

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Sunday, 27th September 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

- **First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25–28 — *When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.*
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 24(25):4–9 — **"Remember your mercies, O Lord."**
- **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1–11 — *Be united in your love; have the same mind as Christ.*
- **Gospel:** Matthew 21:28–32 — Jesus tells the parable of the **two sons**: one initially refuses his father's command but later goes, while the other says yes but does not go

MEDITATION:

Lord, help me to say "yes" to You not only with my words, but through my actions.
Give me a humble heart that is willing to change when I go astray.
Teach me to follow Christ with love, obedience, and sincerity.
May my life each day become a true response to Your loving call.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 26th Sept	6:30pm		
Sun 27th Sept	9:30am		
	11:30am	Alex FERREIRA	RIP
Mon 28th Sept	12:15pm	Holy Souls	
Tue 29th Sept	12:15pm	Ashley SINGH	Int
Wed 30th Sept	12.15pm	Godofredo T NEMENO	RIP
Thu 01st Oct	12:15pm		
Fri 02nd Oct	12:15pm	Peace in the Great Lake Region of Africa	Int
Sat 03rd Oct	9:30 am	Clare CARSWELL	Int

PRIORY CHAPEL:
Monday to Friday at 7:30am

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION
Loose plate:

Envelopes:
Thank you for your generosity!

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.

The Finance Committee plays an important role in helping our parish manage its resources responsibly and plan for the future. Your time, ideas and insights could make a real difference. If you think this might be something you could be involved in, or you'd simply like to find out more, please speak to Fr Joseph after Mass or contact Stephanie Lieber, current chair, on bethnalgreencof@rcdow.org
We would love to hear from you!
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Weekly Collection Counting Team
We are looking for volunteers to join our **weekly church collection counting team**.
Counting the collection is an important part of our church's ministry, and we want to make sure it is carried out carefully, transparently, and safely.
Volunteers will always work as part of a team, so no one will be expected to count the collection alone. If you're able to give a little time (it takes about an hour) on a regular basis and would be happy to help, we would love to hear from you.

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.

PARISH EVENT & CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Roof and Boiler Appeal – An Update for Parishioners
We are pleased to update you on the progress of our Roof and Boiler Appeal and to thank everyone for their continued support, generosity and patience.
The project involves several important works to our church and parish hall:

- replacing the flat roof over the parish hall and church;
- replacing the boilers serving the church and parish hall; and
- repairing the pitched roof of the church.

The anticipated total cost of these works is **£465,000**.

Thanks to the generosity of our parish community, we have raised **£50,000 through parish activities and individual donations**. We are also extremely grateful to have secured a **£250,000 major donation** and a **£100,000 foundation grant**. These contributions bring us very close to covering the main cost of the project. We are also applying for additional grants to help meet the cost of the necessary internal repairs and redecoration. If these applications are not successful, we will need to meet those costs from parish reserves.

As our church is a **Grade II listed building**, we are awaiting final approval from the **Historic Churches Committee** before work on the roof can begin but anticipate that will be in early October. Also, we are in discussion with the contractor regarding the specifications for the new boiler system, and we hope to begin the boiler replacement towards the end of October. Once the external works are complete, we anticipate carrying out the internal repairs and redecoration early in 2027.

We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed financially, supported our fundraising activities, offered encouragement and, above all, shown patience as we work through the various approvals and practical arrangements. These are significant works for our parish, but they are essential to safeguard our church and parish hall for the future.
Thank you for your continued generosity, support and patience.

SACRAMENTS

We invite all parents and children to the first meeting of the **First Holy Communion and Confirmation programme**. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 7 October 2026, at 7:00 pm**. We warmly encourage all parents and children to attend and begin this important journey together.
The forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and the RCIA are still available at the back of the church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Talk: What is 21st political identity for Christians?
Tuesday 29th Sept 7:30pm (Assumption Priory) By Jeremy GEDDERT Ph.D – Assumption University in the US. An opportunity to reflect on Christian identity, faith, and our role in today's changing political and social world.

Night of Grace
First Friday of the Month – Devotion to the Sacred heart of Jesus. Friday 2nd September 2026, 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.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on Friday 2 October. It is a day when we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously.
Please collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave, so that you can Gift Aid your donation, or give through the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk Thank you for your generosity.

OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITY

Community tea & coffee

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

- Community Tea & Coffee will resume weekly on Thursday, 3 September 2026, at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.
- After 6:30pm on Saturday and 9:30am on Sunday

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

AUGUSTINIANS OF THE ASSUMPTION

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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