



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.  
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**6th Sunday of Easter 14th to 20th May 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 15th:** Father's day off—No Mass  
**Tuesday 16th:** All parishioners  
**Wednesday 17th:** All parishioners  
**Thursday 18th:** Niki Nneka Odogwu (B'day), Emmanuel Odogwu (Special Intentions)  
**Friday 19th:** All parishioners.  
**Saturday 20th:** Clive (B'day)  
**Confession:** Saturdays 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.**

**Sunday (7th to 12th May) Offertory Collection & DONA:**

1st Collection & Gift Aid: £1084.13	Thank You
Mass stipend: £40.00	Thank You
Church Roof Repair: £56.53	Thank You

**Total: £1,180.66**

(DONA total for Saturday 6th May : £0.00)

2nd Collection 14th May: Catholic Communications Network (CNN)

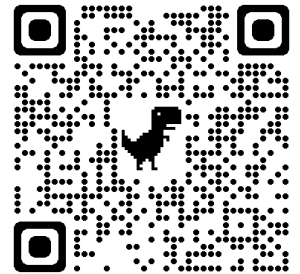
**The Total Cost For Parish Roof Repairs will be £16,620.00**

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 size 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**

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**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 continues to bless you and your family. Amen.

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## Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Sept. 23rd, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, and no later than **31st July**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. You can also get in touch with us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

### Red Box 2022

In 2022 OLA raised £1,095.19 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of projects such as the Funding Mission station in Cameroon has enabled Fr Leon, and Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God. Visit [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

### Dates for Parish Baptism

**May:** Saturday 27th at 2pm

**June:** Saturday 17th @ 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](http://www.ola-rcdeptford.org.uk/Baptism))

### Part-time teacher

Part-time teacher required For September 2023 at Laleham Lea Independent Catholic School Please contact **Mrs Strachan for an application pack on [sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk) 0208 660 3351**. Closing date for applications is May 19th 2023 at noon

### New website in production

We are excited to announce our new website ([www.ola-rcdeptford.org.uk](http://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.

## Finding the Best Way

Jesus' 'farewell discourses' are a bit like a teacher's final lesson before an exam .... packed with important advice. "If you love me you will keep my commandments." "Love one another as I have loved you." "The Spirit of Truth will abide with you when I am gone."



Love of course is key to all Jesus' last minute advice. There's lots we already know about love from our own relationships. If we love and care about each other we say where we are going and what time will be back home. If we love each other we don't keep secrets or have affairs. If we love each other we put our loved one's needs before our own. It's the same with God; we show God we love him by keeping his commandments. Commandments aren't there to create unnecessary discipline, they are there to keep us in love with God and with each other.

Jesus knew that once he was gone some of his commandments would become less clear. Two thousand years down the line there are many issues that have grey areas, such as euthanasia, and the sciences that govern nuclear energy or fertility. For instances such as these, Jesus left us an 'Advocate' a 'Spirit of Truth'. We are promised that the 'Spirit of Truth' will guide us through all of life's difficult decisions. Jesus left us with hope and help, now it's down to us.

### Ascension Thursday (Real and Present)

On this day we imagine Jesus going to some place high above the clouds, to some faraway place beyond death. But if the disciples felt any sense of abandonment that's certainly not how they acted. The disciples didn't leave the scene of the Ascension in mourning; they returned with great joy and praised God in the temple day after day. It is clear that the disciples did not experience Jesus as absent. It is clear that in everything they did from then on that Jesus was real and present in their lives.

### Christian Aid Week (14th-20th May)

**This Christian Aid Week** you could help make dreams come true for farming families in Malawi. For just £10 could pay for a 2kg bag of seeds to plant pigeon peas – a hardy, drought-resistant crop. For just £50 could provide seeds and farming tools for a family.



**Donate online at [WWW.give.christianaid.org.uk/donate](http://WWW.give.christianaid.org.uk/donate)**