



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK
ST FRANCIS DE SALES & ST GERTRUDE CHURCH

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16th August 2026: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Year A

1st Reading: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab. **Psalm:** 45:10. 11. 12. 16. **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-27. **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56.

2nd Collection:

NEXT: (13th September-Catholic Education Service)

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Michael Faneye, MSP: Parish Priest;

Mr Charles Madden: Chair PPC / Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance; Mrs Sade Onile-Ere: Safeguarding, Catechist / Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE			ORDER OF MASS	
DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS	I Confess	p.8
Saturday:15/08	18.30		1 st Reading	p. 179
Sunday:16/08	09.00	For the Souls in Purgatory	Resp. Psalm	p.179
	11.00	People of the Parish	2 nd Reading	p.179
Monday:17/08	NO MASS		Gospel	p.180
Tuesday:18/08	09:30		I believe in	p.11
Wednesday:19/08	09:30	Eka Ephraim-RIP	Our Father	p.56
Thursday:20/08	09:30			
Friday:21/08	09:30			
Saturday:22/08	18.30			
Sunday:23/08	09.00	Justice & Catherine Biney- 25th Anniversary & Thanksgiving		
	11.00	People of the Parish		

STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBIT

Offerings can be made by envelope,
 contactless machine, direct debit or
 standing order.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 09/08/2026

Gift Aid	Loose	Total
£212.00	£161.15	£373.15

PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS

Bevan Osei-Kesse/15th, Chimanda Nwakamma/15th, Liana Leppla/16th, Eden Woldemarian/17th, Enock Obeng/17th, Sidney H. Biney/17th, Marlene Andrews/18th, Joshua U. Duroha/19th, Ezinee Uchechukwu/19th, Dulle De Jesus/20th, Tony Dadson/21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP PAUL: Join Bishop Paul on pilgrimage to Lourdes, 21–28 August 2026, with the Catholic Association marking 125 years of Lourdes pilgrimages. Visit catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026 to book.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: Join Archbishop John Wilson at the March for Life UK, Saturday 5 September, 10am–5pm in London, including the Pro-Life Family Summit and Youth Summit. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

HELP TO STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING LEGALISED: Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11th September. *Right To Life UK* has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11th September. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

MEDITATION ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, BY DOM P. GUERANGER: 'O Mary, who according to the expression of thy devout servant John Damascene, hast 'made death blessed and happy', detach us from this world, where nothing ought now to have a hold on us. We have accompanied thee in desire; we have followed thee with the eyes of our soul, as far as the limits of our mortality allowed; and now, can we ever again turn our eyes upon this world of darkness? O Blessed Virgin, in order to sanctify our exile and help us to rejoin thee, bring to our aid the virtues whereby, as on wings, thou didst soar to so sublime a height. In us, too, thou must reign; in us, thou must crush the head of the wicked serpent, that one day thou mayest triumph in us. O day of days, when we shall behold not only our Redeemer, but also the Queen who stands so close to the Sun of Justice as even to be clothed therewith, eclipsing with her brightness all the splendours of the saints! [...] Hear the supplications which the Church addresses to thee as Mediatrix with the Divine Son; through thee may she receive light; through thee may she find favour with Him who loved thee, clothed thee with glory, and crowned thee with beauty. Amen.'

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING COORDINATOR: The Southwark Catholic Youth Service is seeking a Training Coordinator to help form and support the next generation of Catholic youth leaders across the Archdiocese. Find out more and apply at rcaos.org.uk/vacancies