

THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 17 November 2024
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00am Solemn Mass

*A very warm welcome to everyone especially if this is your first visit.
Please join us for refreshments following the service.
Please take this order of service away with you*

THIS WEEK

Observances	Monday:	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul</i>
	Tuesday:	<i>Feria</i> Low Mass: 10.00am
	Wednesday:	<i>Feria</i> No Mass today
	Thursday:	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Low Mass: 10.00am
	Friday:	<i>St Cecilia</i> No Mass today
	Saturday:	<i>St Columbanus</i> Holy Rosary: 11.00am
	Sunday 24 th :	CHRIST THE KING Solemn Mass, Procession & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00am

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A warm welcome to the Ascension, Lavender Hill. We are a Parish of the Diocese of Southwark and under the Episcopal care of the Bishop of Fulham. If you would like to know more about the Ascension, have queries about baptisms, weddings and funerals, or any questions about the Christian Faith, please speak to the Parish Priest, Fr Philip, who will be pleased to assist you:

Fr Philip Kennedy

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We are an excepted charity, and rely principally on donations to sustain our work. Please give as generously as you are able, either at the Offertory or by scanning the QR code below.

If you are a taxpayer and are able to gift-aid your donation please do so by either placing your cash donation into a blue envelope and filling in your details on the front, or ask one of the Churchwardens for a Gift Aid form.

Thank you for your support.



*Our **Churchwardens** are the Bishop's representatives in the Parish (elected by the parishioners) and work together with Fr Philip to ensure the smooth running of the Parish. They can be contacted as follows:*

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*We take the **safeguarding** of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. Here are the details of our **Parish Safeguarding Officers**, who should be the first point of contact for any concerns:*

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand when the bell rings.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne,
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite, heart,
Believing, true and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From Christ who dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed
And full of love divine,
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

My heart, Thou know'st, can never rest
Till Thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self, and sin, I cease.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of Love.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

The priest introduces the Mass.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The priest introduces the confession. Silence is kept for recollection of our sins.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

ABSOLUTION

**May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10: 11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him.

By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: MARK 13: 24-32

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY: Fr Philip Kennedy, *Parish Priest*

THE NICENE CREED

All stand

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
*All bow at the memorial of the Incarnation:***

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became
man. *All rise***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

At the end of the intercessions we pray together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

All stand to sing the offertory hymn as the altar is prepared. A collection is taken to support the ministry and mission of the Church.

**Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
Sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
Whom the heaven of heaven obeys.**

**Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
Formed the seas, or built the sky,
Love eternal, free, and boundless,
Forced the Lord of life to die,
Lifted up the Prince of princes
On the throne of Calvary.**

**There, for us and our redemption,
see him all his life-blood pour!
There he wins our full salvation,
dies that we may die no more;
then, arising, lives for ever,
reigning where he was before.**

**Now on those eternal mountains
Stands the sapphire throne, all bright,
With the ceaseless alleluias
Which they raise, the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
Victor after hard-won fight.**

Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
Sweep the string and pour the lay;
Let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
He the Lamb once slain is worthy,
Who was dead, and lives for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run. Amen.

When the altar is prepared the Priest says:

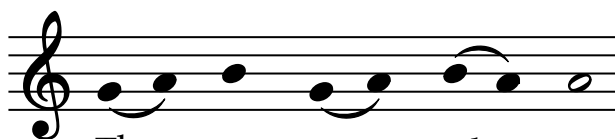
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and
glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

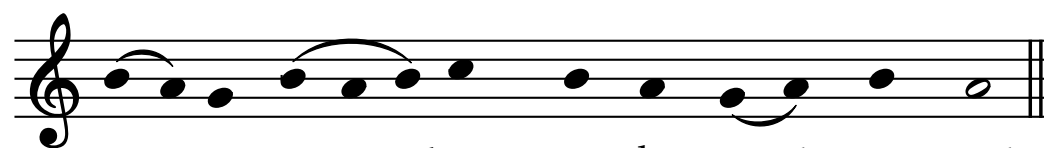
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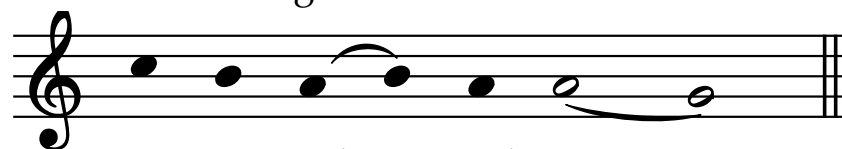
The Lord be with you.
And with your spi - rit.



Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right and just.

