

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✠ **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B** ✠

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Josmy Manuel 9:30am Nnenna Nweje/Susanna Inya  
 11:30am Chelsea Atoe/Dinah Kansime 6.30pm, Chiduben Uche/Bridget Iwu

<b>Reading</b>	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46	<i>The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11	<i>You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	1 Cor 10:31-11:1	<i>Take me for your model, as I take Christ.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	cf Eph 1:17.18	<i>May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1:40-45	<i>The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.</i>

- ✠ Please pray for Andrew Shirley who has recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ Rose Clegg, Salvatore Robusto, Olive Sherry, Peggy Miller, Eileen Barrett, Sonia Cleall, IngeSancto, Lillian Lennon, Harry Barton & Godfrey Vandeburg.
- ✠ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

### ✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Saturday 10 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.30pm Repose of the souls of Andrew Shirley & Sharon, Joe & Andy
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Repose of the souls of Sharon Fernandes 11.30am Pro Populo 3pm Knanaya Mass 6.30pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am Repose of the souls of Cenney Cannavina & Andrew Shirley
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>		10.00am Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs Di Lisio <b>7.30pm</b> Thanksgiving & intentions of Kara's family
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am Repose of the soul of Robert O'Kelly & Jennifer's & Anne McDonagh's birthdays – in thanksgiving
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am Welfare of John Caruana 6.30pm Syro Malabar Catholic Community
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Scholastica</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	10.00am Repose of the soul of Kate Walsh 6.30pm Lee Family intentions

## PARISH NOTICES

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY for the CLERGY SUPPORT FUND.** This fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for priests in their retirement, old age and at their time of ill-health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People. Envelopes for your donations are available at the in the church porch.

**TODAY IS WORLD DAY For the sick and unemployed**

**THIS WEEK: the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** when ashes will be distributed at the Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm. It is also a day of fasting and abstinence.

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.

The Lenten Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop will also be read this weekend at all Masses.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP meeting today after 11.30 Mass.** All are welcome

**DEANERY MEETING** – The Clergy deanery meeting is taking place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 11 am at Our Lady of Gillingham. Hence there will be **no** Tea/Coffee after mass.

**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."

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March*)
- Penitents and Wanderers
- Women (*especially on Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March*)

**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 email [retrouvilleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvilleukinfo@gmail.com) - 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>

**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.

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

**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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

An alcoholic friend of Philip Yancey once said to him: "When I'm late to church, people turn around and stare at me with frowns of disapproval. I get the clear message that I'm not as responsible as they are. When I'm late to AA, the meeting comes to a halt and everyone jumps up to hug and welcome me. They realise that my lateness may be a sign that I almost didn't make it. When I show up, it proves that my desperate need for them won out over my desperate need for alcohol." Let's make sure that people know how welcome they always are; that our table is really big and that there is always a place with their name on it at our table.

**Collections** The collection in church last week amounted to £794.89 of which £100.65 was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £255.00..

Thank you.

Second collection next week for Clergy Support