

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✘ **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT B** ✘

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Kieran Shannon/Princy Manuel 9:30am Susanna Inya/Nnenna Nweke  
 11:30am Daniella Ibeh/Dinah Kansime 6.30pm Oliver Perez/Stanley O-Krakue

**Reading 1** Jer 31:31-34 *I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.*

**Psalm** Ps 50:3-4, 12-15 r. *A pure heart create for me, O God.*  
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**Reading 2** Heb 5:7-9 *He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

**Gospel Acclamation** John 12: 26 *If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am my servant will be there too.*

**Gospel** John 12:20-33 *If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Readers next week: 6.30pm Augustine Eghomare/Yolanda Danday 9.30am Samuel Robson/Tania Jackson 11.30am Titus Eneh/Joseph Kuruvilla 6.30pm Bridget Iwu/Maureen O-Krakue

- ✘ Please pray for Muriel (Milly) Mathias† & Joseph Borg † who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Eileen Fleming, Rosaria Formosa, Alec Elliott, Beatrice Golding, Ellen Jenkin, Francesco Verdolini, & Fionnuala Gallagher,
- ✘ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace..

### ✘ MASS INTENTIONS ✘

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| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March           | <b>Vigil Mass</b> | 6.30pm Lee Family intentions                   |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>                   |                   | 9.30am Tony Luckhurst's intentions             |
|   |                   | 11.30am Repose of the soul of Bridie Hockley   |
|   |                   | 6.39pm Pro Populo                              |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feria             |                   | 10.00am Private Intention                      |
|   |                   | 10.30am Stations of the Cross                  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Joseph</b> |                   | 10.00am Repose of the soul of Edna Nelson      |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feria          |                   | 10.00am  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>                 |                   | 10.00am Repose of the soul of John J Saunders  |
| Friday <b>22nd</b>                        |                   | 10.00am Repose of the soul of Margaret O'Keefe |
|   |                   | 7.00 Stations of the Cross                     |
|   |                   | 7.30pm   |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feria           |                   | 10.00am Peggy Bishop's intentions              |
|   | <b>Vigil Mass</b> | 6.30pm   |

## PARISH NOTICES

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR POOR PARISHES – this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.**

**SEASON OF LENT** - We have the **Family Lenten prayer** to be prayed everyday by every family in the parish. Also 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*)

**SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH** – The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has relaunched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. If any parishioner would like to start a youth or young adult group, please email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk). For more details about what is on offer, [please sign up to our network at [tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

**POPE'S MARCH'S PRAYER INTENTIONS** - for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world; may their courage and missionary zeal permeate the Church.

**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!

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -Invitation to the Retirement Celebrations of Fr Michael Adams**

Fr. Michael would be delighted if you could join him at his Retirement Celebration which the Parish have organised on his behalf. It will be held in the North Barn at Aylesford Priory on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> April between 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.. We do anticipate a large turnout and as we are restricted on numbers at Aylesford it is important to confirm your attendance so please kindly e-mail Joe Flannery on [parkwood@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:parkwood@rcaos.org.uk) in this respect.

**PILGRIMAGES – ~~✠~~To Fatima 7 – 14 June and Italy 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September are being organised by A Day with Mary. For more details please go to their website: [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)**

**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 - 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

### THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

A man bought a new car with a voice-warning system. Initially, he was amused to hear the soft female voice gently remind him that his seat belt wasn't fastened. He affectionately called this voice "little woman." He soon discovered that his little woman was programmed to warn him about his petrol. "Your fuel level is low," she once said in her sweet voice. He nodded his head and thanked her. He figured he still had enough to go another 50 miles, so he kept on driving. But a few minutes later, her voice interrupted again with the same warning. And so it went on intermittently. Although he knew it was the same recording, he thought her voice sounded harsher with subsequent turns of the warning. What are your feelings and reaction to repeated warnings from your partner?

**Collections** The collection in church last week amounted to £728.52 of which £107.50. was Gift Aided and Football Parking amounted to £255.20. Thank you.

**Second collection today for Poor Parishes**