

THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 2 November 2025
All Saints' Day

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:	ALL SOULS' DAY Low Mass: 10.00am Sung Mass: 7.00pm
	Tuesday:	ST CHARLES BORROMEEO Low Mass: 10.00am
	Wednesday:	<i>Feria</i> Low Mass: 12 noon
	Thursday:	<i>Feria</i> Low Mass: 10.00am
	Friday:	<i>Feria</i> No Mass today
	Saturday:	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Holy Rosary: 9.30am Low Mass: 10.00am
	Sunday 9 th :	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Act of Remembrance & Solemn Mass: <u>10.50am</u>

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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:

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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

All stand when the bell rings.

ENTRANCE HYMN **NEH 227**

How bright these glorious spirits shine

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.

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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.

All sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7: 2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 24: 1-6

Response: **Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.**

SECOND READING: I JOHN 3: 1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5: 1-12

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit.

SERMON: Fr Peter Hudson

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.

At the conclusion of the intercessions:

Amen.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 226

Hark the sound of holy voices

When the altar is prepared the Priest says:

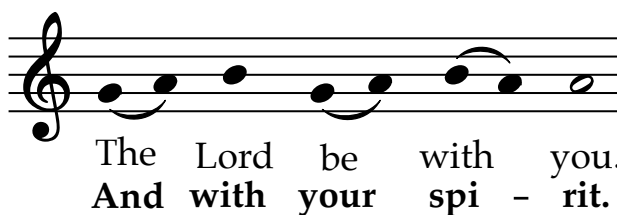
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

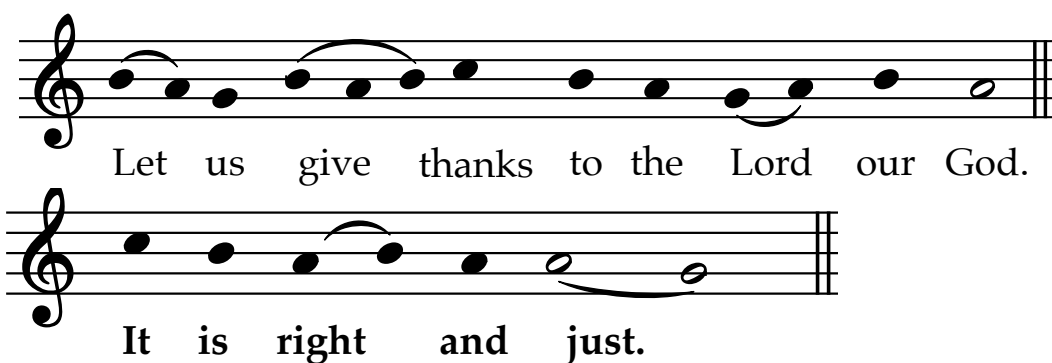
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE





The priest sings the Preface, after which we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

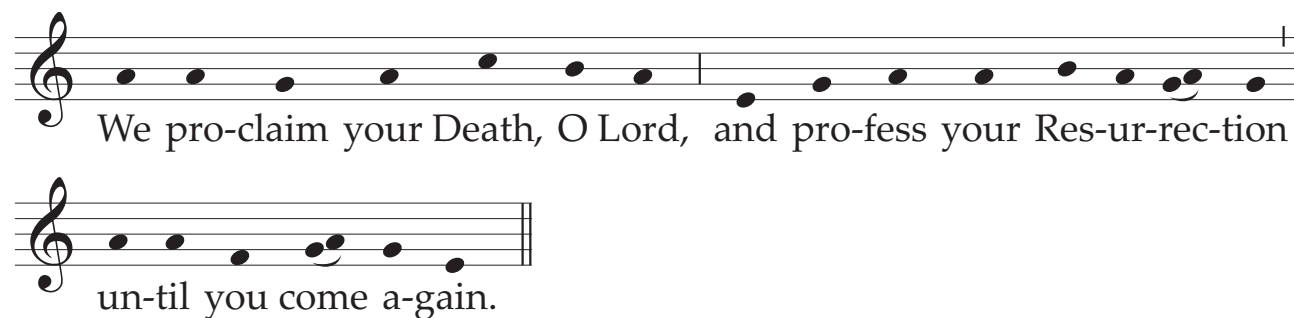
**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**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

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you are baptised 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

NEH 228

Jerusalem, thou city blest

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand.

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

All stand.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May God, the glory and joy of the Saints,
who has caused you to be strengthened by means of their outstanding prayers, bless you with unending blessings. **Amen.**

Freed through their intercession from present ills and formed by the example of their holy way of life, may you be ever devoted to serving God and your neighbour. **Amen.**

So that, together with all, you may possess the joys of the homeland, where holy Church rejoices that her children are admitted in perpetual peace to the company of the citizens of Heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN NEH 360

Firmly I believe and truly

[today St John Henry Newman will be declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo in Rome]

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude on the hymn tune 'Sine Nomine'
Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

NOTICES

OUR THANKS

to Fr Peter Hudson for being with us today to celebrate and preach while Fr Philip and a group from the Parish are on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

TOMORROW: ALL SOULS' DAY

Please see the Mass times on the front of this booklet. The departed will be prayed for by name at both Masses. Please add the names to the sheets at the back of church – please print as clearly as possible.

NEXT SUNDAY: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Act of Remembrance at the war memorial, followed by a Sung Mass of Requiem: NB 10.50am start.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION: ADVENT SUNDAY 2025

Jonathan, our Bishop, will be here to preside and preach at the Parish Mass on Advent Sunday (30 November 2025). He will also administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. If you or anyone in your family would like to be prepared for Baptism and/or Confirmation please have a word with Fr Philip as soon as possible

TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER: LARNERS' CAROL SERVICE

7.00pm Carol Service, followed by refreshments

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER: PARKGATE HOUSE SCHOOL CAROLS

2.00pm Carol Service

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER: PARISH CAROL SERVICE

5.00pm Parish Carol Service: 9 Lessons & Carols, with congregational carols and choral music from Symbel Choir, the choir who sang for us over the weekend of our Ascension celebrations.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory... The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendour with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head. St Bernard