

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

✧ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✧

<b>Reading 1</b>	Exod 16:2-4, 12-15	<i>I will rain down bread for you from heaven.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 77: 3-4. 23-25. 54 r.24	<i>The Lord gave them bread from heaven.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Eph 4:17, 20-24	<i>Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	John 14:6	<i>I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 6:24-35	<i>He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.</i>

**Readers this week;** 6.30pm Augustine Eghomare/Princy Manuel 9.30am Vincent Obi/Nnamdi Eke 11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Dinah Kansime 6.30pm Ugochi Uche/Stanley O-Krakue

**Readers next week;** 6:30pm Betty Sequiera/Yolanda Danday 9.30am Benedict Keneckukwu/Ann Williams 11.30am Chelsea Atoe/Shakira Kara 6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Bridget Iwu

recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:

- ✧ Kath Murphy, Theresa Allen, Gladys Wood, Philip Malorie, Anne Kelly, Lillian D'Souza, Zacaria Musse, Gladys Long, Rose Pitt, Manuela Hernandez, Bridget Fletcher, Antonio Simone, Antonietta Fantetti, John Smith, Bridie Hockley, and Ian Bell.
- ✧ May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

**Weekly Offertory** – the collection amounted to £853.48 of which £195.06 was Gift Aided and included Contactless payments.

Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR SPIRITAN WORKS.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**NEXT SATURDAY -PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING - –** As previously mentioned, this will be the first Youth meeting for those parishioners aged between 16 and 35 years old. The meeting starts at **4.30 pm** in the Parish Hall and dinner will be served at **7.30pm** after the 6.30 pm Vigil Mass. Please put your details on the form at the back of the church.

**SPIRITAN WORKS:** The second collection next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August is for supporting the Spiritan works worldwide. The order of the Spiritan Fathers was founded in France in 1703 and is now serving in 60 countries worldwide, especially among communities who are marginalized, where the Church finds difficulties in getting priests. Please donate generously to support their missionary endeavours.

Fr Dennis is away this week and Fr Pascoal is still on holiday so Fr. Damasus Okoro CSSp is looking after the parish.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST –**Catholics are asked to pray that political leaders “be at the service of their own people” and also that they work for the common good, integral human development, and take care of those who have lost their jobs and give priority to the poor.

**MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD BANK – 300kg of groceries and toiletries have been donated so far this year.**

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all our parishioners for supporting the FOOD Bank. From the money donated to the SVP box in the wall in the church porch and from the donations at the SVP Tuesday coffee mornings, we were also able to buy more supplies for vulnerable people.

If you were to buy just one item when shopping it would be a great help but only if you can afford it. There is a list of suggestions in the church porch near the BLUE box. Two small items rather than a large bag would be ideal!

**THANK YOU –** Nicly Croft would like to thank all those parishioners who donated to her sponsored walk for Parkinsons Disease in June. She raised a total of £865.00! Well done, Nicky.

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON** is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at **Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent** on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome.

Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm    Repose of the soul of Nuala Hanley

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am    Repose of the soul of Tom Killyleagh &  
29<sup>th</sup> Ordination anniversary of Fr Ejike Mbaka

11.30am    Repose of the soul of John Rose

6.30pm    Pro Populo

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am    Repose of the soul of Alan O'Hara

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

10.00am    Repose of the soul of Stephen Regan

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

**Saints Sixtus II, Pope & Companions**

10.00am    Repose of the soul of Joseph Erifevieme

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August

**St Dominic**

10.00am    Repose of the soul of Maurice Molloy

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

**Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**

10.00am    Repose of the soul of Bridie Hockley

**7.30pm**    Repose of the soul of Teresa Vella

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

**St Lawrence Deacon & Martyr**

10.00am    Repose of the soul of Cenney Cannavina  
& For the perfect job for Christina

**Followed by Exposition and Confessions**

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm    Pro Populo



## THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON IN THE CHURCH PLEASE MEET THE PARISH PRIEST OR DEACON MICHAEL KNIGHT



Deacon Ray Williamson

Ten years ago, a conversation with a priest changed my life. He recognised in me something that I hadn't seen in myself, that God was acting in my life, and I was being called to do and to be more. That was the start of a journey towards ordination as a Permanent Deacon and a level of spiritual fulfilment which I could never have imagined. This journey hasn't been without difficulty and wouldn't have been possible at all without the support of my wife and family. A door was opened, and I chose to walk through it. I have since discovered charisms that I didn't know that I possessed.

Discernment of the call, and being formed as a Deacon, is a lengthy and challenging process, which shouldn't be underestimated. Finding the balance between my three vocations of family, career as an architect, and diaconal ministry has been a challenge, but I have managed in time to find balance and purpose.

It is a great privilege of my ministry to accompany families in the most significant moments of their lives, in the baptism of new life, in the union of two lives, and in thanksgiving and memorial of those that they have lost. I thank God for His grace given to me.

I will be forever grateful for that life changing moment a decade ago.