



Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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14/15 February 2026

+ 6TH 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

God has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and He has not given anyone permission to sin. (Sir. 13.20)

This weekend, many people all over the world celebrate love and affection. This hugely amorous celebration is associated with St Valentine whose feast used to be on February the 14th but has now been replaced with that of the memorial of the two missionary brothers, St Cyril and St Methodius. St Valentine was a Roman priest who helped martyrs during the persecution of emperor Claudius II. He was said to perform secret Christian weddings for soldiers and to give them hearts cut from parchments, to remind them of their vows and of God's love, and also used to wear a purple amethyst ring recognised then as a symbol of love. He was eventually arrested. One legend has it that while he was awaiting his execution, he restored the sight of the blind daughter of his jailer, and on the eve of his execution, he sent her a farewell letter signing it, "From your Valentine". He was beheaded in Rome in 269. The way he signed that letter had no amorous connotation, and for centuries his feast was celebrated purely as a religious event. Folklore seems to have hijacked the situation and gave it the significance it has today as a cultural and commercial celebration of romantic love. Geoffrey Chaucer appears to add momentum to this development when in his 1382 poem, "Parliament of Fowls", he wrote: 'For this was on Valentine's Day when every fowl cometh to choose his mate of every kind that men think may.' St Valentine is the patron of engaged couples, happy marriages, love, lovers, travellers, and young people, among other things. I wonder how he feels seeing his feast day taken over by romantic love.

Readings of this Sunday

First Reading, Sirach 15.15-20

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; He is mighty in power and sees everything; His eyes are on those who fear Him, and He knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and He has not given anyone permission to sin. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 119 (118).1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep His decrees!
With all their hearts they seek Him. **R/**
2. You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping Your statutes. **R/**
3. Deal bountifully with Your servant,
that I may live and keep Your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of Your law. **R/**
4. Lord, teach me the way of Your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep Your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly. **R/**

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we



impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, You have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!

Gospel, Matthew 5.20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 14 th Feb.	+ 6 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	5pm	Dave Lee, RIP
Sun. 15 th Feb.		8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Okongwu Family T/Giving & Sp. Int.
Mon. 16 th Feb.	Feria	NO MASS	
Tue. 17 th Feb.	Feria	10am	
Wed. 18 th Feb.	ASH WEDNESDAY	10am	Ifee Okonji, Birthday Thanksgiving
		7pm	
Thur. 19 th Feb.	Lent Feria	10am	
Fri. 20 th Feb.	Lent Feria	10am	
Sat. 21 st Feb.	+ 1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	5pm	Parishioners
		8.30am	
Sun. 22 nd Feb.		11am	Okongwu Family T/Giving & Sp. Int.

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 this 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/CSF, 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.

LENT 2026

Ash Wednesday comes up this Wednesday February the 18th, to begin the Lenten season. Mass with the distribution of ashes will be at 10am and 7pm.

During the holy season, there will be:

- Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7pm;
- Online Night Prayer, Wednesdays at 9pm;
- Online Scriptural Reflection (date and time to be communicated)

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.”

January 2026 Offerings

Loose Plate - £
S. O./Online Donations - £
3rd Parties - £
Thanks you so much.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

14/15 January 2026

Loose Plate - £

SO/Contactless - £

**“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
other*

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; ourladypreschool@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, Sandra Gomes, and Pedro Spina Jr.

The Week’s Death Anniversaries: Charles T. Alewood, Peter Flynn, Ellen Fenwick, Harold Barham, Edward Togher, Louis F. R. Pointu, Michael J. Sweetman, Will Smith, Edith White, Leonard W. Gardner, Brendan Lee, Maria Freeman, Kathleen M. Flint, Harry Martin, Mary A. Flynn, John J. Houlihan, Patrick Doyle, Nancy Moore, and Joyce M. Putland. 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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