil Mass	6.30pm Pro Populo
Sunday 21 st	9.30am Eileen Byrne's & 1 st Communicants' intentions repose of the souls of Ken Brice & Derek Knight
	11.30am Repose of the soul of Eileen McKenna
	6.30pm Pro Populo
Monday 22 nd Legal protection of Unborn children	10.00am Repose of the soul of Mary Ann Regan
Tuesday 23 rd St Vincent	10.00am Repose of the soul of Donald Arricivito & Intentions of Ricky Parmenter
Wednesday 24 th St Francis de Sales	10.00am Repose of the soul of Bridie McIntyre
Thursday 25 th The Conversion of St Paul	10.00am Repose of the soul of Catherine Hall
Friday 26 th SS Timothy & Titus	10.00am Spiritual welfare of Lynn & Tony Belsey 7.30pm
Saturday 27 th St Sebastian	10.00am 1pm Filipino Mass
Vigil Mass	6.30pm Repose of the soul of Mary Mahoney

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT SUNDAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY and there will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** - this collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. **Mass will also be celebrated at St George's Cathedral 10.00am** followed by refreshments in the Amigo H. all.

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.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – shall end on Thursday 25th January (Feast of St. Paul). We are all invited to pray for the **ecumenical spirit of unity** among all the Christian denominations.

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 – Congratulations to all the children who were confirmed yesterday by Bishop Paul 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**. Preparation classes started last Saturday.

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

MISSIO supporters are called upon to return the **RED BOXES** to the sacristy to be emptied.

REPOSITORY – Half Price sale of most Christmas items.

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.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – The Knights of St. Columba **Pre-Lenten walk** has been scheduled on 10th February 2024 from St. Thomas Church Rainham to Aylesford Friary It starts at St Thomas Church in Rainham - 10.30am after the 10am Mass. and finishes in Aylesford. Walkers need to arrange return transport to their homes from Aylesford Friary

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £665.60 of which £89.40 was Gift Aided and the Pax Christi collection amounted to £169.40.. **Thank you. Second collection next Sunday for Racial Justice.**