



Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Links Road

*One Family, One Love*

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

282 LINKS ROAD TOOTING, SW17 9ER  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

1ST DECEMBER 2024

Phone: 020 8769 4391

Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Nnalue

Email: [tootinglinksroad@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tootinglinksroad@rcaos.org.uk)

Web: [www.ourladyoftheassumption.com](http://www.ourladyoftheassumption.com)

Saturday	30	Andrew Baretto (RIP) People of the Parish	9:30am 6.30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Beatriz Ganzan (RIP) Holy Souls	10am 12pm
Monday	2	Ela (Well-being)	9:30am
Tuesday	3	<b>St. Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial</b> Francis Gracias (2nd Anniversary RIP)	9:30am
Wednesday	4	Holy Souls	9:30am
Thursday	5	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday	6	Dominic Rato, Mr & Mrs Michael Rato (RIP), & Mr. & Mrs John and Rachael D'Souza (RIP)	9:30am
Saturday	7	<b>St. Ambrose, Priest, Doctor of the Church</b> Holy Souls People of the Parish	9:30am 6.30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Esmie Prentice (Well-being) St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society, and Knights and Ladies of Marshal (Intentions)	10am 12pm

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to request a Mass for yourself or a friend or relative, please use one of the envelopes at the back of the church and put it in the presbytery letter box or give to the Sacristan or the parish secretary.

**SEASON OF ADVENT:** The season of Advent has a two-fold character. It is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God is remembered, and also a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forwards to Christ' Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight, leading to the full joy of Christmas. It is also a season apt for reflecting on the role in our redemption of Mary, the Most of God.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:** Paul Gavin, Elizabeth Worsley, Kathleen Lally, Bridie Hannon, Cynthia Foxten, Pat Willis, Peter Kilkenny, Michelle Anderson, Marilyn Harrison, Martin Joyce, James Carlin, Mrs Pat Dzantan Quist, Lisa Harrison, Christine Kondishura, Sean Baveghens, Elmila Frauchon, Mary Kilkenny, Natali William, Basil Desouza, Audra, Philoja Bangras, Steven Smith, Maria COB, John Quinn, Tome Ogaga, If you know any parishioner who is sick and will want their name in the parish sick list for prayers, kindly forward their name to the parish secretary or Fr. Joseph.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for the souls of our departed who died at this time of year: Ann Mulroy, John Bonhan, Thomas McGrath, Elizabeth Darnley, Leo Castello, Maura Kilkelly, Margaret Newton, Luto Mason, Yvonne Thomas, Elizabeth Brooks, Cathy Payne, Kathleen McMahan

CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE....

## WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCH

You are welcomed to our parish. Please take care of yourself and parishioners, and sanitise your hands before entering the church.

**Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place every Wednesday after 9:30am Mass (10am to 12pm), and every First Friday of the month from 8:30am to 9:30am.

- **A Rosary** will be prayed every day before the 9:30am weekday Mass or 10am Sunday Mass
- **The Friday Club** is resumed in the hall after the 9:30am Mass on Fridays
- **Tea and Coffee** will be served after 10:00am Mass every Sunday

First Fridays of each month there will be a Mass for Family Restoration and Healing at 8pm.

First Saturdays after 9:30am Mass—Apostolate of Fatima devotion in the church, with Exposition and Benediction

## DONATIONS/OFFERINGS

Your continuous donations and offerings to the church are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a standing order and/or join our gift aid scheme, you can download a form from the Donate page on the website. You are encouraged to use our contactless machine in the church to ease the work of the counters. Please follow the instructions—if you wish to use gift aid, your details can be added after paying. You may also scan the QR code to donate.



Thank you for supporting the running of the Church.

<b>OFFERTORY (24TH NOVEMBER)</b>	<b>£240.01</b>
<b>CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE</b>	<b>£89.57</b>

**PARISH OFFICE HOUR:** The parish office in the presbytery, 282 Links Road, is opened every Tuesday from 5pm –7pm. Contact for any pastoral discussion or counselling and signing of forms. Feel free to ring the priest and book appointment at any time for emergency.

**CONFESSION:** Every Saturday after the 9:30am mass and at appointment at any time.

## SAFEGUARDING

As a parish, we all share the responsibility for keeping our church a safe, happy and welcoming place for all our parishioners to worship and grow together in Christ. Our parish has two safeguarding representatives who support the parish priest in managing safeguarding procedures; they are Martin Paes and Siobhan Kerins. See the notice board at the back of the church for more safeguarding information

**NEW LECTIONARY:** The new lectionary comes into use from this week, the 1st Sunday of Advent. We gratefully appreciate those who donated the new lectionary volumes. Kindly note that updated Parish Mass Books with the new translation of the readings have not yet been published so for the time being we will be using missalettes.

