

THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 27 May 2024
The Most Holy Trinity

11.00am Solemn Mass & Holy Baptism

*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:	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY [National Pilgrimage to Walsingham]
	Tuesday:	<i>Feria</i> Low Mass: 10.00am
	Wednesday:	<i>St Paul VI</i> Low Mass: 7.30pm
	Thursday:	<i>Feria</i> Low Mass: 10.00am
	Friday:	THE VISITATION OF THE BVM Low Mass: 10.00am
	Saturday:	<i>St Justin, Martyr</i> Holy Rosary: 11.00am Low Mass: 11.30am
	Sunday 2 nd :	CORPUS CHRISTI Solemn Pontifical Mass with Baptism and Confirmation: 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:

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Thank you for your support.



*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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78695 THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand when the bell rings.

ENTRANCE HYMN

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

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 and welcomes the Baptismal Party.

NAMING OF THE CANDIDATE & SIGNING WITH OIL OF CATECHUMENS

The priest addresses the parents:

Priest: What name have you given your children?

Parents: N and N

Priest: What do you ask of God's Church for N and N?

Parents: Baptism.

Priest: You have asked to have your child(ren) baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

The priest addresses the Godparents:

Priest: Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian parents?

Godparents: We are.

The priest welcomes the candidate for Baptism and anoints him/her with the oil of Catechumens:

Priest: N, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead.

We remain standing to sing GLORIA IN EXCELSIS during which children and leaders leave for Sunday School.

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: ROMANS 8: 14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 28: 16-20

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

All sit.

HOMILY: Fr Philip Kennedy, *Vicar*

HYMN

All stand

The procession makes its way to the font, with candidates, parents & Godparents

**The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;
Now is the mighty Captive freed,
And death's strong castle stormed.**

**The Lord is risen indeed!
Then hell has lost his prey;
With him is risen the ransomed seed
To reign in endless day.**

**The Lord is risen indeed!
He lives, to die no more;
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
Whose curse and shame he bore.**

THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

All stand.

The Priest addresses the parents and Godparents:

Parents and Godparents: You have presented these children for Baptism. You must carefully bring *N.* up in the practice of the faith. If you are ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the promises of your own Baptism and profess your faith in Christ Jesus.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

And so I ask everyone present:

Do you renounce Satan?

I do.

And all his works?

I do.

And all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

I do.

This is our faith.

This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

During the Easter Season the blessing of water is omitted.

BAPTISM

The priest addresses the parents and Godparents:

Priest: Is it your will that *N* should be baptised in the faith of the Church which we have professed with you?

P&G: *It is.*

Priest: *N*, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The priest anoints the newly baptized with the Oil of Chrism.

Priest: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, may you live always as a member of His body, sharing in everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

Priest There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N*, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All: **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father, we welcome you.**

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

The priest sprinkles the people with baptismal water, as a reminder of our Baptism.

Cantor: Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.

All: **Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

Cantor: All you who thirst, come to the waters,
And you will never be thirsty again. *Refrain*

As rain from heaven, so is God's word,
it Waters the earth and brings forth life. *Refrain*

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him. Death shall no
longer have power over us. *Refrain*

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,
You will find peace in his infinite love. *Refrain*

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 God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
To him uplift your voice,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.**

**There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.**

**Before the great Three-One
They all exulting stand,
And tell the wonders he has done
Throughout the land:
The listening spheres attend,
And swell the growing fame,
And sing in songs which never end
The wondrous name.**

**The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry
'Almighty King!'
Who was, and is the same,
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM,
We worship thee.'**

**The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'
They ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise.**

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.**

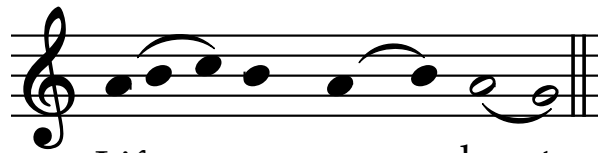
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name,
we pray, O Lord our God,
this oblation of our service,
and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PREFACE



