

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Sunday, 01st November 2026
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

- **First Reading:** Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 A great multitude from every nation stands before God
- **Responsorial Psalm**: Psalm 24:1–6 "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face"
- **Second Reading**: 1 John 3:1–3 We are God's children now
- **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1–12a The Beatitudes: blessed are the poor in spirit

MEDITATION:

The saints remind us that holiness begins in the simplicity of everyday life. Jesus calls us to be humble, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers. May we find joy in serving others and courage in following His ways. Lord, guide us on the path to sainthood and lead us into Your eternal kingdom.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 31st Oct	6:30 pm	
Sun 01st Nov	9:30am	Departed Legionaries RIP
	11:30am	Departed Legionaries RIP
Mon 02nd Nov	12:15pm	Sandra UGBOMA's Mother RIP
Tue 03rd Nov	12:15pm	Teresa LAU RIP
Wed 04th Nov	12.15pm	Teresa LAU RIP
Thu 05th Nov	12:15pm	Holy Souls
Fri 06th Nov	12:15pm	Peace in the Great lake region of Africa Int
Sat 07th Nov	9:30 am	Alberto CANGA RIP

PRIORY CHAPEL:
Monday to Friday at 7:30am

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Loose plate: 226.42£

Envelopes: 203£

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH EVENTS & ANNOUCEMENTS

All Souls Day Mass 02nd Nov 2026

- 7:30am: in the Chapel
- 12:15pm in the church

Night of Grace

First Friday of the Month – Devotion to the Sacred heart of Jesus.
Friday **6th November 2026**, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm for a beautiful evening of candlelight, music, confession and Eucharistic Adoration in our church.

As we remember and pray for the souls of our departed family members and friends, especially during this month dedicated to the Holy Souls, take this opportunity to pause, find peace in prayer, and draw closer to the Lord.
All are welcome—bring a friend along and take a quiet pause from your busy week.

November Dead List

It is customary for Catholics to pray for those who have died, especially in the month of November. The traditional lists and envelopes are available on the table at the back of the Church and
Please add the names of those deceased family members and friends who you wish to be prayed for and put the lists in the envelopes (donation optional) and leave them in the basket at **Our Lady's altar**. The lists will be collected from the box, placed in a large envelope, and placed on the High Altar. During November, they will be prayed for at all Masses.

Parish Advent Retreat

Join us for our Parish Advent Retreat on **Saturday 28th November 2026 (9:30am – 3:30pm)**, led by Franciscan priest Father Paul. It will be a wonderful opportunity to pause, pray and prepare spiritually for the coming of Christmas.

Please register using the form available at the back of the church or by this QR code.
Please, bring your own lunch, and tea and coffee will be provided by the parish.

Jumble Sale and Christmas Fair

Parish Jumble Sale coming up is on **Saturday 12th December 2026**. We're collecting donations of good quality items that are still useful and in good condition. If you have anything at home that you no longer need, such as clothes, household items, kitchenware, ornaments, toys or small gifts, we would be very grateful for your donation. We're hoping

to collect things that other people would be happy to buy and use, so we're **NOT** looking for DVD, CDs, books or old items that wouldn't be in use.

We are also looking for volunteers to help sort, arrange and transport donated items to the parish hall. If you have anything you would like to donate or are available to volunteer, please contact Mrs **Suzetre or Fr Joseph Cuong**.

Thank you so much for your generosity, kindness and continued support.

Appeal for unloved Christmas Decorations

Do you have any Christmas decorations at home that you've fallen out of love with? We would love to take them off your hands to decorate our shop and of course our church in time for the Christmas period. Please could you hand in to Fr Joseph (preferably in a bag) to be passed on to Criscini Canga. Many thanks.

Volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy

For Children's Liturgy we welcome children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and children on the 1st Holy Communion Programme. The Catechists (the Children's Liturgy leaders) will stand up by the step where the baptismal font is, after the completion of the Gloria and the opening prayer and before the First Reading, the priest will invite any children and if they wish any parent/carer to follow the Catechists into the hall. Once in the hall, we follow a simplified version of the Liturgy of the Word – we listen to the gospel story (which can be acted out), read bidding. We finish by saying the Hail Mary and then return to the mass after the bidding prayers taking place in the church. There is usually some artwork that the children can do, connected to the Gospel story they have just read, these they will take up to the priest as part of the offertory.

It would be wonderful if we could have some volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy. The plan is to have a rota so it isn't something you would have to do every week, unless of course you were happy to do so. We have to have at least 2 adults accompany the children, and the church will help with obtaining DBS checks at no cost to yourselves. Currently, we only have Children's liturgy at the 11:30am mass on Sundays, but if we can get enough volunteers, we could start a group at 9:30am or even Saturday evening masses at 6:30pm. If you are interested in having a chat about this please speak to Cathy Russo after 6:30 mass on Saturday or drop me a text message on 07931 723791.

OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday during school term time at the **11:30am Mass**. All children under 8 years old who have not yet received the First Holy Communion are invited to join us for a joyful and engaging celebration of God's Word!

Community tea & coffee

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

- Community Tea & Coffee will resume weekly on **Thursday**, at **10:30 am**
- Tea and coffee will also be available **after the 6:30 pm Saturday Mass**

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.
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AUGUSTINIANS OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Cuong aa (Parish Priest)
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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 or by arrangement

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