



Church of Our lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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+ CHRISTMAS 2ND SUNDAY +

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

**The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth. (Jn 1.14)**

Some people, like Plato, believe that human soul pre-existed its union to the body. This can mean that the soul once existed in a body and, after the death of that body, transmigrated into the body of another person, or that it exists entirely on its own until it becomes united to a body, or that it is immortal and only temporarily inhabits a body and afterwards returns to its immortal state, or that it exists simply as an idea in God's mind before it exists concretely in a human body. The idea that the soul preexists its body was declared heretical, an anathema, by the second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 553 AD. It is logically at odds with both the uniqueness and the salvation of each person. Contrary to the false claims of some people, it is unsupported by God's eternal knowledge of everything, including the knowledge of every soul before the creation of the person whose soul it is. In His nature, in one instance, from all eternity, God knows everything there is, or can be, or will be. He knows each person before ever we were conceived and came to birth (Jer. 1.5). Before the foundation of the world, He chose us in the Lord (Eph. 1.4). Before ever a word is in our mouth, He knows it through and through (Ps 139.4). The Lord's Incarnation is thus a unique, altogether singular event that cannot be conceived in terms of any soul's pre-existence. Prior to, during, and after the Incarnation, He remains God. He was never an idea in the mind of God, or an immortal soul that happened to be embodied temporarily, or someone's soul that transmigrated into another person. From all eternity He exists in His own person. In the Incarnation, He Who is God from all eternity became a human being, to enable us to attain a measure of the fullness of God (Eph. 3.19; 4.13; Col. 2.9-10).

Readings of this Sunday

First Reading, Sirach 24.1-2, 18-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of His forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, He created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before Him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise He gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, His inheritance.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 147.12-13, 14-15, 19-20

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

1. O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!
O Sion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
He has blessed your children within you. **R/**
2. He established peace on your borders;
He gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs His command. **R/**
3. He reveals His word to Jacob;
to Israel, His decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
He has not taught them His judgements. **R/**

Second Reading, Ephesians 1.3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise



of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to You, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations. Glory to You, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia!

Gospel, John 1.1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

To all who would accept Him, He gave the power to become children of God.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 3 rd Jan.	+ 2 ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS <i>Divine Office – Wk 2</i>	5pm	Alice Smith, RIP
Sun. 4 th Jan.		8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Frances Nee, RIP
Mon. 5 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	NO MASS	
Tue. 6 th Jan.	Epiphany of the Lord	10am	Santara, God's Blessing & Mary's Care
Wed. 7 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	10.30am	Funeral Service
Thur. 8 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	10am	Tolhurst Family Members Alive & Dead
Fri. 9 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	10am	Michael, Kathleen, Cornelius Curren
Sat. 10 th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>Divine Office</i>	5pm	Lawrence O'Donnell & Family
Sun. 11 th Jan.		8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Martin A. Imafidon, RIP

NOTICES

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.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU: I wish to thank you, all our parishioners, for your immense financial support to the parish in 2025. You were so generous and regular with their Standing Orders or online and cash offertory contributions, and some of you made special donations to the parish. I cannot thank you enough. May God reward each one of abundantly. Below is a summary of our finance at the end of 2025:

- Received - £
- Spent - £
- Surplus - £
- Total cash retained - £

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."

Christmas Offering: You can still make your Christmas offering if you didn't do so at Christmas. Please use the envelopes at the back of the church for that purpose. Thank you.

Repository: The repository has some items, including, rosaries, crucifixes, votive candles, and Holy Water bottles. Please visit the stall.

RIP: Please pray for the peaceful repose of Mrs Rose Hilda Chater of Swanscombe who died recently. Her funeral service will take place in the church on Tuesday the 7th at 10.30 am. Please join us to bid her our final farewell.

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

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

Safeguarding: **Anastasia Appah**, Ph: 07894890967;

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Our Lady’s Pre-School: Springhead Rd., Northfleet, DA11

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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: Thomas O’Sullivan, Jean Tester, Veronica I. L. Bright, Frsnics Barber, Veronica Taylor, Catherine Kelly, May O. Marsh, Patrick Linehan, Catherine J. Ring, Gerard M. Bennion, Ann P. Wadson, Elsie M. O’Neill, William Burgess, William Hughes, Jerzy Lewicki, Fr Cuthbert Schoolbred, Henry Hickford, Austin O’Sullivan, and Mick Clarke. May they rest in peace.

DONATE TO HELP PAY OUR BILLS

You can donate for your weekly offering by:

- Using the QR Code on the right,
- Setting up a Standing Order, or
- Sending your offering envelope to the Parish Office.

Our bank details are:

NatWest Bank; Sort Code: 60-09-10

Account Number: 71502122

Please let us know when you set up a Standing Order. Thank you.



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