



# Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

## Archdiocese of Southwark

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28 Feb./1 Mar. 2026

+ LENT 2<sup>ND</sup> 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*

**This is My Beloved Son with Whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him.** (Luke 4.1-2)

The letter to the Hebrews begins this way: *In many and various ways, God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days He has spoken by a Son, Whom He appointed the heir of all things* (Heb. 1.1-2). The letter goes on to speak of the Son's role in God's creative process and says that He reflects the Father's glory and bears the very stamp of His nature. That Son's divine identity and role is more clearly stated in St John's Gospel: He is not only the One through Whom God speaks to us; He is the creative Word itself in its entirety that the Father speaks (Jn 1.1-3). The incarnation of the eternal Word of God significantly starts what Divine Teaching calls 'the last days.' We are now in the last age of humanity which will end with all things, in heaven and on earth, being fulfilled and consummated in the Lord (Eph. 1.10). When that will come to pass is beyond anyone's guess, but we can be sure that in the Word made flesh (Jn 1.14), God has fully and comprehensively said all He wants us to know. The Lord Himself is the final word that God speaks. It took God thousands of years to bring the human race to this point. It is, therefore, utterly futile for anyone to expect God to say anything now other than all He says in the Son. Anyone seeking from Him an answer on any question at all will be instructed and directed to listen to the Son Whom the Father calls "My beloved Son" (Mk 9.7), "My Son, My Chosen" (Lk 9.35), "with Whom I am well-pleased" (Mt 17.5). This final Word spoken by God in the Son is now reposed in the Church, Sacred Scripture, and Sacred Tradition, with the Church's Teaching Authority as its sole interpreter. To this eternal repository of the Word of God, all who now want to hear from God should listen.

## Readings of this Sunday

### **First Reading, Genesis 12.1-4**

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him. **The Word of the Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm, Ps 33 (32).4-5, 18-19, 20, 22**

**May Your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in You, O Lord.**

1. The word of the Lord is upright, and all His works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right, and His merciful love fills the earth. **R/**
2. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear Him,  
who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
He is our help and our shield.  
May Your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in You, O Lord. **R/**

### **Second Reading, 2 Timothy 1.8-10**

Beloved: We share in suffering for the Gospel by the power of God, Who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been



manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. **The Word of the Lord.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to You, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is My beloved Son, listen to Him'. Glory to You, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

### **Gospel, Matthew 17.1.9**

At that time: Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### **Communion Antiphon**

**This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.**

### **Pope's March 2026 Prayer Intention**

"Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence."

# MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	+ 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	5pm	Parishioners
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar.		8.30am	Marho Okonji, Birthday Thanksgiving
		11am	Frances Nee, RIP
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	NO MASS	
Tue. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	10am	Debix Costa, Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	10am	
Thur. 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	10am	
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	10am	
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	+ 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	5pm	Bridget M. Winton & Parents, RIP
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar.		8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Josephine Ngozi Umeh, God's Healing

## 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.

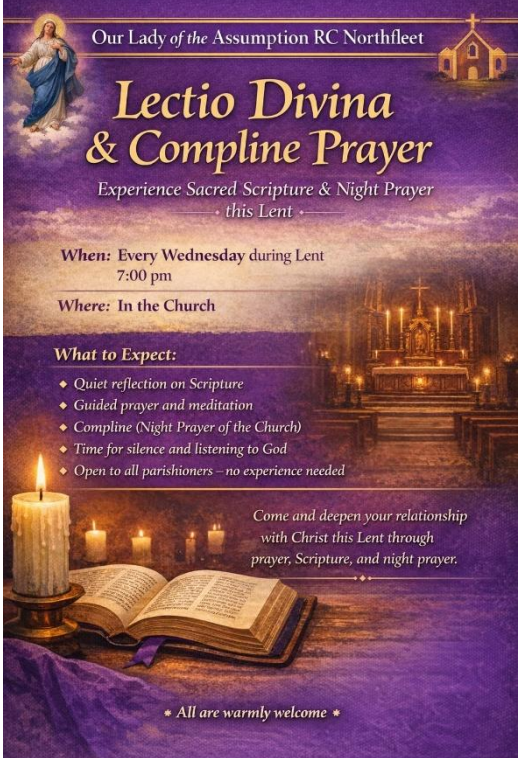
**A Massive Thank You** to **Doris Bonsu and her family** for a donation of £160.00 for the purchase of 20 more copies of the hymn book for our parish. May God bless and reward them abundantly.

**CAFOD Lenten Fast Collection:** Our Second Collection this 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.

**First Friday of the Month**, this Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mass is at 10am. Exposition/Adoration follow. Divine Mercy at 3pm, and then Benediction.

**A Day with Mary** takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

**BOOKING OF MASS:** You can request that a Mass be offered for any intention of yours, in thanksgiving, in petition for your needs, for the peaceful repose of a deceased loved one, or for any other good intention. Please use the brown envelope at the back of the church to book a Mass. The archdiocese recommends a donation of £10 or more for each Mass.



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## 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 ◆

### 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

21/22 February 2026

Loose Plate - £  
SO/Contactless - £

Thank you.

**“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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**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:** Thomas O’Sullivan,  
John Doyle, Patricia Ramsden, Edward P. Donovan, Pat  
Cleary, Patrick G. Melvin, Eric J. MacDowall, Eileen  
Clear, Christine Willis, Helen M. Maloney, Leonard T.  
Haskell, Vincent Kelly, John Moore, James F. Owen,  
Sylvia C. Scott, and Thomas Williamson. RIP

### **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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