

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✧ TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✧

<b>Reading 1</b>	Prov 9:1-6	<i>Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 33: 2-3. 10-15 r.9	<i>Taste and see that the Lord is good.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Eph 5:15-20	<i>Recognise what is the will of God.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John	<i>The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who</i>
<b>Acclamation</b>	1:12.14	<i>did accept him he gave power to become children of God.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 6:51- 58	<i>My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.</i>

**Readers this week;** 6.30pm Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Tania Jackson/Chiamaka Eke 11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Joan Aruma 6.30pm Divine Uche/Ancy Kumar

**Readers next week;** 6:30pm Gabriel Concepcion/Augustine Eghomare 9.30am Amarachi Uhuegbu/Ifeoma Ihuegbu 11.30am Daniella Ibeh/Titus Eneh 6.30pm Maureen O-Krakue/Bridget Iwu

- ✧ Please pray for Abele Fantetti† and Francis Rodriguest† who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✧ Zdenek Conka, Joan Kinnear, Stanley Potter, Jo Fewkes, Edith Gully, John Smith, Loretta Greenberg, Katrina White, Alan Culverhouse, Ernest Savage, Isabella Slevin, Pasquale Simone, Reginald Flannery & Ellen Ahmed,
- ✧ May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

**This Week's collection amounted to £971 59 of which £189.00 was Gift Aided including Contactless payments. The collection for Spiritan Works amounted to £302.72 of which £15.00 was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £275.00.**

Thank you.

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## PARISH NOTICES

**SPIRITAN WORKS:** Thank you for the generous collection for the SpiritanWorks which amounted to £302.72 of which £15,00 was Gift Aided.

**TODAY – PROCESSION OF OUR LADY & ‘BRING AND SHARE’ LUNCH –**  
-Please note that there will be a procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady after 11.30 Mass followed by a ‘Bring and Share’ lunch in the McMahon Hall to which all parishioners are invited. Please come in national dress and bring some food to share

**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.

**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.

**EIGHT MILLION STITCHES EXPRESSING GOD’S LOVE!** Textile artist Jacqui Parkinson spent three years stitching twelve huge silk panels to make this spectacular art exhibition: For those who missed seeing this last year In Rochester Cathedral, ‘**Threads through Creation**’ is showing at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, SE1 9DA from now until **26th August**. You’ll see the black and white pages of the creation story in Genesis transformed into astonishing colours and designs. It’s beautiful, breath-taking, uplifting and inspiring for all ages and well worth a visit.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION** is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> September every year, and the *Season of Creation* itself extends from this date until 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. On this occasion, the Holy Father writes a Message addressed to the Catholic Church and to all people of good will. Please visit [message](#) to read the Pope’s full message:

**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST WEEKEND RETREAT - 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, AYLESFORD PRIORY.** For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. Cost £260 Single shared £230. For more information and bookings contact: Tel: 01622 717 272 or email: [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday, 17th August

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm

Lee Family Intentions

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am

Betty Edeji's birthday

11.30am

Repose of the soul of Harold Aruma

6.30pm

Pro Populo

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

**St John Eudes, Priest**

10.00am

Repose of the soul of Harold Aruma

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

**St Bernard Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

10.00am

Repose of the souls of Harold Aruma &  
Joseph Alamma & Paulose Annamma

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

**St Pius X**

10.00am

Sheila O'Hare RIP

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am

Bridget Mongan's intentions

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**St Rose of Lima, Virgin**

10.00am

Repose of the soul of Stephen Knee

7.30pm

Holy Souls

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

**St Bartholomew, Apostle**

10.00am

Seamus & Mary's family

**Followed by Exposition and Confessions**

1pm Filipino Mass

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm

Deceased parishioners

## **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**

The name deacon comes from the Greek word 'diakonia', which means 'service'. This means the deacon is called to serve, like Christ, who came to serve, and not to be served. Therefore, the Diaconal Ministry is a ministry of service with three main functions: 1) The ministry of the Word - proclaiming the Gospel. 2) The ministry of the Altar - distinct service at Mass, and 3) The ministry of Charity - espouse charitable works.

So, what is a Permanent Deacon? The Permanent Deacon is an ordained man, married or single, called to be open to God's love, promises and guidance in the service of the Church, assisting the Bishop and Priest locally and the wider church as the case may be.

The Deacon has his roots in scripture and St Paul outlines the qualifications of the Deacon in his first letter to Timothy (*1 Timothy 3:8-12*)

- A deacon is self-controlled in his actions, speech and interactions must have respect for others and respected.
- A deacon is sound in faith
- A deacon has been tested
- A deacon is faithful to his wife if married
- A deacon manages his children and household well

If selected, Diaconal candidates undergo a programme of formation; human, spiritual, theological and pastoral.

Requirements: Age between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people within the Archdiocese as well as the wider church community. Also involved in services within your parish and/or community.

## **INVITATION TO THE YOUTH CONCERT**

Date: 21 Sep 2024      Time: 9am-5pm      Venue: St Mellitus Park, London

This invite is for young adults from 16-35 yrs old.

Tickets are free, please refer to the QR Code in the flyer to register.

Transportation will be provided by the parish only to the registered members of the Parish Youth Group and forms are available at the back of the church to let us know the number of young adults joining in this concert.

**TO LET** – A four-bedroom property in Gillingham is available for rental. Suitable for families. Please contact 07411057307 for further details