The priest sings the Preface, after which we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

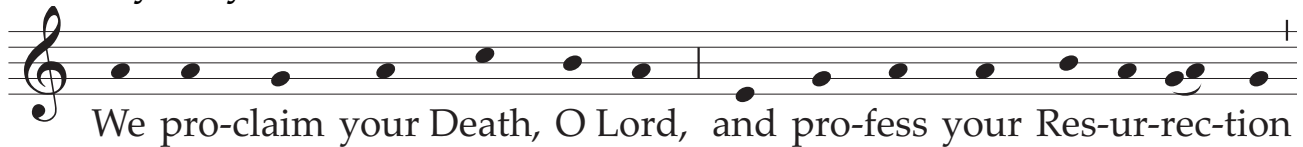
**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel or sit as the Eucharistic Prayer continues:

The mystery of faith:



The prayer concludes "...for ever and ever" to which all reply:
Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand as the priest invites the people to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace, I give you: look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The priest and ministers receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity and normally receive Holy Communion in your own Church, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here today. If you wish to receive the Precious Blood, please make your way, after receiving the Host, to the chalice-bearer standing in front of the pulpit. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms or bring this order of service with you as a sign to the priest

During Holy Communion, please observe a reverent silence until we are ready to sing the hymn together

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour
of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we
have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of
an angel, so by his Cross and Passion may we be brought to the glory of
his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

**O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:**

**Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.**

**Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.**

**O spread thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Recessional*
Christopher Maxim (b.1971)

*Please remain standing until the procession has left the church.
You are warmly invited to join us after Mass for refreshments.*

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those in need

Elly Kostur, Jean Tester, Cath Papangelou, Maureen Papangelou,
Shabnam Mehdi-Poor, Alvin Rhodon, Andrew Woods,
Carol Farley, Luke Guthrie, Alan, Roy Norton, Robin Farquhar-
Thomson, Victoria, Tina Guthrie, Vicki Guthrie, Becky Saint, Joanne
Donaghy, Mary Lynagh, Joan Aabee, Peggy Ossawy

Recently departed

Anniversaries of death

17: Mary Mudson, George Grinham, Hector William Claugher

18: Mary Hopper, Margaret Stokes, Edith Ship, Duncan Makulu

19: May Luff

20: Priscilla Seddon, Mary Ann Bowen, Muriel Summers

21: Phyllis James

22: Camille Joseph de Kimpe, Ethel Maud Sharp, William & Joseph Spall

23: Cedma Mack (pr), Charles Ellis

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR: SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 10.00AM – 2.00PM

Please make a note in your diary now. Any offers of help and of raffle prizes gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations appreciated towards flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. Many thanks.

NEW LECTIONARIES

Our new lectionaries (from which we read the Scripture readings at each service) have arrived. They will be blessed towards the end of the Mass today. Their purchase was made possible by a legacy from the late Margaret Leppard. Please remember her in your prayers.

GRAVE TALK: SAT 30 NOVEMBER AT 2.00PM

November is the month in the life of the Church when we pray in particular for those who have died.

Sometimes we can avoid having difficult conversations about death, dying and bereavement because they can be awkward or sensitive topics to address.

This discussion session (held in church) will offer an opportunity for guided conversation on these themes, facilitated by our SPAs, Ann and Barbara, as well as a chance to ask questions and to think about some practical steps concerning how to plan a funeral service.

The afternoon will conclude with a Mass at 4.00pm.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2024: KEY DATES

Sun 1 December	11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Mass <i>Advent Sunday: a new year begins</i> Advent Carols at Gloucester Rd
Tues 3 December	7.00pm	Memorial Carol Service <i>with Ernest Larnner & Sons</i>
Sat 7 December	10.00am	Christmas Fair
Mon 9 December	12 noon 6.30pm	Low Mass: <i>The Immaculate Conception</i> Carol Service <i>Metropolitan Police, Lavender Hill</i>
Thurs 12 December	2.00pm	Shaftesbury Pk Primary School Christmas Performance
Sat 14 December	12 noon 6.00pm	Christmas meet-up event with South London District Scouts Christmas Concert: Sympel Choir
Sun 15 December	11.00am	Parish Mass <i>Cel. & Pr: Fr Graeme Rowlands</i>
Sun 22 December	6.00pm	Carol Service & Christingle
Tues 24 December	10.00am 11.00pm	Final Mass of Advent Midnight Mass
Wed 25 December	10.30am	Mass of Christmas Day
[Thurs 26 December	11.00am	at St Stephen, Gloucester Rd: Sung Mass for the Patronal Festival <i>Preacher: Fr Philip Kennedy]</i>
Wed 1 January	12 noon	Mass: <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>