



Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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13/14 June 2026

+ 11TH SUNDAY, YEAR A +

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

He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9.36)

We celebrated the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the Lord's love for us, a love that is so immense and has no conditions attached to it, a love that is unfathomable and no one deserves or can reciprocate, but which has been made available to everyone. God loves us, not for anything we do for Him, or because we are good or behave the way He wants. Divine Teaching in fact tells us that God proves this love in that while we were still sinners, helpless, ungodly, and enemies, He let the Lord, His only-begotten Son, die for us and reconcile us to Him (Rom. 5.6-10). After the Lord had expired on the Cross, a soldier "pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (Jn 19.34). He had lost so much blood through the beatings He received and His crucifixion. In death He was not spared the blood that remained in His heart; that blood also was drained to the last drop. So, He gave it all. He gave for us all His life of which His blood is the symbol. He gave for us all His love expressed through the symbol of His Heart. He reserved nothing of Himself for Himself, but gave it all for His love of us. He made Himself "a-man-for-others," someone Who lived all His life for others, full of love and compassion, always eager to do what benefited others. St Paul was the one person who came close to having this sort of love by being all things to all persons (1 Cor. 9.22). This is perhaps not the sort of love any of us is familiar with. Our love is different. Our love usually has boundaries and some conditions attached to it. We hardly make it universally available in equal measure to everyone. We usually reserve it for some people and ourselves, and withhold it from some others.

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, Exodus 19.2-6

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now, therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”’ **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 100[99].1-2, 3. 5

We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R/**
2. Know that He, the Lord, is God.
He made us; we belong to Him.
We are His people, the sheep of His flock.
R/
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal His merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R/**

Second Reading, Romans 5.6-11

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were



enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 9.36-10.8

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.’ And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.’ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Holy Father, keep in Your name those You have given Me, that they may be one as We are one, says the Lord.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 13 th Jun.	+ 11 TH SUNDAY IN	5pm	Parishioners
Sun. 14 th Jun.	ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office: Wk 3</i>	8.30am	Yvonne Higgins, RIP
		11am	Catherine Earley, 70 th Birthday T/Giving
Mon. 15 th Jun.	Feria	NO MASS	
Tue. 16 th Jun.	Feria	10am	Bridget M. Winton & Parents, RIP
Wed. 17 th Jun.	Feria	10am	Eliza Curd, RIP
Thur. 18 th Jun.	Feria	10am	Fr Joe Smith, 60 th Priestly Anniversary
Fri. 19 th Jun.	St John Rigby	10am	Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst, RIP & Descendants
Sat. 20 th Jun.	+ 12 TH SUNDAY IN	5pm	Fr Joe Smith, 60 th Priestly Anniversary
Sun. 21 st Jun.	ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office: Wk 4</i>	8.30am	Parishioners
		11am	Reardon's & Moya Bean's Family Members

NOTICES

A Volunteer Needed: Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on **11/12 July** this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

Day for Life: We will celebrate the sacredness of human life next weekend. A collection will be taken for life-related activities supported by the Church. We solicit your generous support.

2026/2027 RCIA: The programme will start in October. It is for Catholics aged 13 years or above who would like to make their First Holy Communion or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is also for non-Catholic adults who seek admission into the full communion of the Church. Anyone interested in the programme should please contact the Parish Clergy.

World Youth Day Korea 2027: Join Archbishop John Wilson for the Archdiocese of Southwark's pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, from 2 to 9 August 2027 for young adults aged 18-35. World Youth Day brings together over one million young Catholics from across the world with Pope Leo XIV for prayer, catechesis, pilgrimage, and celebration of the faith. It is a unique opportunity to deepen your faith and experience the joy of the universal Church. Package prices: **Full package including flights: £3,270; Ground package only: £1,870.** A £400 deposit is required by close on Monday 29 June. For full details, fundraising information, and booking, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/wydhome1

MASS BOOKING: 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.

Pope's June 2026 Prayer Intention

“Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.”

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

06/07 June 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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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Our Lady's Pre-School: Springhead Rd., Northfleet, DA11
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Get Well Soon: Please pray for Mandy Ermis,
Rosemary Reilly, Catherine Gomer, John Prior, Denis
Griffin, Billy Damer, Sharon Docherty, Rodolfo
Rodriguez, Michael Mitchel, James Alan Richards,
Rasma, and Shirley Fahy.

The Week's Death Anniversaries: Agnes Mary Smith,
Hugh Maguire, Lily May Wenham, Eileen Mary Jones,
Walter Patrick Baker, Lucy May Phillips, Ernest William
Martin, Alex Gemmell, John Patrick Peard, Stanislaw
Halinski, Cyril and Frank Raymond Ashenden. RIP

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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

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