



Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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7/8 February 2026

+ 5TH 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

You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world. (Matthew 5.13, 14)

In these words He addresses in prayer to the Father, Our Lord reveals to us how we should see ourselves in the world: “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one” (Jn 17.14-15). Everyone privileged to be a Christian has a specific identity, a specific place, and a specific role in the world that are immensely consequential. We are not just members of society like every other person; we are who we are by a sacred calling that sets us apart. We are in the world but not of the world. As such, our vision, goals, aspirations, responsibility, and way of life are not shaped by those of the world or by all that pertain to it, but belong to the supernatural order. We are not defined by the world or anything of it, so we are not to conform to the world (Rom. 12.2). Rather, we are called and chosen for a specific mission in and to the world. By our commission, we are to the earth what salt is to food – a rich source of nourishment and health; and we are spiritually and morally to it what light is to earthly life. We are not mere participants in the life and affairs of society; we are the catalysts designed, equipped, and sent by God to transform life on earth from within as people who live it. We have the inherent properties that enable us to extend the Lord’s mission to all the peoples and situations of our time. By witnessing to love and compassion, justice and mercy, we reflect the luminosity of God’s goodness which transforms and sustains all things on earth. Such is the high post of our calling, and it carries for us a grave responsibility.

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 58.6-10

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 112 (111).4-5, 6-7, 8-9

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice. **R/**
2. He will never be moved;
for ever shall the upright be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord. **R/**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;



his justice stands firm for ever.

His might shall be exalted in glory. **R/**

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel, Matthew 5.13-16

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

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| Sat. 7 th Feb. | + 5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 5pm | Christine Evans, RIP |
| Sun. 8 th Feb. | <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i> | 8.30am | |
| | | 11am | Parishioners |
| Mon. 9 th Feb. | Feria | NO MASS | |
| Tue. 10 th Feb. | St Scholastica | 10am | E. Griggs |
| Wed. 11 th Feb. | Feria | 12 Noon | Funeral Mass of Christine Evans |
| Thur. 12 th Feb. | Feria | 10am | Mass at St Joseph's Primary School |
| Fri. 13 th Feb. | Feria | 10am | Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst, RIP & Descendants |
| Sat. 14 th Feb. | + 6 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 5pm | |
| Sun. 15 th Feb. | <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i> | 8.30am | |
| | | 11am | Parishioners |

NOTICES

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND: The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. This fund which will be collected next weekend is to care for our clergy in their retirement, old age, or ill-health after the lifetime service and devotion to the Lord, His Church, and His people. It ensures a dignified retirement for them. Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSE, or scan the QR



code.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri **020 7960 2504** or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church.

World Day for the Sick: Wednesday is the optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please join us as we pray specially for our sick sisters and brothers. Mass will be at 10am.

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.”

40 Days for Life: Come and learn about the 40 Days For Life peaceful prayer vigil happening this year near the abortion centre in Brixton. Tuesday 10th Feb. at 6.30pm, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall 364 Brixton Road London, SW9 0TH. Jacinta on: 07503 151419.

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

JANUARY 2026

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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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, 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: Dorothy Reardon, Michael Sweetman, Donald Leslie Mitchell, Catherine Hannigan, Johanna Long, Rosina White, Ida Lilian Lillie, Edmund Andrew McNulty, Helen Coomber, Finola O’Leary, Amy Ring, and Gerard Morgan. May they rest in peace.

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NatWest Bank; Sort Code: 60-09-10

Account Number: 71502122

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