



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.
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3rd Sunday of Easter 23rd-29th April 2023

9.00am Intentions: All parishioners

11.00 am Intentions: All parishioners

6.30pm Intentions: All parishioners

Weekday Adoration and Masses

Weekdays Adoration: Tuesday - Friday 8.00 – 8.50 am

Weekday Masses: 9.00am

Saturday Adoration and Benediction: 8.50am - 9.50am

Saturday Mass: 10.00am

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday 24th: Father's day off—No Mass

Tuesday 25th: All parishioners.

Wednesday 26th: All parishioners.

Thursday 27th: All parishioners.

Friday 28th: All parishioners.

Saturday 29th: **No Mass Today.**

Confession: Every Saturday at 10.40am - 11.30am and by appointment

Parish Office Hours:

10.00am - 2.00pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Parish Bookshop: Opens every Sunday after the 9.00am & 11.00am Masses.

Coffee Morning: There is Coffee Morning every Sunday after the 9.00am Mass. You are all welcome.

References For Bank Transfer

Please state collection name in the reference: 1st Col (Gift Aid or not), 2nd Col (Gift Aid or not), Mass Stipend, Holy Souls, Church Roof, Presbytery, Poor Souls etc.

Please remember to email or phone to book Mass dates if you pay Mass via bank transfer or DONA.

Volunteers for Parish Leads for Evangelisation

We are looking for volunteers to be Parish Leads for Evangelisation. You will be the principal point of contact in the parish for either Evangelisation, Catechesis or adult Formation. You will receive formation to become part of the wider volunteer network, supported by the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, and will be committed to the teaching and spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ. For more information visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds-lead>. Please send email, or telephone or speak with Father Cosmas after Mass to register your interest.

Sunday (16th - 21st April) Offertory Collection & DONA:

1st Collection & Gift Aid £967.32

Thank You

Mass stipend: £10

Thank You

Church restoration: £59.00

Thank You

House restoration £4.92

Thank You

Other £140

Thank you

Total: £1,181.24

(DONA total for Sat 15-Apr-23: £0.00)

2nd Collection for Sunday 23rd April: Maintenance of St. George's Cathedral

The Total Cost For Parish Roof Repairs will be £16,620.00

The total cost for our parish roof repairs will cost £16,620.00 VAT Inclusive. The repairs will cover the following: Replace the iron cast gutters with uPVC on both sides of the roof. Treatment of the roof with biocide to kill the moss and application of layers of sealant to prevent moss re-growth for 10 years. Please note that £11,520.00 of the repair cost is for Scaffolding. **Total Amount Raised so far £ 14,905.95**

Contribution/Donation to the Parish and For Roof Repair: Parishioners who wish to contribute or donate to support the church and for the Roof Repair should please use the parish bank account below:

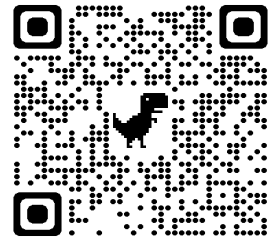
Account name: **RCAS Deptford**

Sort Code: **60-13-10**

Account number: **42-11-11-53**

Alternatively, you may wish to drop your offering envelope through the letter box of the Presbytery or use DONA Contact-less device in the church and Narthex, or scan this QR code: Thank you for your donation.

May the Almighty God continue to bless you and your family. Amen.



New website in production

We are excited to announce our new website (www.ola-rcdeptford.org.uk) is currently under construction. We are looking for photos of events our parishioners have participated in the church such as baptism, confirmation, 1st communion, wedding etc. that could be used for the website main pages. We are also looking for professional photos of the church that could be used for the front page.



The website will have a **Parish Life** page for parishioners. Please check it out.

Please send your ideas and photos to the parish email.

Priest Training Fund, 2nd Collection 30th April 2023

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund in the 2nd Collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it cost £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Donate www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

Promotion of Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm entitled The Good Shepherd Calls where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by emailing: vocations@rcaos.org.uk

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Applications Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for our next commission day which will be at The Friars, Aylesford on 29th April 2023. Candidates must be 16 or above, practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals.

Candidates should only be presented for commissioning once they have completed a course of preparation in their parish, as recommended in Take and Eat, and have a clear Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) obtained through their parish Safeguarding Representative as outlined in the instructions agreed by CSAS. These can be found on the Safeguarding pages on our website <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/safeguarding/>

Forms available to download from www.ola-rcdeptford.org.uk/ParishLife

Baptism dates

April Saturday 29th @ 2pm | May: Saturday 27th @ 2pm
June: Saturday 24th @ 2pm | July: Saturday 29th @ 2pm
August: Saturday 26th @ 2pm

All baptism forms should be completed and returned a week before your chosen date. Forms can be downloaded from website page Baptism (www.ola-rcdeptford.org.uk/Baptism)

Meeting Jesus

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?



Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realize who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.

Saint George "For the Persecuted" 24th April

When the pagan Emperor Diocletian started persecuting Christians, St. George pleaded with the Emperor to spare their lives. However, St. George's pleas fell on deaf ears and it is thought that the Emperor Diocletian tried to make St. George deny his faith in Christ, by torturing him. St. George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine on 23rd April, 303.

There is much talk nowadays about the apathy surrounding Saint George's day and about what we should do to celebrate it, but we could do no worse than make St. George's commitment to stand up for the persecuted our own.

To do: Support a charity that champions the needs of the persecuted. Starting points might include, 'The Church in Need', or the 'Barnabas Fund'.

St Mark's Gospel

The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there. St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Roman Christians to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel.