

# THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 16 June 2024  
The Eleventh 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*

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Observances</b>	Monday:	<i>Feria</i>
	Tuesday:	<i>Feria</i>
	Wednesday:	<i>Feria</i> <b>Low Mass: <u>12 noon</u></b>
	Thursday:	<i>St Alban</i>
	Friday:	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
	Saturday:	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE
	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Solemn Mass: 11.00am</b>

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# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand when the bell rings.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

**Bright the vision that delighted  
Once the sight of Judah's seer;  
Sweet the countless tongues united  
To entrance the prophet's ear.**

**Round the Lord in glory seated  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Filled his temple, and repeated  
Each to each the alternate hymn:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'**

**Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
Earth takes up the angels' cry,  
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,  
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**

**With his seraph train before him,  
With his holy Church below,  
Thus unite we to adore him,  
Bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

## 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.**

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, strength of those who hope in you,  
graciously hear our pleas,  
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,  
grant us always the help of your grace,  
that in following your commands  
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17: 22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.

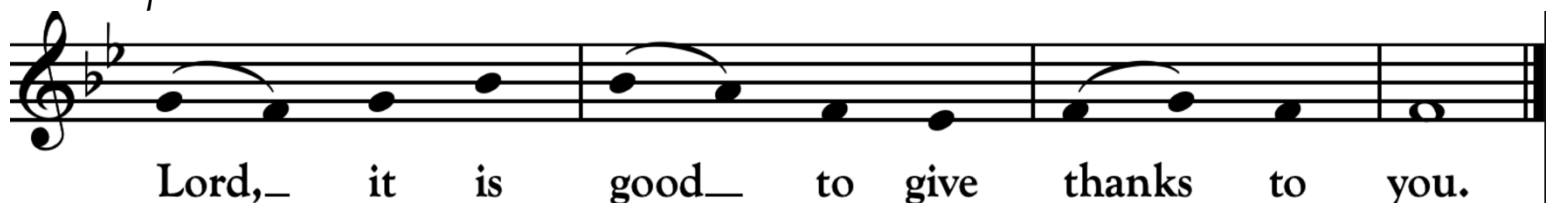
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 92

*Verses sung by the cantor.*

*Response:*



Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

## SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand to welcome the Gospel.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING: MARK 4: 26-34

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 the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*All sit.*

**HOMILY:** Fr Philip Kennedy

*All stand.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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**

*The reader leads the people in intercession.*

*The response to each prayer:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*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 help with the ministry and mission of the Church.*

**The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy Bride,  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore opprest,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distrest,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.**



'Mid toil, and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.

*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

O God, who in the offerings presented here  
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,  
nourishing us with food  
and renewing us with your Sacrament,  
grant, we pray,  
that the sustenance they provide  
may not fail us in body or in spirit.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### PREFACE



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:

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion

un-til you come a-gain.

*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

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### 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 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us  
You are one with us,  
Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin.  
Pouring Your love and goodness in.  
Jesus our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
Now and every day  
Teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance Lord of you  
Into our lives your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us  
Born as one with us,  
Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus help us see  
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
I would come to you  
Live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand.*

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,  
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,  
so may it bring about unity in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## BANNERS OF MARRIAGE & NOTICES

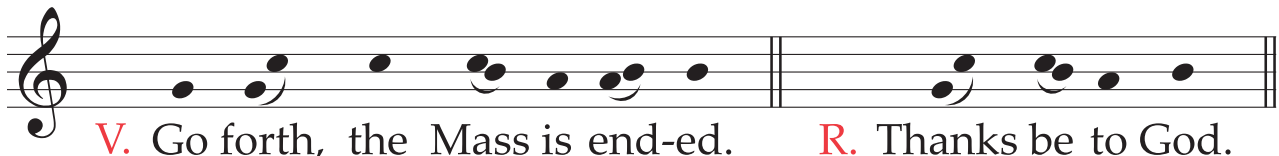
*All sit.*

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*All stand.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
and + the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**



## 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.**

Let us pray.

