



Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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31 Jan./1 Feb. 2026

+ 4TH 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

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5.8)

Virtue, St Augustine of Hippo reminds us, is a habit that accords with our rational nature, vice being its opposite. As a habit, virtue is acquired over time by repeatedly performing those acts that are associated with it, and it is sustained through consistently vigilant efforts. By nature, we have powers in us that are directed to certain goods. For instance, we have sensuous appetites that attract us to things we think can satisfy those appetites. When we desire to satisfy the appetites, we can choose to go all out for it, or to restrain ourselves and act with propriety. If we judge the situation correctly and wisely and choose to act appropriately, and do the same each time such a situation arises, we cultivate the relevant virtue; we acquire the disposition that enables to act in a like manner every time. We become virtuous in that regard. But if we choose to follow our appetites and act accordingly, we risk surrendering our will to our appetites and can, as such, become enslaved to them. That hardly accords with our rational nature. Our rational nature dictates that before we do a thing, we should pause and judge whether what we want to do is proper within the given set of circumstances, and whether the outcome, if we choose to so act, will enhance our overall wellbeing in the long, and not in the immediate or medium term. As regards what we can see in our judgements, there is, of course, a limit that is imposed on us by our very nature itself. For that reason, we need guidance. Coming from God Himself, our Christian moral code, with the Beatitudes as its prime example, was designed precisely to guide us on the path of a virtuous life.

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, Zephania 2.3; 3.12-13

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do His just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord. I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 146 (145).6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1. It is the Lord Who preserves fidelity for ever,
Who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is He who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord Who sets prisoners free. **R/**
2. The Lord Who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord Who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord Who loves the just,
the Lord Who protects the stranger. **R/**
3. I believe I shall see the Lord's' goodness
The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age. **R/**

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 1.26-31

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world

to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of Him you are in Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel, Matthew 5.1-12

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 31 st Jan.	+ 4 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	5pm	Parishioners
Sun. 1 Feb.		8.30am	Veronica Longton, RIP
		11am	Frances Nee, RIP
Mon. 2 Feb.	Presentation of the Lord	NO MASS	
Tue. 3 rd Feb.	St Laurence of Canterbury	10am	Peace, Unity & Love in the World & Hearts
Wed. 4 th Feb.	Feria	10am	Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir, Charles: Healing
Thur. 5 th Feb.	St Agatha	10am	Isaac's Intentions
Fri. 6 th Feb.	St Paul Miki & Companions	10am	
Sat. 7 th Feb.	+ 5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	5pm	Christine Evans, RIP
Sun. 8 th Feb.		8.30am	
		11am	Parishioners

NOTICES

Blessing of Throat: Tuesday the 3rd is also the optional memorial of St Plaise. There will be the blessing of the throat during Mass. Please join us.

Episcopal Ordination: A new Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese will be consecrated on Monday February the 2nd at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. He is **Gerard Bradley**. The ceremony will start at 12.30 pm. Please keep the Bishop-Elect in your prayers.

First Friday: Friday the 6th is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be at 10am as usual, but will be followed by Exposition/Adoration and Divine Mercy devotion at 3pm, and end with Benediction at 3.30pm. Please join us as we express in our devotion our sincere thanks to God for the Lord's great act of love that He showed us on Good Friday.

Women's Prayer Meeting: Saturday the 7th is the first Saturday of the month. Our women will be meeting in the church at 10am to pray for our children and families. Please come and pray with them..

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."

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

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.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the peaceful repose of our long-time dedicated sister, **Christine Evans**, who slept in the Lord three weeks ago. During her life, with much dedication, and for several decades, Christine served our parish community in many ministries, including Safeguarding, Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion, and repository. Her funeral Mass will be on **Wednesday February the 11th at 12.00 noon**. Her body will be received into the church on **Tuesday the 10th at 4.00 pm**.

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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Bookkeeper: **Eileen Norris**

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: Thomas Weller, Herbert Wenham, Mary Weller, George J. Wray, Albert V. Stammers, Vera Traynor, John McNulty, Revd John Tuggey, Robert J. White, Richard McCormack, Eithne Lowne, Mary Deane, Emily Griffiths, Thomas A. P. Kelleher, Alfred C. Hockley, Henry B. Peard, Rosina Duffy, Maureen T. Marks, Peter D. Baxter, and Sylvia Majko. May they rest in peace.

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Account Number: 71502122

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