

## Mass Times

**17 Dec**  
Saturday  
**4.00 - 4.50 pm** *Vigil Mass*  
5.00 pm **Confessions**  
Florence & Dolores R.I.P.

**18 Dec** **4th Sunday of Advent (A)**  
Sunday *Sunday Mass*  
11:00 am **People of the Parish.**

**19 Dec**  
Monday *No Mass*  
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**20 Dec**  
Tuesday *Daily Mass*  
10:00 am **Robert Heath R.I.P.**

**21 Dec**  
Wednesday *No Mass*  
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**22 Dec**  
Thursday *Daily Mass*  
10:00 am **Private Intention**

**23 Dec**  
Friday *Daily Mass*  
9:00 am **Adoration**  
10:00 am **Peace in Ukraine**

**24 Dec** **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Saturday *Vigil Mass*  
10 - 10.30 am **Confessions**  
5.00 pm **Christmas Vigil Mass**  
- NHS workers  
8:30 pm **Carols**  
9:00 pm **Mass of Christmas Night**  
- For Peace

**25 Dec** **CHRISTMAS DAY (A)**  
Sunday *Sunday Mass*  
11:00 am **People of the Parish**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## Collections

(last week)

1<sup>st</sup> gift aid £ 289.49

2<sup>nd</sup> loose £ 58.00

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



With GIFT AID your £20 becomes £25

### Special Collections

Total received & sent to Missio from Red Boxes  
**£100.64** Empty boxes are at the back of the Church.

### 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

Ellen Jane Broad  
Margaret Amelia  
McCracken  
Edward John Chater  
Eliza Peard  
Richard Buckley  
Elsie Adams  
Violet Sheila Courtney  
Keith Andrew Pickles  
Benny Sweeney  
Joseph Emil Ettinger  
Sarah Murphy  
Brigid Harkin

Patrick Hayes  
John Dolan  
Evelyn Doris Parker  
Gladys Fitzjohn  
Christopher Brown  
Erica Ann Fitzdouglas  
Margaret Freeman  
Reverend Canon  
Charles Tritschler  
Edward Doyle  
Francis John  
O'Sullivan

4th Sunday of ADVENT (A)

18th Dec. 2022



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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

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Parish Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_ *Rev. John Fogarty* e-mail: johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ *Maria* e-mail: northfleetsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

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



### Our Lady's Pre-School

Springhead Rd., Northfleet, DA11 9QZ

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e-mail: ourladypreschool@gmail.com

**Mrs A. Franco**

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### St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Springhead Rd., Northfleet, DA11 9QZ

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**Ms P. Begley**

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### 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, the next session will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Please contact the catechists, Johnny and Rumela, by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 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.

NB: There will be a winter break for this ministry, resuming on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### 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.



### CHRISTMAS 2022

#### Christmas Eve

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Confession \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 - 10:30 am

Christmas Vigil Mass \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm

Mass of Christmas Night \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 pm

#### Christmas Day

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Mass of Christmas Day \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 am

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

There will be Christmas carols from 8.30pm on Christmas Eve.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Offering, the collection taken at the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, is your personal offering to the parish priest. There are envelopes available in the church for those who wish to use them.

### RECONCILIATION

There will be additional opportunities to go to Confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 4 pm until 4:50 pm, and on Christmas Eve from 10 am until 10:30 am.

### 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.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Please go to: <https://forms.gle/XBxpdYKQZqokpznZ7>. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre was a great occasion, everyone who attended seemed to enjoy the day. The Fayre made a profit of £1366.14 for the parish, which is an excellent achievement. Thank you to Abenaa, Ewa and Fran for organising the event, and to everyone who attended or supported the Fayre in any way. Father Michael.

### HEALTH REMINDER

This is a time of year when, as we all know, coronavirus and other easily transmissible respiratory infections are doing the rounds. The advice is that, if we are unwell, we should stay at home and avoid crowded spaces, including during church services, until symptoms have abated. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

