

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✠ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✠

<b>Reading 1</b>	Deut 4:1-2, 6-8	<i>Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 14: 2-5 r.1	<i>The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27	<i>You must do what the word tells you.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	cf John 6:63.68	<i>Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	<i>You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.</i>

**Readers this week;** 6.30pm Josmy Manuel/Yolanda Danday 9.30am Benedict Kenekwku/Sharon Chinwuba 11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Joan Aruma 6.30pm Devine Uche/Stanley O-Krakue

**Readers next week;** 6:30pm Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Tania Jackson/Nnamdi Eke 11.30am Rowvena Benoy/Chelsea Atoe 6.30pm Ugochi Uche/Ancy Kumar

- ✠ Please pray for the following who have recently died: Rita Bailey† & Abele Fantetti† and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ Nancy Hutton, John Westerman, Maureen Mabon, May Woodward, Div Colgan, Ernest Cragan & Michael Dooner.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

**This Week's collection amounted to £826.75** of which £81.00 was Gift Aided  
Thank you.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.

Second collection next week for the Catholic Education Service



## PARISH NOTICES

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION.** 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

**INVITATION** – We invite all the Catholic healthcare workers; doctors, nurses, carers etc... to the annual Get-together **scheduled on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at 3.30 pm at Our Lady of Gillingham Parish.

**OLOG SEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY** – The youths 16-35 years old, who have collected registration forms, please complete them and bring them back to Frs Dennis or Pascoal **not later than this week**. The forms are available at the back of the Church or you can go online on the parish website.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY** - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2024 is, "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak", taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37). Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. **SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY 9.30 Mass** – all children who have not made their First Holy Communion are invited.

**LEGION OF MARY** We are all invited to join the Legion of Mary in our Parish. The Legion of Mary are the Catholic faithful serving the person of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ under leadership of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Queen and Mother. The Legionaries hold weekly meetings in the Presbytery on Sundays after 9.30 am Mass. We participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the lonely, the housebound, the sick - both in their homes and in hospitals. We help with every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Legion membership can be active or auxiliary. Why not come along to a meeting and be part of our father's service?

**Next Sunday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** We invite all parishioners to join us in the Parish Hall **next Sunday** to celebrate the We will say the Holy Rosary, sing, and cut birthday cake. We are encouraged to bring and share food and drinks.

**INVITATION TO THE YOUTH CONCERT – 21 September 9am – 5pm St Mellitus Park London.** This invitation is for young adults aged between **16 – 35years old**. Tickets are free. Please refer to the QR code in the flyer at the back of the church to register. Transportation will be provided by the parish only to the registered members of the Parish Youth Group. Forms are available at the back of the church to let us know the number of young adults joining in this concert

.✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday 31 August

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm

Repose of the soul of Michael Craigen

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

9.30am

Repose of the soul of Melanie Noronha

11.30am

Prince Nelson-Osuagwuoo Onyikimea's  
birthday in thanksgiving

6.30pm

Pro Populo

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

10.00am

Peggy Bishop's intentions

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

10.00am

**St Gregory the Great**

Repose of the soul of Sheila O'Hare

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am

**St Cuthbert**

Repose of the soul of Francis Rodrigues

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am - Francio Onyikimea's birthday –  
In thanksgiving

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am

Repose of the soul of Davina Colgan &  
Petyon & Pastyon Oriah's birthdays

7.30pm

Repose of the soul of Ken Brice

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am

Repose of the soul of Fr Gerald Quinn

**Followed by Exposition and Confessions**

1pm Filipino Mass

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm

Repose of the soul of Sophie Hibbens

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For the cry of the Earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

After 11.30

## THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

### Who can become a Permanent Deacon?

**Single or Married Man in Good Standing** - Anyone considering the Permanent Diaconate must be a Catholic man, either single or married, in good health, self-supporting, in good standing with the Church, sincerely living out his faith, and leading a moral life according to the teachings of the Church. He must be a person of prayer, inclined to being a person who serves.

In scripture we hear:

*"...deacons must be respectable, not double-tongued, moderate in the amount of wine they drink and with no squalid greed for money. They must hold to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. They are first to be examined, and admitted to serve as deacons only if there is nothing against them"* (1 Timothy 3: 8-10).

**Marital Status and Family-** For a married man it is essential that he is legally married, both in terms of Civil law and Canon law. The wife must be supportive of her husband's intention to become a permanent deacon.

The Church considers marriage and family as an important vocation which must not be impacted on negatively, as scriptures says:

*"Deacons must be husbands of one wife and must be people who manage their children and households well"* (1 Timothy 3:12).

The man must be accepting of the celibacy requirements of ordination should his wife die. For an unmarried man, he must understand and accept celibacy requirements of ordination that he must remain celibate.

**Baptism and Confirmation** - It is essential that the applicant has been both baptised, or received into the Catholic Church, and confirmed in the Catholic Church. If the applicant was received into the Church as an adult, this must be 3 years or more before Formation can start. In the Archdiocese of Southwark, it is preferred that this period is 5 years to meet with the requirement that the applicant must have been active in the life of his parish prior to enquiring to become a deacon.

**Age Limit** - In the Archdiocese of Southwark, the lower age limit is 21 years if unmarried and 30 if married. The upper age limit 58 years at the point a person starts the process of enquiring to become a permanent deacon. At ordination the person must be at least 26 years old for an unmarried man, and 35 years for a married man. The upper age limit at ordination is 65 years for all.