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



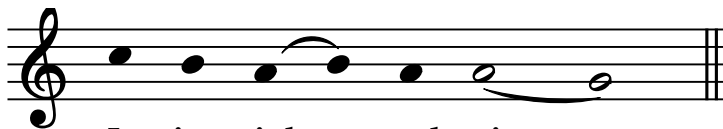
Lift up your hearts



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:

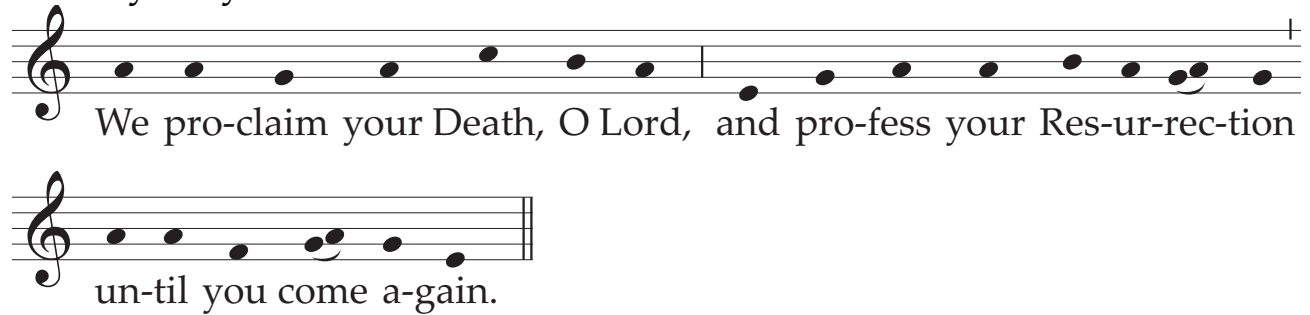
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**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:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef. The first staff contains the melody for the words "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion". The second staff contains the melody for the words "un-til you come a-gain." The music is written in a simple, rhythmic style with quarter and eighth notes.

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

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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

**Most ancient of all mysteries,
Before thy throne we lie;
Have mercy now, most merciful,
Most holy Trinity.**

**When heaven and earth were yet unmade,
When time was yet unknown,
Thou in thy bliss and majesty
Didst live and love alone.**

**Thou wert not born; there was no fount
From which thy Being flowed;
There is no end which Thou canst reach;
But thou art simply God.**

How wonderful creation is,
The work which thou didst bless,
And O, what then must thou be like,
Eternal loveliness!

Most ancient of all mysteries,
Still at thy throne we lie;
Have mercy now, most merciful,
Most holy Trinity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand.

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,
bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BANNS 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

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One;
And I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.**

**And I trust and hope most fully
In that Manhood crucified;
And each thought and deed unruly
Do to death, as he has died.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly
Light and life and strength belong,
And I love supremely, solely,
Him the holy, him the strong.**

**And I hold in veneration,
For the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
And her teachings are his own.**

**Adoration ay be given,
With and through the angelic host,
To the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Grand Choeur*
 Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Please remain standing until the procession has left the church.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

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, Nel Coleshill, John Hunwicke (pr)

Anniversaries of death

28: Lorna Went, Charlie McLeish, Michael

30: Herbert Edward Cullum, Flora Oaks, Clifford Ward

31: Edwin Arthur Pink, Sr Mary Magdalen SSM

1: Mary Seabrook, Adelaide Jones

NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS

to Hunter and Nellie upon their baptism this morning!

TOMORROW: NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Coach leaves from outside the church at 7.15am. Please do not be late! If you are not travelling with us to Walsingham but have particular prayer requests please have a word with Fr Philip after Mass.

TODAY AFTER MASS

Short meeting with those to be baptised and confirmed next week, with a short rehearsal.

