

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Sunday, 23 August 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 22:19–23 — *"I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder."*
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 138 — *"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."*
- **Second Reading:** Romans 11:33–36 — *"How rich are the depths of God."*
- **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13–20 — *"You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."*

MEDITATION:

Jesus asks us, *"Who do you say that I am?"* Peter's profession of faith reminds us that our relationship with Christ is the foundation of our faith and of the Church.
The narrow gate reminds us that following Christ requires commitment, not just words. Jesus invites us to choose Him sincerely and live according to His teachings. Our faith is shown through love, humility, service, and perseverance. May we strive each day to enter through the narrow gate and remain faithful to God.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 22nd Aug	6:30pm	People of the Parish int
Sun 23rd Aug	9:30am	
	11:30am	Mary BUXTON RIP
Mon 24th Aug	12:15pm	
Tue 25th Aug	12:15pm	Paul RASON RIP
Wed 26th Aug	12.15pm	Corazon NARCIONALES RIP
Thu 27th Aug	12:15pm	
Fri 28th Aug	12:15pm	
Sat 29th Aug	9:30am	

PRIORY CHAPEL:
Monday to Friday at 7:30am

OFFICE HOURS
Monday and Thursday 9:30am to 5pm

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Loose plate: 324.63£
Envelopes: 178£
Thank you for your generosity!

SACRAMENTS

First Holy Communion: is a significant moment in the life of a catholic child. It marks the first time they receive the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. It is a profound step in their journey of faith and your guidance is crucial on that journey. You can help your child prepare for this Sacrament by bringing them to the lesson and to the 11h30am Sunday mass.
It is primarily for those who are in Year 3, for 7/8-year-olds as well as those up to age 10/11 who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.
Please returns the "First Holy Communion" from by the 6th September 2026

Confirmation: is a sacrament of initiation, that strengthens young people in their faith and confirms them as full members of the Catholic Church. This sacrament called Confirmation because the faith given is now confirmed and made strong. At Confirmation they renew those same promises, this time speaking for themselves.
Minimum of 13 years (Year 9) for youth candidates. Adults older than school age will prepare through RCIA/Adult Faith process.
Please, returns the Confirmation form by 6th September 2026

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual journey for adults seeking baptism, full communion with the Catholic Church, and for Catholic adults who were baptised as Infants and now seeking to complete their initiation.
Please, returns the RCIA form by 6th September 2026

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting is this Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 7.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a member of PPC or would like further information, please contact F. Joseph Cuong or Marie Bryant, PPC Secretary on 07958 307587.

PARISH EVENT

Open House: from 9am to 5pm
Saturday 12nd September
Saturday 19th September

We are pleased to announce that Our Lady of the Assumption Church has been selected to participate in the September Open House Festival organised by Open City, an architecture appreciation charity. This is an opportunity for us to welcome the community into our Grade II listed Church to share our history as an Assumptionist Parish.

We will need volunteers to welcome the visitors, answer questions about the church and make baked goods. If you are interested, please **sign up here** or add you name to the **volunteering sheet** at the back of the church.

Please contact Stephanie LIEBER on bethnalgreencof@rcdow.org.uk for any questions and more information.

We appreciate your support and your help.

YOUTH MINISTRY - **Night of Grace**

✨ Step into the peace of Our Lady of the Assumption in Bethnal Green for our young adult "Night of Grace."

🕯️ Join us on **Saturday, 12 September, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm** for a beautiful evening of candlelight, music, and Eucharistic Adoration.

🙏 Find true rest, experience God's mercy in confession, and connect with other young adults from across East London.

🤗 All are welcome—bring a friend along and take a quiet pause from your busy week.

Please, scan QR code for more info & registration.

COMMUNITY TEA & COFFEE

The Community tea & Coffee will resume weekly from Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 10h30am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

The annual Diocese of Westminster pilgrimage to the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady in Norfolk takes place on **Saturday**, **September 19, 2026**, marking its 10th anniversary. Led by Archbishop Richard Moth, the day features Mass at the Basilica, walking the traditional Holy Mile, and Eucharistic Adoration

https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/walsingham/

LEGION OF MARY

Junior Legionaries have their meeting every Sunday at 10:30am.

Senior Legionaries have their meeting every Thursday at 7pm in Priory.

Please contact Basil by email basilejifrancis@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07469730851

CONTACTLESS GIVING

Our new contactless machine is now operational.
Thank you for your understanding and your generosity!

Please scan this QR code to make a one-off donation on the website

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AUGUSTINIANS OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Cuong aa (Parish Priest)
Fr Adam aa (Assistant Priest)
Fr Joseph LIANG (Chinese chaplain)

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Mass Times
Monday – Friday: 12.15pm
Saturday: 9.30 am; 6.30 pm
Sunday: 9.30 am; 11.30 am
Holy Days of Obligation: 12.15pm; 6.30pm
Bank holidays: 9.30 am
Priory Chapel: Monday – Friday at 7.30 am
Adoration: Wednesday 11am-12am
Confession: Saturday 5.45pm – 6.15pm

If you are new to the parish, you may like to register by filling in a Parish Registration Form at the back of the church and return it to the Parish office