

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✠ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✠

Reading 1	Deut 4:1-2, 6-8	<i>Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.</i>
Psalm	Ps 14: 2-5 r.1	<i>The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</i>
Reading 2	Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27	<i>You must do what the word tells you.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	cf John 6:63.68	<i>Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
Gospel	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 Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Tania Jackson/Nnamdi Eke 11.30am Rowvena Benoy/Chelsea Atoe 6.30pm Ugochi Uche/Ancy Kumar

Readers next week; 6:30pm /Augustine Eghomare 9.30am Edeji Family 11.30am Shakira Kara/Dinah Kansime 6.30pm Devine Uche/Bridget Iwu

- ✠ Please pray for the following who have recently died: Rita Bailey† & Abele Fantetti† and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ Matteo Rocco, Rita Keating, Colm Crowley, Iris Appleton, Fedor Yarmak Stuart Hills, George Norman, Maureen Coombs, Lisette Cathan, Susan O'Connell, Christopher Gellett, Anna Holden, Cherry Burgess, William Herbert & Emily Fennell.

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

This Week's collection amounted to £1265.35 of which £175.50 was Gift Aided including contactless payments and Football parking amounted to £265.00.

Thank you.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.

Second collection next week for the Catholic Education Service



PARISH NOTICES

TODAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY - 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 The proceeds provide financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Today is also the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate the birthday of Our Blessed Lady. We will say the Holy Rosary, sing, and cut birthday cake. We are encouraged to bring and share food and drinks.

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

OLOG SEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY – All members of OLOG Seeds youth ministry who will attend the youth concert on 21st September at St. Mellitus Park London, please enlist your names and contacts at the back of the Church for logistic purposes. Those who are below 18 years you need take a consent form. The rehearsals have been taking place at the parish hall.

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

HARVEST TIME FOR THE FOOD BANK - September is Harvest Time so SVP would welcome shopping donations for the Food Bank. A list of suggestions is in the porch. There is also an SVP box in church for cash donations which we use to buy extra provisions for the Food Bank. There are so many families in our community who rely on the extra food donated

LEGION OF MARY We are all invited to join the Legion of Mary in our Parish. The Legionaries hold weekly meetings in the Parish Presbytery on Sundays after 9.30 am mass and carry out apostolic work in the Spirit of faith and in union with Mary. 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. There are 2 forms of Legion membership active and auxiliary membership. Why not come along to a meeting and be part of our father's service?

MEDWAY CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP, FRIDAY 13TH SEPT - Catholic men of the parish are invited to come along to the Medway Catholic Men's Group gathering on **Friday 13th Sept 7.30pm onwards**, at St Michael's parish, Chatham. Eucharistic Holy Hour, Rosary, silent prayer, opportunity for Confession, followed by a social with refreshments. Deepen your prayer life and be part of a network. One minute from Chatham train station. Free parking next to church. Email

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday 7th September

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Repose of the soul of Sophie Hibbens

Sunday 8th September 9.30am

In honour of Our Lady &
Regina Okoh's birthday

11.30am Repose of the soul of Maureen Mabon

6.30pm Pro Populo

Monday 9th September

St Peter Claver, Priest

10.00am Repose of the soul of Bernard Gallagher

12noon Requiem for Abele Fantetti followed by burial
at Woodlands Cemetery

Tuesday 10th September

10.00am Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey
Jamieson & Bernard Gallagher

Wednesday 11th September

10.00am St Mary's school intention

Thursday 12th September

The Most Holy Name of Mary

10.00am Repose of the soul of John Nicol

Friday 13th September **St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

10.00am Repose of the souls of Derek & Eileen
Knight

7.30pm Repose of the soul of May Woodward

Saturday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Cross

10.00am Repose of the soul of Maureen Coombs

Followed by Exposition and Confessions

Vigil Mass

6.30pm Repose of the soul of Anna Holden

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL - HOW DO YOU BECOME A PERMANENT DEACON?

A call requiring discernment - The Permanent Diaconate is a vocation and a call that requires discernment. In the Archdiocese of Southwark there is Pre-Selection Period which lasts for a minimum of 12 months. During this period, the applicant will undertake to regularly see a Spiritual Director to assist with their discernment of the feeling of being called to the Permanent Diaconate.

The applicant will also undertake some form of service within their community. This will be on a volunteer basis and must be something different from any existing service that they already undertake. At the end of this period a review meeting will take place and they will be invited, if deemed appropriate by the Formation/ Vocations team, to submit a formal application for selection.

The Selection Process - The applicant is invited to complete a national application form. Upon receipt of the completed application form the Director of Formation will review the details of the form, highlighting any discrepancies as appropriate. The references are then sought by the relevant Assistant Director and an application pack compiled consisting of:

- Completed national application form.
- Copies of requisite documentation e.g. certificates of baptism, confirmation, marriage, education (all certified by the Assistant Director as copies of the original).
- Statement of vocational journey.
- Completed returned references.
- Written Consent of wife of the applicant (if married) to commence formation.
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) consent form.

The application pack will then be reviewed by the Formation team. If everything is in order, the applicant and his wife (if married) will be invited to attend a Selection Advisory Panel, for a series of themed interviews.

Subject to a satisfactory outcome of the Selection Advisory Panel interviews, the applicant will then be invited to complete the following:

- Psychological Assessment
- Medical Assessment
- Diocesan Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

Subject to satisfactory completion of the above, a file is prepared by the Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate for presentation to the Archbishop. The applicant and his wife (if married) are then invited to a decisive meeting with the Archbishop. Following approval from the Archbishop, the applicant is formally invited to join the Formation Programme.