



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.
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Twelfth Sunday 25th June to 1st July 2023

9.00am Intentions: Gabriel Deji Falade (RIP), Memuna (God's protection).

11.00 am Intentions: Sacred Heart Society Thanksgiving

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 26th: Father's day off—No Mass.

Tuesday 27th: All parishioners.

Wednesday 28th: All parishioners.

Thursday 29th: B'Day for John & Philomena Lobo-Pires

Friday 30th: Holy Souls.

Saturday 1st: Chioma Sobiere (B'day), Holy Souls.

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 use the online Mass Booking form if you pay Mass via bank transfer or DONA.

Sunday 11th—17th June) Offertory Collection & DONA

1st Collection & Gift Aid: £885.85 Thank you

Mass stipend: £80.00 Thank you

Church roof: 28.54 Thank you

Other: £1,000.00 (private donation for specific purpose. Special thank you).

Total: £1,994.39

Parish Roof Repairs Update

The repair work has started and may continue for the next two to four weeks. I wish to thank you all for the support you gave to this parish project.

Contribution/Donation to the Parish

Parishioners who wish to contribute or donate to support the church should use the parish bank account below:

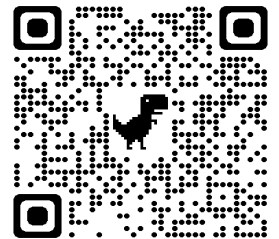
Account name: **RCAS Deptford**

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.

Meeting with the Parents of the 2023 Confirmation Candidates

There will be a meeting of parents of the confirmation candidates on Saturday 1st July 2023 at 2.00pm

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 As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

Dates for Parish Baptism

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)

On-line Mass Bookings

We have set up the online Mass Booking form on our parish website. Parishioners are encouraged to use the form to book Mass when they are paying by DONA or by bank transfer. This form will ensure that when you pay online or via bank transfer your Mass will be said on the day. The form is easy to use and takes less than 3mins. The form can be found at the top menu on the parish website <https://ola-rcdeptford.org.uk>.



Save the Date

The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding an Autumn Assembly on **Saturday 23rd September 2023**. Entitled: **The Right to Stay: Free to Choose** addressing the motivations that affect decisions taken to leave one's native land. Everyone welcome – more information will follow shortly.

THIS IS REFUGEE WEEK 16th to 25th JUNE. Podcast from Archbishop John Wilson.

Deptford High Street Community Design Workshop 26th July

The local council is running a workshop on 26th July for the local community to engage in the improvement project for Deptford High Street.

Date: 26th July @ 6-7:30pm

Location: Douglas Way London SE8 4AG

Register for event at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/661037078697>

More information can be found on Bulletin Board on parish website.

Courage and Worth

Some people leave their homes and go to work with the poorest of the poor in far flung third world countries but we are not those people. Some people fund raise tirelessly day in and day out for those who are ill or poor but we are not those people. Some people campaign endlessly to end injustice and cruelty .. but we are not those people. We are not those people! Why not?



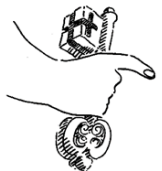
We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, of failure, disruption and discomfort. In short, we lack the necessary courage.

In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who have refused to compromise their beliefs. Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart?

Today's gospel teaches us an important lesson; courage is all to do with self worth. If you feel you are worthless you are easily intimidated, but if you feel you do have worth, your conviction will lend you real courage. So do we appreciate our worth? Jesus convinces us that even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we. We have an individual worth to God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have great potential. We all have something to offer no excuses, no exceptions.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul—29th June

Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God.



It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Fortunately today's Christians don't get thrown to the lions any more, but we face different sorts of problems instead. Today we face lethargy, conflicting secular values, and the complexities of scientific debate. The Church cannot be silenced. Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton.

Use your voice to speak out for our global family?

At CAFOD we really need your help to reach out to more parishes across the diocese. We are looking for volunteer speakers, so if you can spare one or two weekends a year to visit parishes in your area (or further a field) to speak at Mass about CAFOD's work and share stories of the communities we work with around the world please get in touch. Full training and support provided. Find out more about the volunteer speaker role and our other volunteering roles on our website or by contacting Celeste and Sarah at southwark@cafod.org.uk . We would love to hear from you!