

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**Sunday, 18th October 2026**
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 45:1, 4–6— God calls Cyrus to serve His purpose and reminds His people that He alone is Lord. His power extends over all nations.
- **Responsorial Psalm**: Psalm 96:1, 3–5, 7–10— "Give the Lord glory and honour."
- **Second Reading**: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b— St Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' work of faith, labour of love and endurance in hope through Jesus Christ.
- **Gospel:** Matthew 22:15–21— Jesus is questioned about paying taxes to Caesar. He asks whose image is on the coin and responds that we must give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.

MEDITATION:

Heavenly Father, help me to give You the place You deserve in my life. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and renew my hope. Teach me to fulfil my responsibilities with honesty and compassion, and let my life reflect Your goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Sat 17th Oct | 6:30pm | |
| Sun 18th Oct | 9:30am | |
| | 11:30am | Anthony Martin GALLAGHER RIP |
| Mon 92th Oct | 12:15pm | |
| Tue 20th Oct | 12:15pm | Holy Souls |
| Wed 21st Oct | 12.15pm | |
| Thu 22nd Oct | 12:15pm | |
| Fri 23rd Oct | 12:15pm | |
| Sat 24th Oct | 9:30 am | |

PRIORY CHAPEL:
Monday to Friday at 7:30am

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Loose plate: 250.31£

Envelopes: 203£

*Thank you for your generosity!*

PARISH EVENTS

**Fund raising meeting** - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 20th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Please attend if you are interested in helping with fund raising to support our church projects and the building repair works. We would love too hear from you, if you have any ideas on new ways to raise funds.

**Catechists training** - Advance notice that in January/February 2027, there will be training for Catechists. If you are interested in becoming a Catechist, please contact: Marie Bryant on 07958 307587.

**Family Bingo** – Saturday 24th October. Arrive at 1:45 for 2pm start. Children encouraged to come along with adults, all children will win a prize.

Entry cost £5, children free. However, books of tickets £1 per person/child – buy as many as you wish. 5 games will be played. Bring own refreshments – drinks and snacks. Tea & coffee provided in the interval

**Quiz Night -** Friday 23rd October 7.30 for 8pm Start - Entry £5

Why not come along to the Church Hall for our penultimate Quiz Night of 2026. Come along with a team or come along and join an existing team. A light hearted evening, no individual questions, just work as a team. Bring your own drink – soft or alcoholic and nibbles, there will be refreshments – tea, coffee in the interval. There will be plenty of raffle prizes to win too – tickets are £1 for a strip of 5 tickets, buy as many as you wish. All the proceedings will go towards the new roof appeal.

**Cleaning Our Lady of the Assumption Church:** Not so long ago, we had an abundance of volunteers to help with cleaning our beautiful church. However, we are now in a very sorry state with, in some cases, teams consisting of 1 or 2 volunteers.

We currently have 4 teams, so each of the 4 teams clean the church once every 4 weeks. The church provides all the cleaning materials and the cleaning as a rule takes in the region of 1- 1 1/2 hours (many hands make light work!).



Could you please give this some thought, and if you feel you could spare an hour / hour or so once a month, please could you contact Cathy Russo either by email on cathyjeanrusso@aol.com or text her on 07931 723791 with your details and when would be a suitable time for you to clean. Teams clean

either on Wednesday/Thursday evening at approximately 5.30pm, or Saturday morning after the 9.30am mass. We can then slot you into a team, or if you want to set up your own team, that would be fine too. The more teams we have, the better! Many thanks. Look forward to hearing from you.

**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.

## PARISH COUNCIL

*Could you share your talents with our parish?*

**Our Finance Committee** is looking for a parishioner to join as a new member.
You may already have experience in finance, budgeting, administration or organisation—or perhaps you simply have an interest in learning more. You don't need to be an expert: this is a great opportunity to use your existing skills, contribute to the life of our parish, and develop new ones along the way.

**Weekly Collection Counting Team**

We are looking for volunteers to join our church collection counting team. You wouldn't be expected to count on your own, but in pairs, and would possibly be asked to count once per month, twice occasionally.
**Interested?** Please speak to Stephanie Lieber or Fr Joseph after Mass or get in touch with Stephanie at bethnalgreencof@rcdow.org Thank you for helping us serve our church community.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Alpha Course** for Young Adults starts on **25 October 2026**, after the **11:30 AM Mass**. Come along for a relaxed time of conversation, friendship, and exploring faith together. Everyone is welcome — bring a friend and join us! Please, contact Francis and Leo for more information.

OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Children's Liturgy** will take place every Sunday during the **11:30 AM Mass**. All children 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.
Thank you for your understanding and your generosity!
Please scan this QR code to make a one-off donation on the website. If you pay UK tax, you can add 25% to your donation with Gift Aid

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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 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