

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

(Registered Charity number: 1173050)

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18/19 July 2026

+ 16TH 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.

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

Let both grow together until the harvest. (Mt 13.30)

The Church is in its very nature holy, but it is also a Church of saints and sinners. On account of its Head, the Lord, the sinless and holy One of God (Mk 1.24; Jn 6.69), Whose Body she is (Col. 1.18; Eph. 1.22-23; 4.12; 5.23), she is "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5.27). At the same time, though called to that perfection, she has to deal daily with the reality and effects of sin in her own life by virtue of its members the weakness of whose will naturally exposes them to moral failure. In and through the Lord, and by the help of His grace, some of those members go on to overcome the presence of sin in their lives and, having attained perfection, become saints and citizens of the eternal kingdom of heaven. Other members keep living with sin, yet without ceasing in the meantime to be members of the Church. God allows the coexistence of sanctity and sinfulness in the Church, and of goodness and evil in the world, just as He allows each person to have something good and something bad in and about them, to keep sharp the contrast between the choice for good or for evil that we have to make while we live. If He so wishes, He could have established two Churches in this life, one for holy souls, and the other for sinful people; and He could have created two worlds, one for good, and the other for bad people, and He could have made us wholly good, so that the good would never mingle with the bad. He reserves that separation for eternal life when saints will live in heaven, totally and permanently separated from and uncontaminated by sin, while sinners will dwell in the experience of eternal damnation in hell, totally without the help of the goodness of the saints.

Readings of this Weekend



First Reading, Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides You, Whose care is for all, to whom You should prove that You have not judged unjustly. For Your strength is the source of righteousness, and Your sovereignty over all causes You to spare all. For You show Your strength when men doubt the completeness of Your power, and You rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but You judge with mildness, and with great forbearance You govern us; for You have power to act whenever You choose. Through such works You have taught Your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and You have filled Your sons with good hope, because You give repentance for sins. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 86[85].5-6, 9-10, 15-16

O Lord, You are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, You are good and forgiving,
   full of mercy to all who call to You.
   Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
   and attend to my voice in supplication. **R/**

2. All the nations You have made shall come;
   they will bow down before You, O Lord,
   and glorify Your name,for you are
   great and do marvellous deeds,
   You Who alone are God. **R/**

3. You, O God, are compassionate and
   gracious,
   slow to anger, O Lord,
   abundant in mercy and fidelity;
   turn and take pity on me. **R/**

Second Reading, Romans 8.26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, You shave revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 13.24-30 (Shorter version)

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " ' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door to Me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with Me.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 18th July	**+ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** *Divine Office: Wk 4*	**5pm**	
Sun. 19th July		**8.30am**	
		11am	Parishioners
Mon. 20th July	Feria	NO MASS	
Tue. 21st July	Feria		
Wed. 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene		
Thur. 23rd July	Feria		
Fri. 24th July	St Bridget		
Sat. 25th July	**+ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDIANRY TIME** Divine Office: *Wk 1*	**5pm**	
Sun. 26th July		**8.30am**	
		11am	Parishioners

NOTICES

Adoration/Benediction in the church on Wednesdays, 10am – 2pm. It is being led by Deacon John. All are welcome.

PARISH FEAST DAY: Our parish feast which falls on the solemnity of the Assumption of Virgin Mary on August the 15th will be celebrated on Sunday August the 16th. As usual, a number of activities are being lined up for the occasion. If you have any ideas about this, please contact Annie, Sheila, or Amaka. Thank you.

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

2026/2027 RCIA: The programme will start in October. It is for Catholics aged 13 years or above who wAould 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.

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 July 2026 Prayer Intention

"Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

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

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: **4**
Vice Chair, Parish Council: **Solomon Appah**
Chair, Finance Committee: **Cyril Okolie:** northfleetfc@rcaos.org.uk
Gift Aid Coordinator: **Dixciam Costa**
Bookkeeper: **Eileen Norris**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Our Lady's Pre-School: Springhead Rd., Northfleet, DA11 9QZ; Ph: 01474365877; ourladyspreschool@gmail.com; Mrs A. Franco; www.ourladypreschoolnorthfleet.com

Get Well Soon: Please pray for Mandy Ermis, Rosemary Reilly, Catherine Gomer, John Prior, Denis Griffin, Billy Damer, Sharon Docherty, Michael Mitchel, James Alan Richards, Rasma, Mary Irwin, and Shirley Fahy.

The Week's Death Anniversaries: Margaret Bridge, William Knight, George Clark, Mary Anne Gibbons, Ann McBrearty, James Cottington, Frederick Henry White, Jack Larkin, Ethel Lukes, Tina Mary Dorothy Whyman, and Christopher Casey. 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



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