

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✠

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Augustine Eghomare/Kieran Shannon 9:30am Tania Jackson/Sinu Paulose
 11:30am Joan Aruma/Ancy John 6.30pm, Ugochi Uche/Maureen O-Krakue

Reading 1	Job 7:1-4, 6-7	<i>Restless I fret till twilight falls.</i>
Psalm	Ps 146:1-6 r. 3	<i>Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. Or Alleluia!</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23	<i>I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 8:12	<i>I am the light of the World, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.</i>
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39	<i>He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.</i>

Readers for next week: 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Josmy Manuel 9.30am Nnenna Nweje/Susanna Inya
 11.30am Chelsea Atoe/Dinah Kansime 6.30pm Ugochi Uche/Bridget Iwu

- ✠ Please pray for Frederick Wigley & Andrew Shirley who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ Rose Ward, Melvyn Andres, James Murphy, Lorraine Oakes Bronson Smith, Una O'Donoghue, Tony Phillips, Fr A P Porter, Margaret Perfect, Marie Hammond, Dorothy Smith, Mary Mills, Isobel Tapley, Kevin Ketchen, Margaret Attfield & Peter Martin.
- ✠ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday 3 rd February Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Bridie Hockley
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Intentions of Eileen Byrne
	11.30am	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	&
Monday 5 th St Agatha	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Fr A P Porter
Tuesday 6 th SS Paul Miki & Companions	10.00am	Spiritual welfare of Clive & Beryl Brooker
	11.30am	Funeral Service for Frederick Wigley followed by burial at <u>Woodlands Cemetery</u>
Wednesday 7 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Lorita Onyehialam & Bridget Iwu's birthday
Thursday 8 th	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Mark Onyehialam
Friday 9 th Feria	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Angela Pereira & In thanksgiving
	7.30pm	In thanksgiving for Kara's family
7.30pm Saturday 10 th St Scholastica Vigil Mass	10.00am	Welfare of Fr Sean O'Connor
	6.30pm	Repose of the souls of Andrew Shirley & Sharon, Joe & Andy

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT WEEK: the season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday 14th February** when ashes will be distributed at the Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm. There will be Stations of the Cross on Mondays after the 10 am Mass and at 7pm before the evening Mass at 7.30pm on Fridays.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD DAY or the sick and unemployed.

POPE'S FEBRUARY'S PRAYER INTENTION: For the terminally ill. We pray that the sick, "who are in the final stages of life, and their families receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment."

Saturday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Please support www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

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

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 MARSHALLS – Thanks to those who have volunteered but we still need a few more volunteers, including gentlemen for the occasional Tuesday evenings to help in the church car park on alternate Saturdays between 11am and 2.45. If we had just a few more volunteers for the next four months until the end of the season the commitment on a Rota basis would only be about once per month. The average income of £250 per match is a big help when paying the increased heating bills for our church and hall. Please let Fr Dennis or Fr Pascoal or the office know if you can help.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY- The Children's Liturgy has now resumed its sessions in the McMahon Hall. All the children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT- Catholic men of the parish are invited to an evening retreat to prepare for Lent and Easter, led by experienced spiritual director, Fr Gerard Bradley. Eucharistic adoration and Benediction, Rosary, silent prayer, two preached meditations, and Confession available. Includes a short tea break. Church is next to Chatham train station, and car parking is available. No cost to attend. Friday 9th February 7.15pm-9pm, St Michael's Parish, Chatham.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Preparation classes have started. The next class is next Saturday 10th February.

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

RED MISSIO BOXES - Our Missio secretary would like to thank all those who have returned their red mission boxes. The total donated to help our dedicated missionaries in difficult and sometimes dangerous parts of the world amounted to **£1448**. This was in spite of the hardships being experienced by our own parishioners currently. If you wish to keep a red box at home please contact the Missio secretary on 01634 326132 (or, t11940@virginmedia.com).

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. A new list of items is in the church porch.

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to **£797.61** of which **£122.00** was Gift Aided and the second collection amounted to **91.10** of which **£5.00** was Gift Aided.

Thank you.