

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✘ ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✘

<b>Reading 1</b>	Ezek. 17:22-24	<i>I make low trees grow.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 91:2-3. 13-16 r.2	<i>It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	2 Cor 5:6-10	<i>Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	John 15:15	<i>I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 4:26-34	<i>It is the smallest of seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.</i>

**Readers this week;** 6.30pm Augustine Eghomare/ Yolanda Danday 9.30am Chiana Eke/Samuel Robson 11.30am 30am Daniella Ibeh/Joan Aruma 6.30pm Divine Uche/Stanley O-Krakue

**Readers next week;** 6:30pm Josmy Manuel/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Tania Jackson/Ann Williams 11.30am Rowvena Benoy/Maureen O-Krakue. 6.30pm Ancy Kumar/Bridget Iwu

- ✘ Please pray for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Lilian Van Haefen, Karl Langan, Carmela Klimek, Winifred Schweizer, Jose Rubio, Michael Allcorn, Frank Hamill, Katherine Mosely, Mary Jones & Paul Beszant.
- ✘ ,May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace

**Weekly Offertory – the** collection (including contactless donations) amounted to £925.20 of which £153.50 was Gift Aided.& the Parish Thanksgiving donations have so far amounted to £1069.91 of which £50 was Gift Aided.

Thank you.

**Second collection today for Day for Life**

## PARISH NOTICES

**TODAY IS THE CHURCH'S DAY FOR LIFE** - This year's theme is "*The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*", providing an invitation for Catholics to reflect on end-of-life care in the midst of the national debate regarding assisted suicide. The proceeds of the second collection go to provide core funding for the Anscpmbe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church.

### **PARISH THANKSGIVING 2024**

Thank you for your donations to the Parish Thanksgiving Fund. There are still envelopes at the back of the church if you haven't yet donated and wish to.

'For the Lord loves a cheerful giver - 2 Cor 9-7'. All the proceeds of our thanksgiving will go to t improving our parish gardens and the parish hall as indicated in the parish plan

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE**

- We pray for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence: may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries.

**ROSARY** – We invite everyone to pray the Rosary every day. It is recited daily at 9.30am at church. Everyone is welcome.

**MASS INTENTIONS** – When placing a request for intentions in an envelope, please clearly state **date, time and the name** of the individual(s) along with your name and a phone number in case your preferable date is not available

**AYLESFORD FRIARY SUMMER FAYRE – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** from 11am – 4.30pm. Mass at 5pm. See poster at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome

**HEALTH & SAFETY**- please could stewards accompany parishioners who need some assistances to their seats if they attend mass unaccompanied.

### **MEDWAY CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP**

– the next meeting will be at St Michael's Chatham on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. The evening begins with prayers in church at 7.30pm. The topic is The Bible and the speaker is Mark Lambert who has studied theology, specialising in the Bible. The evening is open to men of all Christian faiths. There is no cost and refreshments are provided

### **SUMMERTIME - 29<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August, Westminster Retreat Centre Pinner.**

We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years. It is a great opportunity for youngsters to make new friends and experience a packed programme of activities and a visit to Thorpe Park, with faith being presented in imaginative ways. The cost of £189 covers accommodation, food and entrance to Thorpe Park. See poster or pick up a form at rear of Church. Please return completed forms to Fr Dennis or the Parish Office asap.

✧ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✧

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm      Repose of the soul of Margaret Cardwell

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June`

9.30am      Repose of the soul of Irene Alvares

11.30am      Thanksgiving for Babatunle Adebisi &  
Repose of the soul of Jude Ohoro

6.30pm      Pro Populo

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am      Repose of the souls of Mary A Regan &  
Jude Ohoro

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am      Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey  
Jamieson, C V Joseph & Jude Ohoro

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am      Repose of the soul of Jude Ohoro

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Saint Alban**

10.00am      Repose of the soul of Jude Ohoro

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

**St Aloysius Gonzaga**

10.00am      Repose of the soul of Jude Ohoro

6.30pm      Syro Malabar Community

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**SS John Fisher & Thomas More**

**Vigil Mass**

10.00am      Repose of the soul of Jude Ohoro

6.30pm      Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Szemelak

## THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

A little girl was playing with a very valuable vase. She puts her hand into it and could not withdraw her hand; it got stuck inside. Her father tried his best to get it out, to no avail. They were thinking of breaking the vase when the father said, "Now my darling, make one more try. Open your hand and hold your fingers out straight as you see me doing and then pull." To their astonishment the little fellow said, "O no, dad, I couldn't put out my fingers straight out like that, because if I did, I would drop my coin. (Flirting with God – *Refreshing Sunday Homilies for All Cycles* by Fr Ugochukwu Ikwuka CSSp, Page 258).

Let us check our life; maybe we are holding a coin in our hands, and we cannot let it go yet we need our freedom. We need to get out but what we are holding in our life cannot allow us. It is time to think, examine our life and gradually open it to allow whatever we are holding on to let go, then we shall get out and be free again. The value of your freedom is more important than some of those things you are holding in your life. Release them now and you shall be free. Your life is more valuable than those things you are strongly attached to. True life is found in conversion and the journey of conversion demands that we detach ourselves from certain things we hold in life.

A Blessed Sunday to everybody who takes the thought for the soul.