



# Church of Our lady of the Assumption

## Archdiocese of Southwark

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18/19 April 2026

+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER +

### 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*

**The disciples recognised Him at the breaking of bread.** (Lk. 24.31, 35)

During His earthly life, and being a true human being as He was, Our Lord was subject to the laws of our human nature. He was only at one place at any one time. With His resurrection, all that changed. He was no longer subject to the laws of nature and could be anywhere and everywhere as He chooses. It is also His wish to be physically present to us always, in keeping with our own physical existence. To achieve this, He passed His real presence, both in His humanity and in His divinity, into the sacrament, yet, still the same Lord. Thus, in the Blessed Sacrament, He is truly, wholly, and substantially present in His body, blood, soul, spirit, and divinity. At consecration, by the action and words of the Church performed and spoken by the priest, the God-Man, by changing the substance of bread and wine into that of His body and blood, makes Himself physically present to us. In appearance, bread and wine retains its natural properties; but in its substance, it is truly the Lord in His body and blood. He is wholly present in each sacred species and in every particle of it, and is not divided when the Bread is broken. Because it is truly, fully, and substantially the Lord in His body and blood, the Blessed Sacrament is retained in the Tabernacle and adored and worshipped as we adore and worship God, so that at any time, in adoration, praise, and petition before the Lord in this sacrament, we may have a real personal encounter with Him in His living person (cf. *Catechism*, 1374-1379). In our belief and practice in relation to the Lord's real presence in the Holy Eucharist, we differ doctrinally from most Christian faith communities which either do not have the Eucharist at all, or deny the Real Presence by claiming that the sacrament is only a sign or a representation of Our Lord.

## Readings of this Weekend

### First Reading, Acts 2.14-22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst – as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. 'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'" 'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.' **The Word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm, Ps 16(15).1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11

**O Lord, You will show me the path of life.**

1. Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord.'  
O Lord, it is You Who are my portion and cup;  
You Yourself Who secure my lot.' **R/**
2. I will bless the Lord Who gives me counsel,  
Who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord before me always;  
with Him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R/**
3. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my flesh shall rest in hope.  
For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
nor let Your holy one see corruption. **R/**
4. You will show me the path of life,



the fullness of joy in Your presence,  
at Your right hand, bliss for ever. **R/**

### Second Reading, 1 Peter 1.17-21

Beloved: If you call on Him as Father Who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, Who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **The Word of the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when You speak to us. Alleluia.**

### Gospel, Luke 24.13-35

Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising Him. And He said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, 'Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And He said to them, 'What things?' And they said to Him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man Who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.' And He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He

interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged Him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So He went in to stay with them. When He was at table with them, He took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised Him. And He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road,

while He opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**

**MASS DURING THE WEEK**

<b>Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Divine Office: Wk 3</i>	<b>5pm</b>	George Smith, RIP
<b>Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>		<b>8.30am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11am</b>	Florence Longe, Birthday T/Giving
Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Easter Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tue. 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	St Anselm	10am	Private Intention
Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr.	Easter Feria	10am	Private Intention
Thur. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	<b>St George</b>	10am	Cathy Reilly, RIP
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Easter Feria	10am	Dettie Farralley, RIP
<b>Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>5pm</b>	Josie and Dinah Nolan, RIP
<b>Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>		<b>8.30am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11am</b>	Private Intention

**NOTICES**

**St George’s Cathedral Collection:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for the maintenance of St George’s Cathedral, the mother church of the archdiocese. The collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. Your usual kind and generous support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Priests Training Fund:** The second collection next weekend helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and to the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of the ongoing formation of the clergy. Your usual generous support will be highly appreciated.

**Pope’s April 2026 Prayer Intention**  
 “Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.”

**Summer Pilgrimages:**  
**Pilgrimage to Fatima** (8 July to 15 July 2026). Closing date 28 April 2026.  
**Pilgrimage to Italy** (1 September to 10 September 2026). Closing date 23 June 2026  
 Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/>

**MASS BOOKING:** You can request that a Mass be offered for any intention of yours, in thanksgiving, in petition for 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.

### 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

**11/12 April 2026**

**Loose Plate - £  
SO/Contactless - £**

**Thank you very much.**

**“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, Catherine Gomer, John Prior, Sheila Griffin, Billy Damer, Sharon Docherty, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Josephine Umeh, Michael Mitchel, Pedro Spina Jr., Cathy Reilly, Sandra Gomes, & May Irwin.

**The Week’s Death Anniversaries:** George Smith, Emma Kelly, John Easterby, Sylvia Cousins, Theresa M. Kelly, John Sweetman, John Whelan, Cynthia Stevens, William Shields, Gaetano de Felice, Caroline Easterby, Hilton Leonard Kelly, Sarah A. Tolhurst, Patricia Mary Aldous, 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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