



Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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21/22 February 2026

+ LENT 1ST 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

Jesus was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. (Luke 4.1-2)

Temptation is an incitement to evil or sin; it is not evil or sin itself. It can have its source in us. At work in us are several forces (such as our passions, emotions, appetites, desires, or perceptions) that can exert a strong influence on our will, enticing us to act in ways that are inappropriate or outrightly wrong and sinful. Temptation can also come from external sources, and these can be anything at all, including other people, the objects of our desires, and the Devil whom the Gospel calls 'the tempter' (Mt 4.3) and whose principal goal is that we be separated from God and be eternally ruined. Temptation usually presents its object as something good and gainful for us here and now, and so attractive; but underneath that apparent goodness and gain is something that is really very harmful to us. Temptation does not force us to act in evil ways. We remain free to consent to and act on its incitement or not, unless our will is substantially impaired; and there are many interior psychological, as well as external factors that reduce our ability to act in a rational manner. Part of our human and spiritual maturity is that we be able to recognise such factors and work to reduce their influence in our lives. It is imperative therefore that we make our choices based on reason rather than on emotion, and that we act rationally every time. That we may be able to recognise and resist temptation when it comes, we ought to be prayerful and alert (Mk 14.38; 1 Pt 5.8). We must be convinced too and confident that we can overcome temptation. We have this assurance, that God will not let us be tempted beyond our strength (1 Cor. 10.13).

Readings of this Sunday

First Reading, Genesis 2.7-9; 3.1-7

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 51 (50).3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your merciful love;
according to Your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. **R/**
2. My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against You, You alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in Your sight I have done. **R/**
3. Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence;
take not Your holy spirit from me. **R/**
4. Restore in me the joy of Your salvation;



sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips

and my mouth shall proclaim Your praise. **R/**

Second Reading, Romans 5.12, 17-19

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Gory to You . . .

Gospel, Matthew 4.1.11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But He answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, "He will command His angels concerning You", and "On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, 'All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

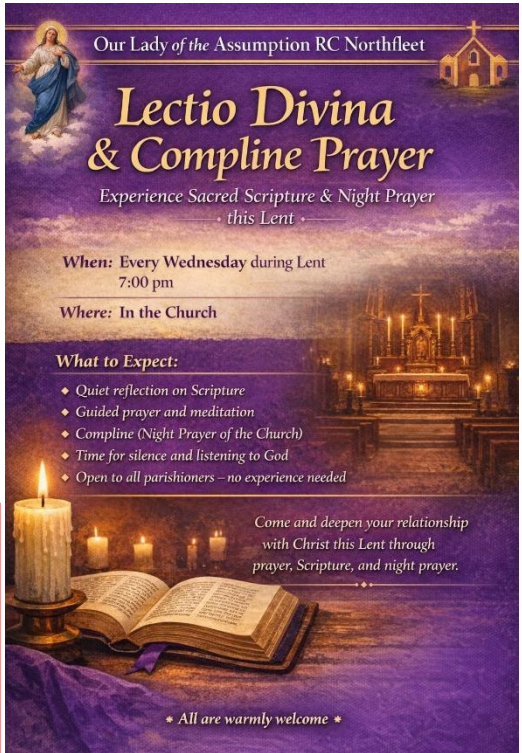
Sat. 21st Feb.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	5pm	Steve Boni
		8.30am	Parishioners
Sun. 22nd Feb.		11am	Okongwu Family T/Giving & Sp. Int.
Mon. 23 rd Feb.	Lent Feria	NO MASS	
Tue. 24 th Feb.	Lent Feria	10am	Fr Livie, Thanksgiving
Wed. 25 th Feb.	Lent Feria	10am	Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst, RIP & Descendants
Thur. 26 th Feb.	Lent Feria	10am	Mass at St Joseph's Primary School
Fri. 27 th Feb.	Lent Feria	10am	
Sat. 28th Feb.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	5pm	Parishioners
		8.30am	Marho Okonji, Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun. 1st Mar.		11am	Bridget M. Winton & Parents, RIP

NOTICES

Stations of the Cross, every Friday at 7.00 pm throughout Lent. Come and join us and retrace the steps of Our Lord's final journey during His earthly life, from His condemnation by Pontus Pilate to His death on the Cross.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Collection: Our Second Collection next weekend will be for CAFOD, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. Please use the envelopes at the back of the church for your donation. Your usual generous support will be greatly appreciated.

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.



Our Lady of the Assumption RC Northfleet

Lectio Divina & Compline Prayer

Experience Sacred Scripture & Night Prayer
this Lent

When: Every Wednesday during Lent
7:00 pm

Where: In the Church

What to Expect:

- ◆ Quiet reflection on Scripture
- ◆ Guided prayer and meditation
- ◆ Compline (Night Prayer of the Church)
- ◆ Time for silence and listening to God
- ◆ Open to all parishioners – no experience needed

Come and deepen your relationship with Christ this Lent through prayer, Scripture, and night prayer.

* All are warmly welcome *

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."

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 - £
Clergy Support Fund - £

**“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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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: Mary A. Smith,
Maureen Ming, Peter J. Hughes, Grace Stanley, Hugh F.
O’Reilly, Christine Mitchell, James Collins, Mary
McCarthy, George E. Disley, Canon Rory Fletcher, Clara
Watson, Caroline M. Fisher, James Little, and Winifred
Nicholls. May they rest in peace.

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- 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

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