

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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14/15 November 2026

+ 33RD SUNDAY, YEAR A +

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
31 Oct./1 Nov. 2026: 57; 90; 161



From the Parish Priest's Desk

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge. (Psalm 14.6)

Today is the 10th **World Day of the Poor** which was instituted by Pope Francis in 2016. We reflect once more on the scourge of global poverty. The World Bank report of September 2026 puts the number of people in extreme poverty at 811 million, most of them in sub-Saharan Africa and parts of Asia. The bank had in June 2025 adjusted the benchmark for extreme poverty from $2.15 to $3 a day, taking into account factors such as inflation. The adjustment added additional 125 million people to the category. To mark this year's World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reflects on God being the refuge of the poor, a theme he takes from Psalm 14.6. He describes the poor as people robbed 'not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face', people left with no option other than to cry to God Who is their refuge. He decries the widespread injustice generated by 'arrogant corruption,' and calls on all, especially Christians, not only to seek refuge in God, but also to be 'refuge for the poor', not merely to speak about the poor, but also to put themselves in the shoes of the poor and listen to them. Christians, he says, ought to be channels through which the poor encounter the Lord 'Who offers bread and friendship, brings light and opens a horizon of hope, calls each person by name, and restores dignity to all.' He invites us to reexamine our priorities in life and 'rediscover the faces of so many brothers and sisters who seek refuge in God and long to feel at home in our communities.' To effectively do this, Christians should also challenge the structures that create or sustain both poverty and inequality in society.

Readings of this Weekend



First Reading, Proverbs 31.10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 128[127].1-2, 3, 4- 5

Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

1. Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
   and walk in His ways!
   By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
   You will be blessed and prosper. **R/**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
   in the heart of your house;
   your children like shoots of the olive
   around your table. **R/**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
   the husband who fears the Lord.
   May the Lord bless you from Sion.
   May you see Jerusalem prosper
   all the days of your life! **R/**

Second Reading, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in Me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in Me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 5.1-1

At that time: Jesus told His disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 14th Nov.	**+ 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *Divine Office: Wk 1*	**5pm**	Mary Kate Carney, Anniversary
Sun. 15th Nov.		**8.30am**	Holy Soul
		11am	Parishioners
Mon. 16th Nov.	Feria	**NO MASS**	
Tue. 17th Nov.	Feria	10am	Memorial Mass of Alan Michael Patrick O'Neill
Wed. 18th Nov.	Feria	10am	Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst, RIP & Descendants
Thur. 19th Nov.	Feria	10am	Holy Soul
Fri. 20th Nov.	Feria	10am	Holy Soul
Sat. 21st Nov.	**+ CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING** *Divine Office: Wk 2*	**5pm**	
Sun. 22nd Nov.		**8.30am**	Holy Souls
		11am	Parishioners

NOTICES

National Youth Sunday: There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend to support youth programmes in the archdiocese, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, and beyond. Your generous support is solicited and will be highly appreciated.

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: **07894890967**.

Pope's November Prayer Intention:

"Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less."

Christ the Universal King: Next Sunday we celebrate the Lord's kingship over all creation. This is a very important aspect of our faith.

BAPTISMS: We warmly welcome to our Catholic family **Grace Chiamaka** and **Francis Obinna Aniagboso** baptised on Saturday, as well as **Jaden Ayomide Almeida Omotayo** and **Melisa Magalska** who will be baptised on the 21st. We wish them and their families every blessing.

Memorial Sevrvice of Alan Michael Patrick O'Neill: Please pray for the peaceful repose of Alan. He used to be a member of our parish community. His memorial service, to be taken by Fr Victor Vella, will be on **Tuesday November the 17th at 10.00 am**, followed by the interment of his ashes at Northfleet Cemetery. Please join to bid him a final farewell.

Church Repairs: The work to repair our church roof has started. The initial repairs are on replacing the broken or missing roof tiles. Attention will next move to the flat roof 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.

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

31 Oct./1 Nov. 2026

Loose Plate -
SO/Contactless -
Archbishop's 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: Alfred James Mullard, Nancy Moore, James Foad, William Stanley, William John Lovering, Julie Margaret Bettesworth, Laurence Peter Michael Freeman, Doris May Collins, Jennifer Wray, Dennis Maguire, James Richard Gaughan, Martin Anthony McGrath, John Phillips, George Ring Snr, and Charles Henry Asbury, May they all rest in peace.

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For our bank details, please contact:
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Account Number: 71502122



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