



Church of Our lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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10/11 January 2026

+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD +

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

**Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John,
to be baptised by him. (Matthew 3.13)**

It is always a thing of great joy for us and for the whole Church whenever someone, whether a child or an adult, comes forward for baptism. Last year our parish was blessed with 26 baptisms. A week into this new year, we already had 3 and will have two more this Sunday. Over the next two weeks, we will have yet several more. We thank God Who continues to bless us with new members. The baptisms are a great sign of hope, that our church family and community is not going to disappear but has a future in its children. We thank parents, godparents, and all who in various ways help others to be regenerated through water and the Holy Spirit. Helping someone to receive the faith is probably one of, if not the best gift they can give to that person. In doing so, they are rendering to God and the Church a very great service. Hopefully, they will also assist those they accompany to baptism in the ways of faith until both they and those people “attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph. 4.13). At that point, having attained a personal conviction about the faith, each of them will be able to say with those Samaritans who after being in the Lord’s company for just a few days confessed: “It is no longer because of your words [that is, the testimony of parents or other people] that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world” (John 4.42). As the Author of baptism Himself, Our Lord did not need to be baptized; yet He stepped forward and asked for it, and was baptised. In doing so He gave us both an example and an instruction that to attain eternal life with God in heaven everyone has to be baptised.

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 42.1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Behold My Servant, Whom I uphold, My Chosen in Whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law. 'I am the Lord; I have called You in righteousness; I will take You by the hand and keep You; I will give You as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 29 (28).1-2, 3-4, 9-10

The Lord will bless His people with peace.

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name;
bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. **R/**
2. The voice of the Lord upon the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord full of power;
the voice of the Lord full of splendour. **R/**
3. The God of glory thunders;
in His temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits as King for ever. **R/**

Second Reading, Acts 10.34-18

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no

partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ – He is Lord of all – you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is My beloved Son; listen to Him'
Alleluia!

Gospel, Matthew 3.13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by You, and do You come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well-pleased.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of Whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 10 th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>Divine Office, Proper</i>	5pm	Lawrence O'Donnell & Family
Sun. 11 th Jan.		8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Martin A. Imafidon, RIP
Mon. 12 th Jan.	Feria (<i>D. Office, Wk 1</i>)	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Tue. 13 th Jan.	Feria		
Wed. 14 th Jan.	Feria		
Thur. 15 th Jan.	Feria		
Fri. 16 th Jan.	Feria		
Sat. 17 th Jan.	+ 2ND 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

NOTICES

Ambassadors for Christ: A Catholic Apologetics Resource: The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

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."

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.

Women's Prayer Group: In a special service of love, our women meet in the church every **first Saturday of the month, from 10am to 11am**, and pray for our families, children, and parishioners, especially the sick and the elderly, and those in any kind of need. Please come and join us in this spiritual service.

Repository: Please visit the repository for interesting religious articles, including, rosaries, crucifixes, votive candles, cards for various occasions, medals, the 2026 Archdiocesan directory, and Holy Water bottles.

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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Our Lady’s Pre-School: Springhead Rd., Northfleet, DA11 9QZ; Ph: 01474365877; ourladyspreschool@gmail.com; Mrs A. Franco; www.ourladypreschoolnorthfleet.com

Get Well Soon: Please pray for Mandy Ermis, Christine Evans, Rasma Gurskiene, Rosemary Reilly, 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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Account Number: 71502122

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