



Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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4/5 April 2026

+ EASTER 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

It was early on the first day of the week and still dark. (John 20.1)

Our Lord's resurrection took place on the third day following His crucifixion and death on Good Friday, just as He Himself and the prophets foretold (Mt 17.23; Lk 18.33; cf. Hos. 6.2). No one was there and saw Him rise from the dead, so no one could say how the resurrection occurred. With the absence of an eye-witness, the discrepancies in the four Gospel accounts of that extraordinary event are understandable. However, a few things about the event are indubitable. The first is the evidence of the tomb that was discovered empty (Jn 20.1-18) despite all the measures taken by the Jewish authorities to secure it so that no one could get into or out of it. The authorities themselves appeared to acknowledge that something so extraordinary happened to the body of the Lord that was laid in that tomb. As a result, they took drastic measures to push a false narrative designed to persuade people to believe that the resurrection never happened (cf. Mt 28.11-15). Believers need not worry that no one witnessed the Lord rise from the dead. It is up to anyone who denies that the Lord truly rose from the dead to explain His post-resurrection appearances to many witnesses, including more than 500 of them at the same time on a single occasion (1 Cor. 15.5-8). The doubter also has to explain the transcendence of the Lord over space and time (cf. Jn 20.19), the incredible transformation of the disciples, the supernatural power at work in them (Acts 4.1-22), and the huge success of the edifice of the Christian faith that was built entirely on the foundation of the Lord's resurrection (1 Cor. 15.12-34). If the Lord is not risen, how has it been possible for a countless number of people to have had a real encounter with the person of the Lord for over 2,000 years since that Easter Sunday?

Readings of this Weekend

First Reading, Acts 10.34, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and caused Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 117(118).1-2,16-17,22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

1. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' **R/**
2. The Lord's right hand is exalted.
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R/**
3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.. ' **R/**

Second Reading, Colossians 3.1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been



raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel, John 20.1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.' So, Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 4th Apr.	+ EASTER	5pm	Josie and Dinah Nolan, RIP
Sun. 5th Apr.	SUNDAY	8.30am	Parishioners
	<i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	11am	Frances Nee, RIP
Mon. 6 th Apr.	Easter Octave	<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">EASTER BREAK</h1>	
Tue. 7 th Apr.	Easter Octave		
Wed. 8 th Apr.	Easter Octave		
Thur. 9 th Apr.	Easter Octave		
Fri. 10 th Apr.	Easter Octave		
Sat. 11th Apr.	+ DIVINE MERCY	5pm	Parishioners
Sun. 12th Apr.	SUNDAY	8.30am	Bernardine Fernandes, BD T/Giving
	<i>Divine Office Wk 2</i>	11am	Ray Carpenter, RIP

NOTICES

Easter Offering: The archdiocese expects that we raise a minimum of £2,000. The whole amount will go to the works of mission the Missionary Society of St Paul undertakes here in the Uk and in need parts of the world. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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.

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.”

HAPPY
EASTER

to all

our beloved
Parishioners



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

28/29 March 2026

Loose Plate - £
SO/Contactless - £

Thank you so 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, Rasma Gurskiene, Catherine Gomer, John Prior, Sheila Griffin, Billy Damer, Sharon Docherty, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Ekenedilichukwu Lourdes, Josephine Umeh, Michael Mitchel, Pedro Spina Jr., Cathy Reilly, and Sandra Gomes.

The Week’s Death Anniversaries: John Flynn, Sybil Antoinette Asbury, Fr Stephen Wray, Alison Wilson, Alfred Easterby, Gordon Cherry, Patrick Hawkins, and Gerry Antao. 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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