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Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

(Registered Charity number: 1173050**)**

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5/6 September 2026

+ 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME +

LITURGY TIMES

Sunday Mass
5pm (Sat.), 8.30am, 11.00am.

Weekday Mass
Tue. – Fri: 10.00am.

Holy Day 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.

Mass Attendance
29/30 August 2026:
35; 30; 165



From the Parish Priest's Desk

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. (Mt 18.15)

'Fraternal correction' is an exercise of the Christian and sacred duty to correct one another in love as brothers and sisters in the Lord. This service is deeply spiritual, essential, and mutual. It is a vital part of that debt of love that Divine Teaching says we owe one another (Rom. 13.8). It is as important as our duty to give material and emotional support to people in need. In rendering this service, we help one another to grow in virtue and sanctity, to save both ourselves and the sister or brother we correct. Where we fail to discharge this duty, we put at great risk both our own salvation and the salvation of the brother or sister, even as we are warned (Ezek. 33.8). Fraternal correction is not an easy thing to give (or to receive); it carries much risk, especially when we are close to the other person. The risk is real and involves possibly jeopardising our relationship with the person. It is much easier to confront with their faults people we are not close to, or to do so in anger or out of frustration. The risk is much higher when it comes to someone close to us – a family member or a friend – especially if the fault keeps reoccurring and we have to offer our fraternal correction again and again. We risk being seen as fault-finders, and that augurs well for no one. There is a group of people whose ministry is to perform the difficult task of confronting people (and, indeed, a whole people or society) with their faults. These are the prophets. We too are all prophets by virtue of our baptism. In baptism, we were anointed with the holy oil of Chrism into Christ the Priest, Prophet, and King. By our baptism, therefore, we are called and commissioned to confront evil, fault, error, or sin wherever, and whenever we come across it, whether in ourselves, or in someone else, or in a situation.

Readings of this Weekend



First Reading, Ezekiel 33.7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 95[94].1-2, 6-9

O that today you would listen to His voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
   hail the rock who saves us.
   Let us come into His presence, giving thanks;
   let us hail Him with a song of praise. **R/**

2. to behold Your strength and Your glory.
   O come; let us bow and bend low.
   Let us kneel before the Lord Who made us,
   for He is our God, and we the people,
   the people of His pasture, the flock of His hand. **R/**

3. O that today you would listen to His voice!
   'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
   as on that day at Massah in the desert
   when your forebears put Me to the test;
   when they tried Me, though they saw My work.' **R/**

Second Reading, Romans 13.8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summe d up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 18.15-20

At that time: Jesus said to His disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 5th Sept.	**+ 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** Divine Office: *Wk 3*	**5pm**	Parishioners
Sun. 6th Sept.		**8.30am**	Bernard Stanley, Death Anniversary
		11am	Frances Nee RIP
Mon. 7th Sept.	Feria	**NO MASS**	
Tue. 8th Sept.	Nativity of Virgin Mary	10am	
Wed. 9th Sept.	Feria	10am	David Okebu, Birthday Thanksgiving
Thur. 10th Sept.	Feria	10am	
Fri. 11th Sept.	Feria	10am	
Sat. 12th Sept.	**+ 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** Divine Office: *Wk 4*	**5pm**	Wellbeing of Anna Wisniowska
Sun. 13th Sept.		**8.30am**	Parishioners
		11am	Jennifer Ibennah, Thanksgiving

NOTICES

Catholic Education Service Collection, CES: CES acts on behalf the Church in England and Wales to support Catholic Education. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales, with a total student population of about 800,000. CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education. To support it in its work, a collection will be taken next weekend. Your usual generous support is solicited and will be highly appreciated.

Statement on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Ahead of the Bill's Second Reading on 11 September, Archbishop John Sherrington has issued a statement opposing it, citing inadequate safeguards and risks to palliative care. Parishioners are urged to contact their MP via Right to Life UK. You can also send a card to your MP. Copies of the card are available at the back of the Church. More resources are also available on the Catholic Bishops' Conference website.

Pope's September 2026 Prayer Intention

"Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it."

2026/2027 First Holy Communion: The programme will start in October and is for the children of regular parishioners who are in Year 3 or 7 years old. Those who want to be in the programme should register with the Parish Priest **this weekend, September the 5th/6th**. Please note that each child is required to attend Mass every weekend. A child whose family are not regular parishioners should get a letter from their own Parish Priest permitting them to be in the programme in our parish.

2026/2027 RCIA: The programme will start in October. It is for Catholics aged 13 years or above who have not made their First Holy Communion or received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to do so. It is also for non-Catholic adults who seek admission into the full communion of the Church. If you are, or you know anyone, interested in joining the programme 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.

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

29/30 August 2026

Loose Plate -
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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: **Annastasia Appah;** Ph: 07894890967; northfleetsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk
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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, and Mary Irwin.

The Week's Death Anniversaries: Winifred Elizabeth Baker, Bernard George Charles Stanley, George Stanley, Bridget White, Alan Acason, Maureen Winifred Roger, Cyril Francis Lacey, Anthony Waring Wilson, and Charles Thomas Alewood. May they rest in peace.

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- Sending your offering envelope to the Parish Office.

For our bank details, please contact:
The Parish Clergy, or
The Parish Office.



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

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