



Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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28/29 March 2026

+ PALM 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

He became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2.9)

This time six years ago, we had an unprecedented experience of having to celebrate, for the very first time, in the isolation of the total lockdown, the most important week of our Christian calendar, the Holy Week. The strangest thing I ever had in the decades of my priesthood was to be in my parish church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday all alone and celebrate the most important mysteries of our faith. The isolation and anxiety of the time were immense, but not as the absence of the community expressing together our faith in God and our hope in the resurrection. One thing, though, is that we did not bargain for the situation we found ourselves in; each person had to struggle to cope. It would have been totally different if it was foreseeable, and we failed to do enough to avoid it. Thankfully, God saw us through it, with the masterful use by many people of the gifts He had given. Six years later, we are again entering the Holy Week to celebrate the mysteries of our redemption with turmoil and the crisis of peace. Sadly, unlike the pandemic in 2020, not much about our present troubles is unforeseeable. The Lord overcame the evils of sin, hatred, and division, reconciled us to God, and won our peace, by enduring the injustice and brutality of His Passion. His patience was stretched but not exhausted or worn thin by the relentless assault of His enemies. His response to all He suffered was to pour out His love most abundantly for all, even when He knew that His love would not be appreciated by most of those to whom it was directed. He did show us in His Passion that love is ever stronger than the sword and that it conquers all things, even all adversity. In all our troubles, fears, and anxieties, we can find comfort in His unwavering love for us.

Readings of this Sunday



Gospel, Matthew 21.1-11

When Jesus and His disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

First Reading, Isaiah 50.4-7

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 22(21).8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

1. All who see me deride me; they curl their lips, they toss their heads: 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him, for in him he delights.' **R/**
2. For dogs have surrounded me; a band of the wicked besets me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet; I can count every one of my bones. **R/**
3. They divide my clothing among them, they cast lots for my robe. But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! **R/**
4. I will tell of your name to my kin, and praise you in the midst of the assembly; 'You who fear the Lord, give him praise; all descendants of Jacob, give him glory; revere him, all you descendants of Israel.' **R/**

Second Reading, Philippians 2.6-11

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL (too long to be printed here)

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without My drinking it, Your will be done.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 28 th Mar.	+ PALM SUNDAY	5pm	Lily Morrin, RIP
Sun. 29 th Mar.	<i>Divine Office: Holy Week</i>	8.30am	Julia, Henry & Tony Wright
		11am	Parishioners
Mon. 30 th Mar.	Mon. of Holy Week	NO MASS	
Tue. 31 st Mar.	Tue. of Holy Week	10pm	
Wed. 1 st Apr.	Wed. of Holy Week	11am	Chrism Mass of St George's
Thur. 2 nd Apr.	HOLY THURSDAY	7.30pm	
Fri. 3 rd Apr.	GOOD FRIDAY	2pm	Stations of the Cross
		3pm	Passion Ceremonies
Sat. 4 th Apr.	EASTER VIGIL	8pm	Parishioners
Sun. 5 th Apr.	EASTER SUNDAY	11am	Ray Carpenter, RIP

NOTICES

Holy Tuesday, March 31st

- Penitential Service and individual confessions, 6.30 pm

Poor Parishes Collection: Thank you for your generous support last weekend. The sum of xxx was raised.

Holy Wednesday, April the 1st

- Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, 11.00 am

Easter Offering: The archdiocese expects that we raise a minimum of £1,500. The whole amount will go to support the Missionary Society of St Paul in its mission here in the UK and in the needy parts of the world. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Holy Thursday, April the 2nd

- Mass of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, 7.30 pm
 - Washing of Feet
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion renew their commitment

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.

Good Friday, April the 3rd

- Stations of the Cross, 2.00 pm
 - Passion Cermonies, 3.00 pm
- (No Mass anywhere in the world)*

Holy Saturday, April the 4th

- Morning Prayer, 10.00 am
 - Confessions, 11.00 am
- Easter Vigil Ceremonies, 8.00 pm

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.”

Easter Sunday, April the 5th

- Mass of the Resurrection, 11.00 am

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 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, John Prior, Sheila Griffin, Billy Damer, Sharon Docherty, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Josephine Umeh, Michael Mitchel, Cathy Reilly, Sandra Gomes, Pedro Spina Jr., Ekenedilichukwu Lourdes.

The Week’s Death Anniversaries: Audrey Riddle, Philip Mannerings, Alice. K. R. Horrigan, Fr George Grady, Vera N. Perryman, Mavis Browne, Lawrence Morrin, Christine M. Weller, Thomas Weller, Mary Weller, George J. Wray, Peter D. Baxter, Julia Barber, Pat McNulty, Jane McCormack, Vincent T. Windsor, Henry J. Cribb, Nicholas T. Atterton. RIP

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Account Number: 71502122

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