

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Archdiocese of Southwark

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21/22 November 2026

+ CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE +

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
14/15 November 2026: 67; 63; 217



From the Parish Priest's Desk

He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. (1 Cor. 15.25)

We have been having kings and queens for over 1,000 years, so the idea of kingship is not new or strange to us. We used to have monarchs who claimed to have a 'divine right' to rule and who directly exercised governance over our nations and their affairs. We now have a monarchy that does not directly engage in day-to-day governance. But regardless of the type, the monarchy commands our respect and loyalty. During the sham trial He was unjustly subjected to, Our Lord was accused of, among other things, claiming to be King, an accusation that was calculated to put Him in a direct confrontation with the emperor's supreme position and authority. Knowing what the accusation was intended to do, surprisingly, He still affirmed the claim, but with a fundamental twist that, of course, made no difference to His accusers. First, He pointed out that His kingdom was other than this world's, a statement that should have alerted the people to the injustice and outrage they were perpetrating against Him. He then affirmed to the emperor's representative that He was indeed King, adding: "For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth" (Jn 18.36-37). In His last testament before He ascended into heaven, He revealed that His kingly authority is universal in scope (Mt 28.18), and is over all things which the Father, without reserve, has delivered to Him (Mt 11.27; Lk 10.22; Jn 3.36; 13.3; Eph. 1.22). He is King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6.15; Rev. 17.14; 19.16; Ps 136.3; Dan. 2.47). To Him, therefore, every knee must, in loyalty and obedience, in adoration and worship, bow (Phil. 2.10).

Readings of this Weekend



First Reading, Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over. I will feed them in justice. As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 23[22].1-2, 2-3, 5, 6

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

2. Near restful waters He leads me;
   He revives my soul.
   He guides me along the right path,
   for the sake of His name. **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, 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 25.31-46

At that time: Jesus said to His disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me." Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, "Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." 'Then He will say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?" Then He will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat. 21st Nov.	**+ CHRIST**	**5pm**	Alice Smith, RIP
Sun. 22nd Nov.	**UNIVERSAL KING** *Divine Office: Wk 2*	**8.30am**	Holy Souls
		11am	Parishioners
Mon. 23rd Nov.	Feria	**NO MASS**	
Tue. 24th Nov.	St Andrew Dung-Lac	10am	Holy Souls
Wed. 25th Nov.	Feria	10am	Holy Souls
Thur. 26th Nov.	Feria	10am	Holy Souls
Fri. 27th Nov.	Feria	10am	Holy Souls
Sat. 28th Nov.	**+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Divine Office: Wk 1*	**5pm**	Thomas and Mary Nolan, RIP
Sun. 29th Nov.		**8.30am**	Parishioners
		11am	Gjok Ndoj

NOTICES

National Youth Sunday: There will be a 2nd Collection this weekend to support youth programmes in the archdiocese, especially those of 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 King: This Sunday, we honour the Lord as the King of all creation. The solemnity is an important expression of our faith.

New Readers: There will be a training session on **Saturday the 28th @ 11am** in the church for those wishing to be commissioned as Readers in our parish. If you'd like to be one but have not signed up, please contact Fr Livie.

Daily Reflection for Advent: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up - here is the link http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or you can take a look at their website www.southwarkdsc.org.uk and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS.

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

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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.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Alice Smith, Carolyn Margaret Rose Colley, Beatrice Scott, Leontia Buckley, Eva Lydia Smith, James Flannigan, Angela Corbani, John Roger Harkin, Anastasia Mary Stewart, Florence Warner, Nora Myers, Bridget Boyle, Catherine Mahon, George Wray, John Stewart, Eden James Opoku Brogya, and John Carmody. May they all rest in peace.

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Account Number: 71502122



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