

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✠ TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✠

<b>Reading 1</b>	Job 38:1, 8-11	<i>Here your proud waves shall break.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 106:23-26. 28-31 r.1	<i>O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever. Or Alleluia!</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	2 Cor 5:14-17	<i>Now the new creation is here.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	cf. Eph 1:17.18	<i>May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 4:35-41	<i>Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.</i>

**Readers this week;** 6.30pm Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Tania Jackson/Ann Williams 11.30am Rowvena Benoy/Maureen O-Krakue 6.30pm Ugoche Eke /Bridget Iwu

**Readers next week;** 6:30pm Gabriel Concepcion/ 9.30am Edeji Family 11.30am Joseph Kurivilla/Dinah Kansime. 6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Ugochi Uche

- ✠ Please pray for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ Vincent John,, Vera Batchelor, Elizabeth Szemelak, Peggy Makowski, Jimmy Brown, John McGregor, Anthony Cullen, Cyril Field, Antonio Scalera, Mavis Rogers, Margaret King, Peggy French, Jennifer Carroll & Carmen Davie.
- ✠ May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

**Weekly Offertory – the** collection amounted to £507.89 of which £67.00 was Gift Aided & the second collection amounted to £106.78 of which £50 was Gift Aided. The Parish Thanksgiving donations amounted to a further £369.87.  
Thank you.

**Second collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence**

## PARISH NOTICES

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY is for Peter's Pence.** The offerings are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotions projects as well as to the support of the Holy See.

**NEXT SUNDAY is also the 4<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY FOR THE ELDERLY & GRANDPARENTS.** The Pope's message is "Do not cast me off in old age".(Psalm 71.9)

**THE ELECTION AND THE SANCTITY OF LIFE** – We have been asked by SPUC and the Right to Life organisations to ask our local candidates whether they support or oppose the decriminalisation of abortion and legalisation of assisted suicide. Leaflets at the back of 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 do so. Total now stands at £1439.78.

Take the envelope at the back of the church if you have not yet donated.

**EMAIL SCAMS** – please be careful and ignore any emails requesting donations. They may be from a person impersonating a parishioner.

**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.

**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 next 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.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life 3 AUGUST – Please see the poster at the back of the church.



## THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

Thomas Edison started schooling. He came home one day with a paper for his mother. He told her, "my teacher told me to give this paper only to my mother." Thomas's mother read the note and her eyes filled with tears. Thomas asked his mother what the note said. And she read aloud the note to her son and she said "Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and does not have good teachers for training him. Please teach him yourself." And that is what exactly what Thomas's mother did. She home-schooled her child with devotion and dedication.

As the story goes, many years later after Thomas's mother passed on and Thomas was now one of the world's greatest inventors, he found a folded paper among other family items. He opened the paper and found that it was the very same paper that had been handed to him to give to his mother. And he read the real message on the paper. It read as follows "Your son is mentally ill. We won't let him come to our school anymore". At that moment Edison realized what his mother had done for him so many years ago. He wrote in his diary Thomas Alva Edison was an addled child that, by a hero mother, became the genius of the century. The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Can you imagine what might have happened to Thomas Edison if his mother had read to him the reckless and hurtful words written by his teacher! He might never have invented the light bulb or made his many contributions to society. Thank God for the wisdom and wise words of his mother. She created the context in which her son could grow to all his potential. Let us take this message to heart and resolve to use our words of healing today. You might be a parent; what do you say to your children? You might be a teacher; what do you say to your students especially to the ones are not really performing well presently? What do you say about your parents, family, boss, subordinate, leader, colleague, or follower. Just hurtful word can cause uncontrolled damage for life so do wise words positively affect the person for life.

May words you use today change your life and the life of others for the better. Learn to filter your message and make the right choice of the words you use. May the Lord bless all of us to be prudent.