

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Sunday, 30 August 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

- **First Reading:** Jeremiah **20:7–9**
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm **63(62):2–6, 8–9** "*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.* "
- **Second Reading:** Romans **12:1–2**
- **Gospel Acclamation:** cf. Ephesians **1:17–18**
- **Gospel:** Matthew **16:21–27**

MEDITATION:

Jeremiah reminds us that God's word should burn within our hearts and move us to speak and act with courage. St Paul calls us to offer our whole lives to God and allow Him to renew and transform our minds. Jesus teaches that true discipleship requires us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him.
May we trust that in losing ourselves for Christ, we will discover the fullness of life.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 29th Aug	6:30pm	People of the Parish int
Sun 30th Aug	9:30am	
	11:30am	Patrick WALSH RIP
Mon 31st Aug	12:15pm	
Tue 01st Sept	12:15pm	
Wed 02nd Sept	12.15pm	Betty HERMAN RIP
Thu 3rd Sept	12:15pm	
Fri 4th Sept	12:15pm	Peace in the Great Lake Region of Africa Int
Sat 5th Sept	9:30am	Patrick WALSH RIP

PRIORY CHAPEL:
Monday to Friday at 7:30am

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Loose plate: 255.41£
Envelopes: 167£
Thank you for your generosity!

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 please, contact Stephanie LIEBER on bethnalgreencof@rcdow.org.uk for any questions and more information.
We appreciate your support and your help.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The programme for our meetings for the year 2026–2027 is now on the parish website https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/bethnalgreen/parish-groups/assumptionists-young-adult-group/

This year, we will reflect on vocations and the call of the Lord to each one of us. Our theme for the year is inspired by the life of Samuel, when the Lord spoke to him for the first time, and Samuel answered: **"Speak, for your servant is listening**." 1 Samuel 3:10

There will be several talks throughout the year, and also the **Night of Grace** once a month during which we will spend time in silence, listening to what the Lord wants to say to us.

There will also be the **Alpha Course**, held once a month on Sunday after 11h30am Mass. We will have lunch together, followed by a gathering, to help us deepen our reflection on the questions and challenges we face in our daily lives and our vocation as young Catholics.

Upcoming events

Young Adults Mass and Resonate Panel Talk

Time: 19:45-21:00 Tuesday 8 September 2026

Location: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, Westminster, London SW1P 1QN

The panel will bring together three different vocations in the Church: priesthood, religious life, and marriage. This evening is an opportunity to hear honest, real, faith orientated reflections from people who are living out their vocation in very different ways.

Young people of our parish will participate in that event**.** Join us for this special evening as we listen, reflect, and discover more about the different ways the Lord calls each one of us!

Night of Grace

Saturday, 12 September, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm for a beautiful evening of candlelight, music, and Eucharistic Adoration in our church**.** All are welcome—bring a friend along and take a quiet pause from your busy week. Please, scan QR code for more info & registration.

Upper Room Leadership Programme

Are you the current or next Youth Ministry Leader? **Upper Room Leadership Programme** equips Catholics to lead and inspire the next generation through faith, formation, practical training and ministry experience. The programme ends with a youth ministry qualification and pilgrimage to Lourdes with expectation for you to serve and lead in your parish! To sign up by **16 September 2026** and learn more please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/

SACRAMENTS

The forms for **First Holy Communion**, **Confirmation**, and the **RCIA** are now available at the back of the church.

Please, complete it and returns all these forms by 6th September 2026

COMMUNITY TEA & COFFEE

Community Tea & Coffee will resume weekly on **Thursday, 3 September 2026**, at **10:30 am** in the **Parish Hall**.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a moment together over a cup of tea or coffee.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

For further details, please visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

Job Title	Department	Closing Date
Parish Organist	Whitton	02/09/2026
Events Coordinator	Soho Square	02/09/2026
Cleaning & Facilities Assistant	Seeds Hub	18/09/2026

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)

Website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/bethnalgreen

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Bonner Road, E2 9JY,
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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