

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

(Registered Charity number: 1173050)

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10/11 October 2026

+ 28TH 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. – Fri. 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
3/4 October 2026:
68; 79; 143



From the Parish Priest's Desk

I have made ready My dinner; come to the marriage feast. (Matthew 22.4)

I earnestly desire that all human beings embrace the true faith that subsists fully in the Catholic Church, that they be faithful and active members of the Church, that they all attend Mass at least at the weekend, and that all who do so (except underaged children) regularly receive Holy Communion. My desire stems from the overriding importance of the Holy Eucharist which the *Catechism* calls "the source and summit of the Christian life" (*CCC*, 1324, 1362-1368). It is the source, because every authentic Christian life flows from it. It is the summit, because every genuine Christian life must lead to it and end in it. Though many people may not realise it, the Eucharist holds the greatest benefits for all human beings. Served at the Table of the Lord, it is truly the Lord's living, divine, undying, and life-giving Spirit (Jn 6.63; 1 Cor. 15.45). With the bond of love, it unites to the Lord, and the Lord to all who worthily receive it (Jn 6.56), giving them eternal life, and making it possible for them to be raised up on the last day (Jn 6.54). Just as we need food and drink in order to live, the Bread of Life – the Eucharist – is absolutely necessary for our true life, for "unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you have no life in you" (Jn 6.53). It is the will of God that no one stay away from the Eucharist. Where grave sin or some irregularity in someone's life prevents the person from receiving Holy Communion, the situation ought to be remedied without undue delay. The Church is always there to help all those who wish to be in its full communion and so be free to receive the Holy Eucharist regularly. The Table of the Lord prefigures the banquet of eternal life in heaven to which all are invited. No one should excuse or exclude themselves from it.

Readings of this Weekend



First Reading, Isaiah 25.6-10

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.' For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 23[22].1-3,3-4,5,6

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
   there is nothing I shall want.
   Fresh and green are the pastures
   where He gives me repose.
   Near restful waters He leads me;
   He revives my soul. **R/**

2. He guides me along the right path,
   for the sake of His name.
   Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
   no evil would I fear, for You are with me.
   Your crook and Your staff will give me comfort. **R/**

3. You have prepared a table before me
   in the sight of my foes.
   My head You have anointed with oil;
   my cup is overflowing. **R/**

4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
   all the days of my life.
   In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
   for length of days unending. **R/**

Second Reading, Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which He has called us. Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 22.1-10

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

When the Lord appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 10th Oct.	**+ 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** Divine Office: *Wk 4*	**5pm**	Peter Irwin, Anniversary
Sun. 11th Oct.		**8.30am**	Parishioners
		11am	Thomas Nee, RIP
Mon. 12th Oct.	Feria	**NO MASS**	
Tue. 13th Oct.	Feria	10am	
Wed. 14th Oct.	Feria	10am	
Thur. 15th Oct.	St Theresa of Avila	10am	
Fri. 16th Oct.	Feria	10am	
Sat. 17th Oct.	**+ 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** Divine Office: *Wk 1*	**5pm**	John O'Callaghan, RIP
Sun. 18th Oct.		**8.30am**	
		11am	Parishioners

NOTICES

Mission Sunday: Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection to be taken next weekend goes in its entirety to support churches, schools, hospitals, and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young, or poor. It will go directly to the bishops in the mission territories. We are requested to express our participation in this mission through our generous support.

EMHC Training: The session for all those being called to the Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion will be on **Saturday the 17th of October at 11am** in the church. The commissioning will follow on **Saturday October the 24th at St George's Cathedral.** Those concerned are requested to please keep these dates in their diaries.

CHURCH REPAIRS: The work to repair our church that has been leaking in many places for a long time has started. The initial repairs focus on replacing the broken and missing roof tiles. Attention will next move to the flat roofs which may require the approval of the Historical Churches Commission. The entire work will take almost £40,000. We solicit your generous donations to help us carry out these essential repairs. Thank you for your support.

2026 First Holy Communion Programme: The programme has started. Each child is required to attend Mass every weekend and to have the attendance signed by the priest. The first session and the Parents Meeting will be **next Sunday, October the 18th at 9.30am**. Please collect the form this weekend.

2026/2027 RCIA: The programme starts **next Sunday, October the 18th at 9.45am.** Adult Catholics who want to make their First Holy Communion or receive Confirmation, and non-Catholic adults who seek admission to the full communion of the Church, are invited to both the session and the programme.

A Day with Mary takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 Nov. 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant and Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at **https://www.adaywithmary.org/**

Pope's October 2026 Prayer Intention

"Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses."

Divine Mercy Devotion
Sun. after the 11am Mass.

St Pio Meeting & Rosary for World Peace

Tue., 9.45 am – 10.45 am.

Tea & Coffee

Last Sunday of the month, after the 11am Mass. Please join us.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

3/4 October 2026

Loose Plate -
SO/Contactless -
Mission Appeal -

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.

Death Anniversaries this Week: William Kelly, Valerie Buckley, Minnie Moore, Maisie Broad, Patrick Hughes, Lillian May Newdick, Patrick Kilcullen, Nora Claire O'Connell, Margaret Philomena Jackson, Domitilla Tolhurst OSB, Bartholomew Francis Kellecher Culleton, Frederick Watkins, Richard Trevor Hall, and Michael Corrigan. May they rest in peace.

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For our bank details, please contact:
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