

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Sunday, 08th November 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

- **First Reading:** Wisdom 6:12–16 Wisdom is found by those who seek her.
- **Responsorial Psalm**: Psalm 63 (62):2–8 "For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God."
- **Second Reading**: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Hope in the resurrection.
- **Gospel:** Matthew 25:1–13 The Parable of the Ten Virgins

MEDITATION:

Lord, help me to keep the lamp of my faith burning through prayer, love and good works. Teach me to remain watchful and prepared, for I do not know the day or the hour of Your coming. May I never allow the distractions of this world to draw my heart away from You. Fill me with Your wisdom and grace, so that I may always be ready to meet You. Amen.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 07th Nov	6:30 pm	Victor RASON RIP
Sun 08th Nov	9:30am	Deceased members of NEMENO family
	11:30am	Mary Elizabeth HARRISON RIP
Mon 09th Nov	12:15pm	Juliana Lwobi & Cousin RIP
Tue 10th Nov	12:15pm	Deceased members of FERBER – GARCIA family
Wed 11th Nov	12.15pm	Martha FERNANDES Int
Thu 12th Nov	12:15pm	Holy Souls
Fri 13th Nov	12:15pm	Deceased members of CANGA family
Sat 14th Nov	9:30 am	Pope Leo XIV's Intention

PRIORY CHAPEL:
Monday to Friday at 7:30am

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Loose plate: 251.05£

Envelopes: 193£

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH EVENTS & ANNOUCEMENTS

RCIA and Confirmation

Please be reminded that RCIA and Confirmation will take place this Tuesday 10/11/2026 at 7:30pm

All interested participants are warmly encouraged to attend.

Application forms are still available at the back of the church.

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; 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.

Planned Giving Update:

In June this year, members of the Parish and Finance Committees spoke to us about the importance of being good stewards and looking after our beautiful church, parts of which are currently undergoing major repair. We were asked to give what we can in terms of volunteering to take on various responsibilities, and by thinking about how much we can give financially on a planned and regular basis.

We were told about the benefits of giving at collection time by using envelopes or by setting up a standing order, because money given this way can be gift aided allowing us to claim additional money from the tax office.

I am pleased to say that this push towards planned giving has been successful. More parishioners have committed to using envelopes and more have set up standing orders, all of which puts our finances in a healthier position. Thank you to everyone who responded so positively.

For those of you that pledged to give your time, the parishioner coordinating activities will be in touch in the near future. Anyone still wanting to sign up for envelopes or set up a standing order, please complete the form that is in the green **Planned Giving Pledge** booklet, on the table at the back of the church.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection next weekend**, Sunday 15th November**, in support of our Sick and Retired Priests.

Your generous contributions will help provide care and support for our priests who have faithfully served the Church. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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.

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)
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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