

## Mass Times

<b>26 Nov</b> Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> <b>Helena Stanek R.I.P.</b>
<b>27 Nov</b> Sunday 11:00 am	<b>1st Sunday of Advent (A)</b> <i>Sunday Mass</i> <b>Mary Kate Carney R.I.P.</b>
<b>28 Nov</b> Monday —:—	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>29 Nov</b> Tuesday 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> <b>Parish November Holy Souls</b>
<b>30 Nov</b> Wednesday —:—	<b>St. Andrew</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>1 Dec</b> Thursday 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> <b>St. Joseph's School Advent Mass</b> <i>(in the church)</i>
<b>2 Dec</b> Friday 9:00 am 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> <b>Adoration</b> <b>Alfred &amp; Sarah Tolhurst R.I.P.</b> & descendants
<b>3 Dec</b> Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> <b>Father Eric Mead R.I.P.</b>
<b>4 Dec</b> Sunday 11:00 am	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent (A)</b> <i>Sunday Mass</i> <b>Deacon Pat Maloney, Maria Lamb &amp; Nell Melvin</b>

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturday's 4:30 pm till 4:50 pm  
.. or call for an appointment*

\*If you would like a Mass said on a particular day;  
**Please, give enough notice.**  
Intentions will be as close as possible to request.

## Collections

*(last week)*

1st gift aid £

2nd loose £

*This does not include offerings received online or by standing order.*



With GIFT AID your £20 becomes £25

### Special Collections

#### Red Missio Boxes

should now be brought to the Church for emptying and counting please. They can be left on the table at the back of the church or handed to Fr Michael.

If you feel it may be more convenient to make your offertory collection online, or by standing order, please use following details:

Bank sort code - **600910**

A/c no - **71502122**

Name - **RCAS Our Lady of the Assumption**

### Anniversary of the Dead

George Wray	Peter Shields
John Stewart	Tom McGoran
Eden James Opoku	Peter Alfred Munns
Brogya	Sara Michelle
Joseph Carmody	Eggleton
Nellie Kilcullen	Patrick Hannigan

1st Sunday of ADVENT (A)

27th Nov. 2022



# Our Lady of the Assumption

**Roman Catholic Church**  
Registered Charity No. 1173050  
R.C. Diocese of Southwark

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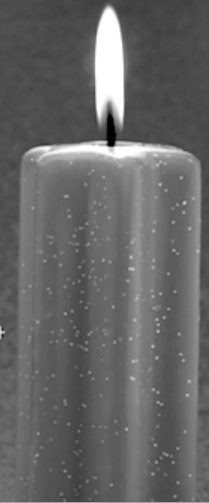
Parish Finance Committee \_\_\_\_\_ *Abenaa* e-mail: northfleet@rcaos.org.uk

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Parish Website: **[www.ourladyofassumptionnorthfleet.com](http://www.ourladyofassumptionnorthfleet.com)**

"You . . . must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44



#### Our Lady's Pre-School

Springhead Rd., Northfleet, DA11 9QZ

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**Mrs A. Franco**

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#### St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Springhead Rd., Northfleet, DA11 9QZ

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# Welcome!

## REPOSITORY

The church repository is open after 11:00 am Mass every Sunday, for the sale of cards and other religious items.

## ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

We will be praying the Rosary, to Our Lady of the Assumption, for World Peace at 10.30 am every Sunday in the church before the 11am Mass.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed every Sunday, immediately after 11:00 am Mass

**Please come and pray with us if you can.**

*\*\*There is a great selection of rosary beads in the Repository.*

## BECOMING CATHOLIC

There is a parish course for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Sessions will last for one hour, beginning immediately after the 11.00am Mass. There will be opportunities to explore the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to discern what God may be calling you to. Please speak to one of the clergy team if you would like to know more.

## BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child baptised will first need to attend the Parish Baptism preparation course. Both parents must attend the course, godparents are also very welcome. If you wish to go to the next session, please contact the catechists, Johnny and Rumela, at the email address in the directory on the front of the newsletter. Important note: Parents wishing to have a child above the age of two baptised must first speak to one of the clergy team before applying to join the course. Thank you.

## LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Children from 3 years of age up to those who are in year 3 at school are welcome. The children will leave the main congregation just after the beginning of Mass, and return in time for the offertory procession. Please speak to one of the catechists, or to one of the clergy team, if you have any questions.

## SCHOOL FORMS

Parents and carers who require my verification and signature for school application forms should please note the following procedures, which apply until further notice.

**Forms for:** St. Joseph's Catholic primary school: Your completed forms should be returned to the school office. The school will forward the forms to me for my verification and signature.

**Forms for:** All other schools: Please put your completed forms, with any supporting documentation, eg baptism certificate, in an envelope marked "school forms". Place the envelope through the presbytery letter-box, 3 The Hill. I will contact you, by phone, when the forms are ready for you to collect. Thank you. Father Michael.

## CHURCH CAR PARK

We would be very grateful if any of our parishioners could assist us with their expertise in making an assessment of the car park adjoining the church, and an estimate of the cost of resurfacing it. You may, alternatively, have contacts who would be able to assist us with this project. Any help that you may be able to offer will be very gratefully accepted. Please speak to one of the parish clergy. Thank you

## GIFT AID

Please consider gift aiding your weekly offering, if you do not already do so. If you would like to set up a Gift Aid contribution, or have any questions about the scheme, please contact Abenaa, our parish Gift Aid organiser, at northfleetgac@rcaos.org.uk

## ADVENT SCHOOL MASS

The St Joseph's school Mass for Advent will be celebrated in the church on Thursday 1st December at 10.00am. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

## NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

During November there will be a basket in front of the altar into which you may place Holy Souls prayer intentions. Masses will be offered for them during November.

## DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer.

Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to Gods invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box.

## 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Children in primary school year 3 and above, who are baptised Catholics and attend Mass in this parish, are invited to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Information sheets and course Registration forms can be collected from Father Michael at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. They will only be issued to the parent or primary carer of the child or children in question.

There will be parent information sessions on Saturday 26th November and Sunday 27th November. Parents must attend one of them.

## CONFIRMATION 2023

We are running a course, beginning in January, for young parishioners who are in school year 8 or above, who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The enrolment form needs to be completed by

31st December 2022. Please go to: <https://forms.gle/XBxpdYKQZqokptnZ7>. Thank you.

## YOUTH COMPETITIONS

The Knights of St. Columba are calling upon all children and young people aged 4-18 years to take part in two competitions - Nativity Photography Competition and Nativity Painting Competition, please collect the competition details from the back of the church. The deadline for the competitions is Sunday, December 18th, 2022. Please return your nativity drawings to Fr Michael, the nativity photography can be emailed directly to Br Fred Juma, Youth and Action Officer: [youth-council977@ksc.org.uk](mailto:youth-council977@ksc.org.uk) or to the Parish email.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Parish Christmas Fayre will be at St Joseph's school, Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1 pm to 3 pm. We hope to have Christmas Hampers as raffle prizes and we kindly request your help to create them.

We would be very grateful for donations from the list which can be found at the back of the church. Donations are based on the first letter of your surname - to avoid duplicating items.

Please ensure that the sell by dates are not before 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2023 so that the winners have time to enjoy their treats.

All donations to be left in the box at the back of the church.

Thank you for your support.

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Christmas Fayre Raffle Tickets are available in the church. Lots of fantastic prizes up for grabs! Tickets are £1 for a book of five. Please return money and ticket stubs to the Raffle Ticket box at the back of the church. All proceeds will go to church funds. Thank you for your generous support.