



Church of Our lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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+ 3RD 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

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



From the Parish Priest's Desk

“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
(Mt 4.17)

When we talk of a prophet, our mind usually goes to a person who foretells the future. We may be right, but only to a certain degree. Even a cursory reading of the OT, especially its account of Israel in the Promised Land, shows that prophets arise when something goes wrong with a people in their relation with God. Usually, sin accounts for the rupture in that relationship. When that happens and people drift away from Him, God, desiring not the death but the life of a sinner (Ezek. 18.23), sends the people a prophet. The prophet's mission is twofold: to confront people with their sins, and to invite them to turn away from sin with “all their hearts, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning” (Joel 2.12) and return to God. Thus, a prophet is sent to call people to conversion through repentance. Of course, there is always the element of the future to the mission. Calling people to repentance, the prophet also warns of the evil that will befall those who reject the call and fail to repent, and promises God's intervention to save His people from sin and death. So, the presence of a prophet is a sure sign that all is not well with a people in their relation with God. Our Lord is the promised Prophet (Deut. 18.18; Acts 3.22). His mission was to turn “the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse” (Mal. 4.6). As that Prophet (Mt 21.11) also, He came to announce the coming of God's Kingdom and to establish it, and to call to repentance all those destined for eternal life. That was why His first statement at the start of His public ministry was: *Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand* (Mt 4.17).

Readings of this Sunday



First Reading, Isaiah 9.1-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 27 (26).1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R/**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to enquire at his temple. **R/**
3. I believe I shall see the Lord's' goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord! **R/**

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but

that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the Gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel, Matthew 4.12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the peaceful repose of our long-time dedicated sister, **Christine Evans**, who slept in the Lord two weeks ago. During her life, with much dedication, and for several decades, Christine served our parish community in so many ministries, including Safeguarding, Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion, repository, among others. May she be duly rewarded in the kingdom of heaven. We will be informed when her funeral is arranged.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

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
Mon. 26 th Jan.	St Timothy & St Titus	NO MASS	
Tue. 27 th Jan.	Feria	10am	Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst, RIP & Descendants
Wed. 28 th Jan.	St Thomas Aquinas	10am	Holy Souls
Thur. 29 th Jan.	Feria	10am	Holy Souls
Fri. 30 th Jan.	Feria	10am	Keith Platel, RIP
Sat. 31 st Jan.	+ 4 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	5pm	Parishioners
Sun. 1 st Feb.		8.30am	Veronica Longton, RIP
		11am	Frances Nee, RIP

NOTICES

Sunday of the Word of God is celebrated this weekend. By this observance, we are being urged to regularly read and reflect on the Word of God in its richness, and also to be both hearers and doers of the Word. There will be a ceremony to enthrone the Word of God in the Scripture during the 11am Mass.

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.



Racial Justice Sunday will be marked next weekend. Please keep it in your prayers.

The Week of Christian Unity which began last Sunday ends this Sunday. Please always pray and work for the unity of all who bear the name of Christian.

The Commissioning of new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place this Saturday the 31st at St George's Cathedral. Some of our parishioners will be among those to be authorised to serve our community by the archbishop.

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 February 2026 Prayer Intention

“Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.”

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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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: Eileen Mary Fitton, Audrey Rosemary Mullard, Mary Tritton, Francis O’Donnell, William Henry Harris, Daphne Waterhouse, George Bithrey, John Oliver Bettsworth, Tessa Everett, Francis Joseph Tolhurst, Harry George Stammers, Mary Devereux, Kathleen Coady, Ricahrd Joseph Grant, Shirley Tiller, and Mary Anne Scollan. May they rest in peace.

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- Setting up a Standing Order, or
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NatWest Bank; Sort Code: 60-09-10

Account Number: 71502122

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