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:** The Feast of St. Francis Xavier is to be celebrated by the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption on Saturday 7th December 2024 with a Mass at 6:30pm. Due to the size of the hall this will be followed by a prior purchased ticket-only event in the hall. Please contact Edna Paes, Agnela Cabral, Susan Johannes for tickets. Proceeds will go to the church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents of children who wish to receive their First Holy Communion in 2025, please pick up an application form from the back of the church and return it to the Presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION:** Parents of children who wish to be confirmed next year, please pick up an application form at the back of the church and return it to Fr. Joseph.

**RCIA:** Adults who wish to become Catholic and be baptised and confirmed in the church, or those who are baptised Catholics but who have not been confirmed, please contact Father Joseph to join the process for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), leading up to the Rite of Election in March and reception into the church at Easter. Sessions will begin on Saturday 11th January 2025.

**St Boniface RC Primary** are keen to have Catholic children from our surrounding parishes join us for Reception next September. The Reception application deadline to join St Boniface RC Primary is 15th January 2025. Please visit your parish open house to get the form signed, and return it to our school. If you would like a private tour, we would be very happy to show new families around, just contact us; tel: 0208 672 5874 or email: [admin@stboniface.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stboniface.wandsworth.sch.uk)

**LEGION OF MARY:** The Legion of Mary Association meets every Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 7pm. New members are welcome.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING:** We are looking for people to join our jolly team of volunteers who provide a warm welcome and a cup of tea after the Sunday 10 O'Clock Mass. For more information please speak to Fr. Joseph or one of the team.

**WORLD APOSTOLATE FOR FATIMA:** The World Apostolate of Fatima First Saturday devotions will continue in the church after the 9:30am Mass on the first Saturday of each month. The devotion begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Fatima Prayers.

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** The Parish bereavement group meets in the parish hall every first Monday of the month at 5pm.

**FOOD BANK:** Dependence on food banks is a growing reality for many people especially with the increased cost of food and fuel impacting on family income. If you are able to, please leave donations of tinned/dry food in the box at the back of the church. All contributions are gratefully received. Thank you.

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH:** Those who help in cleaning the church need extra hands. If you can sacrifice one hour a month in cleaning God's house, kindly contact Dee Dee through Fr. Joseph. God Bless you.

**WELCOMING GROUP:** If you are interested in joining the Welcoming group of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, kindly contact the Parish Priest.

**REPOSITORY:** A range of Catholic goods, cards and rosaries are available in the Parish Bookshop.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Please, nobody should leave his or her personal belongings in the church without the permission of the parish priest. Otherwise whatever is found in the church is considered as parish property. Thanks.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Choir practice will be held every **MONDAY** in the church at **7pm**. New voices, male and female, are always welcome — come and sing and praise God.

**APPRECIATION:** Thank you for your contributions and for being an indefatigable and dynamic parishioner. Your sincere contribution and support is highly appreciated. God bless you.

**WELCOME TO ALL NEW PARISHIONERS.** We are pleased to have new members in our parish family. Be a part of us. We love you. God bless you.

## **YEAR OF PRAYER 2024** **PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYERS**

God of blessings,  
in this year ahead,  
give us a spirit of listening,  
of openness to your word  
and longing for your kingdom.  
As we journey toward the Jubilee,  
a time of new beginnings,  
we pray for help and strength,  
to heal our relationships with each other  
and all creation.  
Sing your song of love over us,  
renewing our faith and courage,  
so we may join our voices together,  
discovering new harmonies of hope,  
new melodies of reconciliation

Attentive to the Spirit,  
and awake to the needs of the world,  
may we seek your life-giving presence,  
as we join as one global family,  
in a great symphony of prayer and praise.  
**Amen.**

**“OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION,  
ONE FAMILY, ONE LOVE”**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
**LINKS ROAD, TOOTING**

*Presbytery: 282 Links Road Tooting, London SW17 9ER*  
*Telephone: 02087694391*

Saturday	30	Andrew Baretto (RIP) People of the Parish	9:30am 6.30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Beatriz Ganzan (RIP) Holy Souls	10am 12pm
Monday	2	Ela (Well-being)	9:30am
Tuesday	3	<b>St. Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial</b> Francis Gracias (2nd Anniversary RIP)	9:30am
Wednesday	4	Holy Souls	9:30am
Thursday	5	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday	6	Dominic Rato, Mr & Mrs Michael Rato (RIP), & Mr. & Mrs John and Rachael D'Souza (RIP)	9:30am
Saturday	7	<b>St. Ambrose, Priest, Doctor of the Church</b> Holy Souls People of the Parish	9:30am 6.30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Esmie Prentice (Well-being) St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society, and Knights and Ladies of Marshal (Intentions)	10am 12pm