

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✘ **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT B** ✘

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Augustine Eghomare 9:30am Ifeoma Ihuegbu/Amarachi Ihuegbu  
 11:30am Chelsea Atoe/Ancy John 6.30pm Maureen O-Krakue/Ogochi Uche

<b>Reading 1</b>	Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	<i>The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 115:10. 15-19 r. Ps 114:9	<i>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Rom 8:31-34	<i>God did not spare his own Son.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Matt 17:5	<i>From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 9:2-10	<i>This is my Son, the Beloved.</i>

Readers for next week: 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Edeji Family  
 11.30am Chelsea Atoe/Dinah Kiinsiime 6.30pm Stanley O-Krakue/Ancy Kumar

- ✘ Please pray for Muriel (Milly) Mathias† & Andrew Shirley† who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Patricia Hamilton, Patrick Galvin, Philip Redshaw, Brian Meadee, Stewart Kelly & Luisa Margioni.
- ✘ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

### ✘ MASS INTENTIONS ✘

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.30pm Repose of the soul of Lira Rodrigues
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Repose of the souls of Andrew Shirley & Agostino de Roberto
		11.30am Repose of the soul of Patrick Galvin
		6.30pm Pro Populo
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am Birthdays of Eileen Byrne & Stephen Cottam
		10.30am Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am Repose of the souls of Andrew Shirley & Rick Owens
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am Repose of the soul of Muriel Mathias & for safe delivery for Ijeoma Udensi-Nnodi
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>		10.00am Thanksgiving & intentions of Jennifer Kara & for safe delivery for Ijeoma Udensi-Nnodi
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March St David		10.00am Jo Firth's well-being
		7.00pm Stations of the Cross
		7.30pm
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feria		10.00am
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.30pm Repose of the soul of Lira Rodrigues

## PARISH NOTICES

**LAST FRIDAY WAS CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Please put whatever you saved by fasting or abstinence in the envelopes provided They are still available at the back of the Church.**  
**SEASON OF LENT** -. We have the **Family Lenten prayer** to be prayed everyday by every family in the parish. The Stations of the Cross on Mondays after the 10 am Mass and at 7pm before the evening Mass at 7.30pm on Fridays.

**.CYCLE OF PRAYER** - Intentions for Lent:

- Candidates for the Sacraments (*especially on the Sundays*)
- The Needy and Hungry of the World (*especially on Lent Fast Day - Friday 23 February*)
- Penitents and Wanderers
- Women (*especially on Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March*)

### **FRIDAY IS WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH –** The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has relaunched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, [please sign up to our network at [tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

**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."

**RIGHT TO LIFE** – support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment!

**KEEP FIT DANCE SESSSION – Keep Fit** - We are proposing the start of a beginners keep fit Dance Sessions. The first class will take place this coming Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30 -3.30. in the McMahon hall. Starting cost is £1 per session.. It will be a gentle exercise session and not too strenuous. Please see notice-board at the back of the church.

**TOM CARTER** - a former Headteacher of St Thomas' Primary School from 1962 and active member of the Parish, is going to be celebrating his 100th birthday on 27<sup>th</sup> March 24. On the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March a book will be available in the church for all who remember him. Please write your good wishes and memories in the book which will be sent to him.

**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 - a **Face-to-Face** weekend in **Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024**, call or text **07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or ema-** or visit [www.retrouville.org.uk](http://www.retrouville.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>

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

### THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

The story is told about the baptism of King Aengus by St Patrick in the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> century. Sometime during the rite, Bishop Patrick leaned on his sharp-pointed staff (crosier) and inadvertently stabbed the king's foot. After the baptism was over Patrick looked down at all the blood, realised what he had done, and begged the king's forgiveness. "Why did you suffer this pain in silence?" he enquired. The king replied, "I thought it was part of the ritual."

**Collections** The collection in church last week amounted to **£593.41** of which **£77.90** was Gift Aided and the Priests' Support Fund received **£202.74** of which **£30.00** was Gift Aided. Football parking amounted to **£235.00**. Thank you.