



Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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+ 2ND SUNDAY – YEAR A +

LITURGY TIMES

Sunday Mass

5pm (Sat.), 8.30am,
11.00am

Weekday Mass

Tue. – Fri: 10.00am

Holy Days of

Obligation

10.00am & 7.00pm

Exposition/Adoration

Tue. – Fr. 9.00am

Morning Prayer

Tue. – Fri.: 9.30am

Benediction

Tue. – Fri.: 9.45am



From the Parish Priest's Desk

Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. (Jn 1.29)

Among the many titles commonly used of Our Lord is “The Lamb of God”. It was first used by St John the Baptist to identify Him (Jn 1.29-36). A lamb is a naturally gentle animal. Its white coat is a rich symbol of purity and innocence. So to figuratively call Our Lord ‘lamb’ is to affirm His meekness and gentleness (Mt 11.29), and His innocence and utter sinlessness (1 Pt 2.22; 2 Cor. 5.21; Heb. 4.15; 1 Jn 3.5). He was the ‘lamb unblemished and spotless’ (1 Pt 1.18-19), ‘the Lamb Who was slain’ (Apoc. 5.6,9,12; 13.8), prefigured by the lamb that God Himself provided for the burnt offering (Gen. 22.8). He was the lamb offered in sacrifice, as the Baptist testified, to take away the sin of the world (Jn 1.29). Yet He was not ‘a lamb’ in the natural order. He was a lamb only figuratively speaking. In ancient times, the Passover lamb was killed and its blood became a sign that saved the Israelites from the destroying angel (Exod. 12.1-27). Our Lord is the new ‘Paschal Lamb’ that was sacrificed (1 Cor. 5.7). Just as animals were sacrificed and their blood used to purify both people and things (Lev. 4.35), Our Lord shed His blood to purify us of our dead works (Heb. 9.13-14). He ransomed us for God (Apoc. 5.9) and secured the permanent perfection of all He was sanctifying (Heb. 10.9-18). By His blood, believers conquer sin, death, and their eternal enemy the devil (Apoc. 12.11). He was the lamb prophesied by Isaiah that was led to slaughter, not opening His mouth (Is. 53.7). But unlike the unwilling scapegoat laden with the sins of the people (Gen. 16.20-22), the Lamb of God willingly went to the Cross (Phil. 2.8) and chose to be sacrificed for all, to purify us for Himself (Tit. 2.14), and, so, to redeem us all from all iniquity and its attendant condemnation.

BAPTISM

See the Parish Priest.

Preparation is obligatory

CONFESSIONS

Sat., 4.20 pm – 4.45 pm
or on request

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Priest
6 months in advance

Parish Office

Tue. & Fri.: 11.00 am –
2.00 pm

Readings of this Sunday



First Reading, Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the Lord says, He who formed me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, and that Israel might be gathered to Him – for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – He says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 40 (39).2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do Your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and He stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R/**
2. You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin
offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' **R/**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written of
me:
'I delight to do Your will, O my God;
Your instruction lies deep within me.' **R/**
4. Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
You know it, O Lord. **R/**

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the Church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive Him, He gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel, John 1.29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards Him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, "After me comes a Man Who ranks before me, because He was before me." I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but He Who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on Whom you see the spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the peaceful repose of our long-time dedicated sister, **Christine Evans**, who slept in the Lord a week ago. During her life, and with much dedication, Christine served this parish community in so many capacities and over several decades, including as a Safeguarding Representative, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and the person in charge of the repository. May she rest in peace. We will be informed when her funeral is arranged.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 17 th Jan.	+ 2 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	5pm	Casimir Okebu, Birthday Thnkssgiving
Sun. 18 th Jan.		8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Barbara and John Nee RIP Christine Evans and Simon Evans, RIP
Mon. 19 th Jan.	Feria	NO MASS	
Tue. 20 th Jan.	Feria	10am	Private Intention
Wed. 21 st Jan.	St Agnes	10am	Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst, RIP & Descendants
Thur. 22 nd Jan.	Feria	10am	Holy Souls
Fri. 23 rd Jan.	Feria	10am	Holy Souls
Sat. 24 th Jan.	+ 3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	5pm	Denis Griffin's Health
Sun. 25 th Jan.		8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Private Intention

NOTICES

- Today is **Peace Sunday**. Please join in prayer for peace and an end to conflicts and wars in the world.
- **Rite of Acceptance** – During the 11am Mass this Sunday, some of our sisters and brothers will be formally accepted into this year's RCIA programme in the parish. Please keep them in your prayers.
- This year's **Week of Christian Unity** begins this Sunday and continues till next Sunday. Please join in prayer and works for the unity of all Christians.
- We warmly welcome **Jace E. Aminkeng** to our Catholic family and parish community. He was baptised earlier this Saturday.
- Next Sunday, January the 25th, is the **Sunday of the Word of God**. The Church asks us to reflect on the richness of the Word of God, to familiarise ourselves with the Sacred Scripture, and to have the habit of being both hearers and doers of the Word.
- **St George's Collection** will be taken next Sunday January the 25th in support of the maintenance of our cathedral. Your generous support will be highly appreciated. St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant on the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers, and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral
 - Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
 - Telephone weekdays
9 am – 5 pm:
020 7960 2504
 - Cash/Cheque – please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church.



BOOKING OF MASS: You can request that a particular Mass be offered for your specific intention, whether in thanksgiving to God for a favour you or your loved ones have received from Him, or for the favours you seek from Him, for the peaceful repose of a deceased loved one, or for your other good intention. Please use the little brown envelope at the back of the church to book a Mass. The archdiocese recommends a donation of £10 or more for each Mass. Thank you.

Pope's January 2026 Prayer Intention: "Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church."

Divine Mercy Devotion

Sun. after the 11am Mass

St Pio Meeting & Rosary for World Peace

Thur., 9.45 am – 10.45 am.

Tea & Coffee

Last Sunday of the month, after the 11am Mass. Please join us.

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 2025

Loose Plate - £
SO/Contactless - £
3RD Parties - £

**“My house shall be
called a house of
prayer.”**

Mt 21.13; Jer. 7.11

Please be sensitive to those who want to pray in the church.

Before Mass – Talk to God
During Mass – Listen to God
After Mass – Talk to each

KEY PARISH VOLUNTEERS

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Get Well Soon: Please pray for Mandy Ermis, Rosemary Reilly, Rasma Gurskiene, John Prior, Sheila Griffin, Billy Damer, Sharon Docherty, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Michael Mitchel, Cathy Reilly and Lucineide Michelotti.

The Week’s Death Anniversaries: Philip B. Ashenden, Fritz Langer, Alfred Tolhurst, Michael Sheehy, Harry Hickford, William C. Perryman, Patrick Myers, Amphlett Micklewright, Ada Chester, John Lyons, Cecilia Lee, Maud Lacey, Queenia Chartier, Kathleen E. Martin, Maurice McNamara, George E. Smith, James Swanson, and Michael Ryan. May they rest in peace.

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- Setting up a Standing Order, or
- Sending your offering envelope to the Parish Office.

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NatWest Bank; Sort Code: 60-09-10

Account Number: 71502122

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