SATURDAY 1 JUNE WALSINGHAM CELL SOCIAL EVENING

7.30pm in church, hosted by Olive Saint. Tickets available in church: £5 each (first glass of wine included in ticket price; donations towards drinks thereafter).

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION: SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

Bishop Jonathan will be with us on Sunday 2 June (the Solemnity of Corpus Christi) to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Please remember the candidates in your prayers. The Mass will conclude with Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FRIDAY 7 JUNE: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sung Mass at 7pm. Our visiting preacher that evening will be Fr Geoffrey Owen, Parish Priest of Christ Church & St Stephen, Battersea

SATURDAY 8 JUNE: WALSINGHAM DAY

We look forward to welcoming members of the Shrine's young adults' pilgrimage, *Adoremus*, for a day meeting here of teaching, fellowship and worship. The main teaching sessions are intended for the pilgrims only but everyone is welcome to join us for public worship that day: Sung Mass at 12 noon (celebrated by the Bishop of Fulham) and for Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction about 4.00pm.

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

We look forward to welcoming Br Michael Jacob SSF as our visiting preacher at the Parish Mass on Sunday 9 June. Br Michael is a life-professed member of the Society of St Francis, and has lived and worked most recently in the Society's house in Leeds

SATURDAY 15 JUNE: TABLETOP SALE

Between 10am and 2pm

SATURDAY 22 JUNE: DAY TRIP TO HASTINGS
No public worship on this day, due to the trip.

APCM RESULTS

Following our Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church meeting last Sunday, those listed below have been duly elected to serve this year on the Parochial Church Council:

Churchwardens

Cheryl Harper
Ann Warwick

The swearing-in of Churchwardens for the Wandsworth Archdeaconry will take place on Wednesday 12 June at 8pm at St Peter's, Norbiton. It would be good if some from our parish could join Fr Philip in attending this celebration to support our Churchwardens.

Deanery Synod Representatives (ex-officio)

Ruth Cansdale
David Neil-Smith

PCC Members

Dean Warwick
Ekow Banson
Barbara Marcham
Michael Waller
Jacqueline Wilkinson
Robin Farquhar-Thomson
Carlene Powell

Thank you for their willingness to stand and for their support for the witness and growth of our parish.

From a Letter of St Athanasius on the Holy Trinity

It will not be out of place to consider the ancient tradition, teaching and faith of the Catholic Church, which was revealed by the Lord, proclaimed by the apostles and guarded by the fathers. For upon this faith the Church is built, and if anyone were to lapse from it, he would no longer be a Christian either in fact or in name.

We acknowledge the Trinity, holy and perfect, to consist of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In this Trinity there is no intrusion of any alien element or of anything from outside, nor is the Trinity a blend of creative and created being. It is a wholly creative and energising reality, self-consistent and undivided in its active power, for the Father makes all things through the Word and in the Holy Spirit, and in this way the unity of the holy Trinity is preserved. Accordingly, in the Church, one God is preached, one God who is *above all things and through all things and in all things*. God is *above all things* as Father, for he is principle and source; he is *through all things* through the Word; and he is *in all things* in the Holy Spirit.

Writing to the Corinthians about spiritual matters, Paul traces all reality back to one God, the Father, saying: *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.*

Even the gifts that the Spirit dispenses to individuals are given by the Father through the Word. For all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son, and so the graces given by the Son in the Spirit are true gifts of the Father. Similarly, when the Spirit dwells in us, the Word who bestows the Spirit is in us too, and the Father is present in the Word. This is the meaning of the text: *My Father and I will come to him and make our home with him.* For where the light is, there also is the radiance; and where the radiance is, there too are its power and its resplendent grace.

This is also Paul's teaching in his second letter to the Corinthians: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* For grace and the gift of the Trinity are given by the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Just as grace is given from the Father through the Son, so there could be no communication of the gift to us except in the Holy Spirit. But when we share in the Spirit, we possess the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit himself.