

# OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM



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✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT C ✠

<b>Reading 1</b>	Bar 5:1-9	<i>God means to show your splendour to every nation.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 125:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6	<i>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Phil 1:4-6, 8-11	<i>Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Luke 3: 4, 6	<i>Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.</i>
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**Readers this week;** 6.30pm /Yolanda Danday

9.30am Vincent Obi/Ann Williams 11.30am Shakira Kara/Dinah Kaansiime

6.30pm Divine Uche/Ugochi Uche

**Readers next week:** 6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion/Augustine Eghomare

9.30am Chizoba Okeke/Sharon Chinwuba. 1130am Sinachi Uhoma/Joan Aruma

6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Stanley O-Krakue

✠ Please pray for Julieta Gomest†, and Maureen Chadwick† who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✠ Violet Brooke, Anna McCarthy, Stephen MCarthy, John Gay, George Kavanagh, Lidia Watts, Peter Szemelak, Crystal Talbot and , Mary Brooks,

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

**Collections;** This week's collection amounted to £622 07 of which £133.30 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.

**Next Sunday we have a second collection for supporting the parish OI Seeds Youth Ministry.**



## PARISH NOTICES

**JUBILEE 2025** –lasts until December 2025. The Pope's has given its theme as 'Pilgrims of Hope' It is a time for resetting our relationship with God, with one another and with the world around us

**LEGION OF MARY** -Immaculate Heart praesidium is inviting past and present Legionaries both active and Auxiliary members, and their families, and Visitors, to the Annual General Reunion (AGR) at St. John Fisher Parish Rochester on **Sunday 15th of December at 2pm**. There will be Prayers, music and fun, bring and share refreshments. We equally invite new members to join the Legion of Mary at their weekly meetings every Sunday in the Presbytery living room at 10.40 am.

**OLOG SEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY** – We shall have a second collection next Sunday to support the formation and activities of our young people in the parish. **FOOD BANK AT CHRISTMAS** - The S.V.P. wish thank all our parishioners for their generous donations during the year. There are many families in our community who have benefited from your support and suggest that whilst Christmas shopping perhaps you could consider purchasing one extra item and place it the blue box in the church porch.

**ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION** is next **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm** all the parishioners are invited. **Details are on the last page of the newsletter.**

**SUNDAY MASSES** – When we come to attend mass we need to keep time and we want all of us to be harmonious and enjoy the mass, not upsetting others. We need to be considerate and our stewards are always there to welcome and help us to sit safely in the Church.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** – meets today after 11.30 Mass

**PASTORAL SUPPORT TO PARISHIONERS** – Those in need of spiritual direction, pastoral guidance and counselling, please book an appointment with Fr. Dennis, Fr. Pascoal or Deacon Michael.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER** -For pilgrims of hope We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**FR PASOCAL GOMES:** Thanks for your prayers, condolences and fraternal support to Fr. Pascoal at the moment of bereavement when he lost his beloved mother last week. The support you gave him amounted to £220. We shall have a memorial service when he returns. May God grant her eternal rest in peace.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY AT MEDWAY HOSPITAL** There is Sunday mass at the hospital chapel/prayer room, at 2.00pm every Sunday for the hospital staff, visitors and patients. Visiting the in-patients on wards is on Wednesday, morning and Sunday afternoons done by priests, deacons and volunteers Thus, there is a call for catholic hospital volunteers. If you are willing and interested in offering this service please see Fr Dennis or Fr Pascoal or contact the parish office on 01634852979.

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Vigil Mass** 6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Repose of the soul of Abraham CC &  
Theresa & Stephen Cottam's wedding anniversary  
11.30am Ronald Keating's health & well being

6.30pm Holy Souls

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Repose of the soul of Alice Cassidy

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> **Our Lady of Loreto**

10.00 Repose of the souls of Michelle O'Sullivan &  
Aubrey & Mary Jamieson

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> **St Damasus, Priest**

10.00 Repose of the soul of Michelle O'Sullivan

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

10.00am Repose of the soul of May Sylvia Azibuine &  
Evie Whiteoak's birthday

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> **St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

10.00am Repose of the souls of Una Brice & Maureen  
Chadwick.

7.30pm Intentions of Elijah Azubuin

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> **St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

10.00am Repose of the soul of Julieta Gomes

**Followed by Exposition and Confession.**

**Vigil Mass** 6.30pm Holy Souls

**EXTENDED TRAINING AND FORMATION OF CATECHISTS**

From today, every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

**CHRISTMAS**

Parish Christmas Carols scheduled on Tue 24<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm to 11.45pm. The parish is also organising a Christmas home blessing as part of the Christmas pastoral program. This initiation has been developed by our young parishioners of OLOG Youth ministry. Families that are disposed to this spiritual exercise can start contacting the Parish office indicating the date and time to bless their home.



OLOG SEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY



## PARISH ADVENT SERVICE OF ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

**THEME:** You are a child of God; Be reconciled with your Heavenly Father.

### PROGRAMME:

1. Praise and worship @3PM
2. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3. Invocation of the Divine Grace
4. Sharing the Word of God  
(Daniel 9:4-10, Psalm 50, Gospel Lk 15:10-30)
5. Praise and worship
6. Intercessory prayers
7. Praise and worship
8. Benediction
9. Holy Mass @630PM

Please take note that the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** shall be ongoing from 10.30AM -12.30PM, 3PM-6PM.

## Everyone Is Invited!

**DATE:** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**TIME:** 8:00-6:00PM.

**VENUE:** Church Of Our Lady Of Gillingham

**PREACHER:** Fr Godwin Alkali, CSSp

