



Church of Our lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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25/26 April 2026

+ 4TH 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



From the Parish Priest's Desk

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (Jn 10.10)

The 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally the ‘Good Shepherd Sunday.’ It is a day we specially contemplate Our Lord in His role as that ‘Good Shepherd’ Who so loved His flock that He laid down His life for us (Jn 10.11), exactly as He teaches (Jn 13.1). This day we pray for good leadership in both the Church and civil society, for it to reflect that of Our Lord, considering how pivotal it is for the wellbeing of all its people. In particular we ask God to give His people priests who, like King David, are after His own heart (1 Sam. 13.14; Acts 13.22), and who tend their flocks with truth, knowledge and understanding (Jer. 3.15), giving them courage and hope, especially at deeply troubling times, like the one our world is currently having. The Church all over the world is blessed with many priests, yet, the harvest continues to be plentiful and the labourers few, hence the need for us to continue to pray for faithful and committed labourers in the Lord’s vineyard (Mt 9.35-38; Lk 10.2), and for those the Lord is calling to service in the Church to hear His call and respond to it with a generous heart. Our prayer for the priestly vocation should be accompanied by our efforts to encourage, in our own households and community, vocations to the priesthood and the diaconate. We also need to materially support our bishops, priests, and deacons in their various ministries. This weekend in particular, we are requested to financially support the archdiocese in offsetting the cost of training its future priests. The Priest Training Fund collection being taken this weekend gives us a good opportunity to do so. May the Good Shepherd Himself continue in His kindness to look after us by giving us in sufficient numbers compassionate and conscientious leaders, religious as well as civil.

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 Weekend



First Reading, Acts 2.14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus Whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 23(22).1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my Shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where He gives me repose.
Near restful waters He leads me;
He revives my soul. **R/**
2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of His name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the
shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for You are with me.
Your crook and Your staff will give me
comfort. **R/**
3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head You have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/**
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R/**

Second Reading, 1 Peter 2.20-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord. I know My sheep and My own know Me. Alleluia.

Gospel, Luke 24.13-35

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, Who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, alleluia.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 25 th Apr.	+ 4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office: Wk 4</i>	5pm	Josie and Dinah Nolan, RIP
Sun. 26 th Apr.		8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Private Intention
Mon. 27 th Apr.	Easter Feria	NO MASS	
Tue. 28 th Apr.	Easter Feria	10am	Elizabeth Murray, RIP
Wed. 29 th Apr.	St Catherine of Siena	10am	
Thur. 30 th Apr.	St Pius V	10am	
Fri. 1 st May.	St Joseph the Worker	10am	
Sat. 2 nd May	+ 5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	5pm	Parishioners
Sun. 3 rd May		8.30am	
		11am	Frances Nee, RIP

NOTICES

Priest Training Fund: The 2nd collection this weekend is to support the archdiocese to meet the cost of training its candidates for the priesthood and for the permanent diaconate, and also certain forms of the ongoing formation of the clergy. Your usual generous support will be highly appreciated.

2026 First Holy Communion: Our children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday May the 9th. Holy Mass is at 11am. Their rehearsals are on Saturday the 2nd at 1pm, to be followed by their second confessions at 2pm. They should submit their Mass Attendance Sheet to the Parish priest on or before that date. Their thanksgiving Mass is on Sunday the 16th at 11am. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.”

Retrouvaille MARRIAGE SUPPORT:

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +##44797338 0443

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

18/19 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

Safeguarding: **Anastasia Appah**, Ph: 07894890967;

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Bookkeeper: **Eileen Norris**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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: Bridget Winton, James Barber, Bernard Lind, Gladys N. R. Medhurst, Syd Fry, John W. McCracken, Anthony J. Ckarke, Ethel A. Reardon, Wliiam J. Clear, Josephine Coulter, Thomas F. Comerford, Margaret Horton, Doris T. Sweetman, Veronica Taylor, Cintia Gironi, and Davis Lauksteins. 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

Please let us know when you set up a Standing Order. Thank you.



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