

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✘ **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY B** ✘

Readers this week :Sat 6.30p Kieran Shannon/Yolanda Danday 9:30am Susanna Inya/Chiamaka Eke  
 11:30am Joan Aruma/inah Kansime 6.30pm Oliver Perez/Joseph Kuruvilla

Reading 1	Acts 4:32-35	United, heart and soul
Psalm	Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 r.1	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Reading 2	1 John 5:1-6	Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.
Gospel Acclamation	John 20:29	Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Gospel	John 20:19-31	Eight days later, Jesus came.

Readers next week: 6.30pm Betty Sequiera/Yolanda Danday  
 9.30am Ifeoma Ihueghu/Amarachi Ihue 11.30am Chelsea Atoe/Shakira Kara 6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Bridget Iwu

- ✘ Please pray for Muriel (Milly) Mathias† & Joseph Borg † who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Barbara Ryan, Ernestina Gizzi, Tess Lawson, Mary O'Neill, Bernice Plummer, Ellen O'Neill, Barbara Callaghan, Pat Bishop, Carlton Aubert, David Sione, Joan Staples & Piers Ryan.,
- ✘ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.30pm Pro Populo
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Repose of the soul of Bernard Harvey 11.30am Repose of the souls of Charles & Lucia Swan 6.39pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Annunciation of The Lord</b>		10.00am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am Repose of the soul of Cenney Cannavina
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feria		<b>10.00am</b> Repose of the souls of Pat Bishop & Michael Keating
Thursday 11 <sup>h</sup> <b>St Stanislaus</b>		10.00am Safe journey for Fr Dennis
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feria		10.00am Eucharistic Service
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> St Martin, Po</b>		10.00am Eucharistic Service
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b> Pro Populo

**Collections.** The Good Friday collection last week amounted to £254.18.  
 Thank you.

## PARISH NOTICES

**TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY and the Novena finishes.—**

**EASTER COLLECTION: Thank you for your generosity for the collection for FRS. DENNIS AND PASCOAL.**

**ATTENTION:** Fr. Dennis Bukenya will be going to Uganda for his holidays on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and Fr Pascoal Gomes will be going to Leeds for his annual retreat on 8<sup>th</sup> to 13 April. **Please note that there will be a Eucharistic service on Friday and Saturday at 10 am and there will be no evening mass on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April and no confessions on Saturday morning.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY AT 9.30an MASS –** All children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are invited to attend.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** The advert for the post of a new headteacher for our school is out on the notice board. Please read it and spread the news.

**KEEP FIT/DANCE CLASS – The next class will take place in the McMahan Hall on Friday 12 April at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

**POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION:** For the dignity of women. During April, Catholics are asked to pray that "the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture." The prayer intention includes praying for an end to the discrimination many women face in different parts of the world.

**SVP -** A grateful thanks to our parishioners who have been so generous so far this year. both with individual donations including the SVP box on the wall and also donations by bank transfer, plus donations of food for the food bank. Your generosity has enabled us to help so many families in so many ways including Ukrainian refugees.

**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).

**CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP -** A great way to meet fellow Catholic men - married, single, parents, grandparents, a range of professions, backgrounds and ages. **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May:** Catholic Men's Walking Pilgrimage- Catholic men of the parish are invited to take part in the Rochester to Aylesford Marian pilgrimage on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Starts 10.45am outside Rochester Cathedral, walking to Aylesford shrine. Holy Hour 2-3pm. Return walk to Rochester for pub dinner around 6pm. Please email to book your dinner seat: [medwaycatholicmen\[AT\]outlook.com](mailto:medwaycatholicmen[AT]outlook.com)

**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!

**NEXT SUNDAY 14 APRIL -FR. MICHAEL ADAMS' RETIREMENT -** 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 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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

All were dumbfounded at the funeral mass of the only son of a rich man and a very benevolent Catholic who died tragically. None of the over a hundred priests in attendance could muster the words to preach. Eventually, the eldest priest was cajoled into taking up the responsibility and he rose to the occasion. He said that he couldn't but ask where God was when this tragedy struck. And the answer he got was "God was at exactly the same place where He was when He lost his only Son – Jesus Christ who died in agony on the cross".