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

God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face:  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored:  
Let the nations shout and sing,  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tributes pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then its fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below, and all above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Processional*  
Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

*Please remain standing until the procession has left the church.*

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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, Ann Guthrie, Vicki Guthrie, Becky Saint, Joanne  
Donaghy.

*We pray for peace in the Holy Land.*

*Recently departed*

Daphne Wright, Peter Lawrence, Albert Douglas

*Anniversaries of death*

16: Rita Mills, Irene Leach

17: Edith Baker, Ethel Downer

18: Hannah Mary Hancock

19: Robert Mouncey (bp), John Hendy, Tom Shovlin

20: Mary Young

21: Joan Kenwright, Lilian Newman, George Sessford (bp)

22: Raymond Hunt, Madge Perkins, Frederick Nevell (pr)

## NOTICES

### **THIS WEEK**

Please note the revised Mass schedule. Our thanks to Fr Luke for celebrating the Mass this Wednesday at 12 noon.

There is a Mass at 10.00am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at St Agnes', Kennington Park SE11 4BB.

### **TABLETOP SALE**

Many thanks to those who supported yesterday's sale

### **MANY CONGRATULATIONS**

to Ann and Cheryl, our Churchwardens, who were sworn into office by the Archdeacon on Wednesday. Our prayers for them as they undertake this important role.

### **SATURDAY 22 JUNE: DAY TRIP TO HASTINGS**

No public worship on this day, due to the trip. Thank you for your support for the raffle so far. There is still time to obtain some tickets!

### **MONDAY 24 JUNE: PCC MEETING**

The PCC meets next on Monday 24 June at 7.00pm. Meeting preceded by the Mass at 6.30pm. Agenda and papers to follow

### **SUNDAY 7 JULY: DEDICATION FESTIVAL**

Our 141<sup>st</sup> Festival will be observed at the Parish Mass

### **SATURDAY 13 JULY: SUMMER FAIR**

between 10.00am and 2.00pm

## *June: The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

### *A meditation by St Bonaventure*

You who have been redeemed, consider who it is who hangs on the cross for you, whose death gives life to the dead, whose passing is mourned by heaven and earth, while even the hard stones are split. Consider how great he is; consider what he is.

In order that the Church might be formed from the side of Christ as he slept on the cross, in order that the word of scripture might be fulfilled – ‘They shall look on him whom they have pierced’ – God’s providence decreed that one of the soldiers should open his sacred side with a spear, so that blood with water might flow out to pay the price of our salvation. This blood, which flowed from its source in the secret recesses of his heart, gave the sacraments of the Church power to confer the life of grace, and for those who already live in Christ was a draught of living water welling up to eternal life.

Arise, then, bride of Christ, be like the dove that nests in the rock-face at the mouth of a cavern, and there, like a sparrow which finds its home, do not cease to keep vigil; there, like a turtle-dove, hide the fledglings of your chaste love; place your lips there to draw water from the wells of your Saviour. For this is the spring flowing from the middle of paradise; it divides and becomes four rivers, then spreads through all devout hearts, and waters the whole world and makes it fruitful.

O soul devoted to God, whoever you may be, run to this source of life and light with eager longing. And with the power of your inmost heart cry out to him: ‘O indescribable beauty of God most high! O pure radiance of everlasting light! O life that gives life to all life! O light that illuminates every light, and preserves in its undying splendour the myriad flames that have shone before the throne of your godhead from the dawn of time!

‘O water eternal and inaccessible, clear and sweet, flowing from the spring that is hidden from the eyes of all mortal men; the spring whose depths cannot be plumbed, whose height cannot be measured, whose shores cannot be charted, whose purity cannot be muddied.’

From this source flows the river which makes glad the city of God, so that with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving we sing to you our hymns of praise, and by experience prove that with you is the fountain of life; and in your light we shall see light.