

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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17/18 October 2026

+ 29TH 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
10/11 October 2026:
56; 64; 220



From the Parish Priest's Desk

One in Christ, united in mission. (Pope Leo XIV)

This year marks the 100th year of the establishment of World Mission Sunday in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, and also the 110th year of Pontifical Missionary Union established in 1916. In his message for this year's Mission Sunday, Pope Leo XIV asks that we continue together the Church's missionary journey, in joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. He reminds us that "no baptised person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to His Church" (Mt 28.19-20). He invites us to reflect on global evangelisation and solidarity and to support the Church's worldwide missionary work especially in those territories that are too poor to fully support themselves. There are over 1,130 mission territories around the world today. The collection to be taken this weekend all over the world offers us an excellent opportunity to express our solidarity as part of the Church that enages in the missionary work. As we take advantage of this opportunity, we should also remember that mission today is very complex. It is not limited to primary evangelisation by which the Church, through its frontline missionaries and missionary efforts, calls to faith in the Lord the people that are yet to profess the faith. It extends to what Popes St John Paul II and Benedict XVI call 'new evangelisation', as well 're-evangelisation', i.e. the response with the Gospel to certain modern developments, including new technologies and the loss of faith in traditionally Christian territories. World Mission Sunday reminds us that mission is the Church's *raison d'etre*, but also that, collectively and individually, we all have a duty to ensure that the Good News of salvation reaches everyone and every situation in the world.

Readings of this Weekend



First Reading, Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of My servant Jacob, and Israel My chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know Me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 96[95].1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord;
   sing to the Lord, all the earth.
   Tell among the nations His glory,
   and His wonders among all the peoples.
   R/

2. For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
   to be feared above all gods.
   For the gods of the nations are naught.
   It was the Lord Who made the heavens.
   R/

3. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
   ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
   ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name.
   Bring an offering and enter His courts. **R/**

4. Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
   O tremble before Him, all the earth.
   Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'
   He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/**

Second Reading, 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our Gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 22.1-10

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that Y are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone's opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin for the tax.' And they brought Him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then He said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

The Son of Man has come to give His life as a ransom for many.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 17th Oct.	**+ 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** Divine Office: *Wk 1*	**5pm**	John O'Callaghan, RIP
Sun. 18th Oct.		**8.30am**	
		11am	Parishioners
Mon. 19th Oct.	Feria	**NO MASS**	
Tue. 20th Oct.	Feria	10am	Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst, RIP & Descendants
Wed. 21st Oct.	Feria	10am	
Thur. 22nd Oct.	Feria	10am	
Fri. 23rd Oct.	Feria	10am	
Sat. 24th Oct.	**+ 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** Divine Office: *Wk 2*	**5pm**	Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Sun. 25th 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 this 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.

Christmas Fayre – 5 December 2026: The fayre is a wonderful opportunity to bring our parish and local community together while raising funds for the parish. We warmly invite everyone to get involved. We need donations for our hampers and stalls, sponsorships, and volunteers to help on the day. Every contribution, big or small, will make a difference. Thank you for your continued support. Let's work together to make this a joyful and successful event. You can contact Annie on:

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."

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 RCIA: The programme starts this Sunday at 9.45 am in the sacristy. It is for adult Catholics who want to make their First Holy Communion or to receive their Confirmation. It is also for non-Catholics who want to be received into the full communion of the Church. They will receive the sacraments at the 2027 Easter Vigil Mass.

2026 First Holy Communion: The catechists will be having a crucial meeting with the children and their parents this Sunday at 9.30 am in the church. All should attend.

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

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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: **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: Ada Georgina Fryer, Rose Huggins, Eva Clancy, Thomas John Murphy, Margaret Josephine Curling, Emily Buckley, Christina May Wilson, Bernard Mallinder, and Vincent Dunn. May they 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.

For our bank details, please contact:
Bank: NatWest; Sort Code: 60-09-10
Account Number: 71502122



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