



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.
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Fifteenth Sunday 16th to 22nd July 2023

9.00am Intentions: UCM (Special Intentions),
11.00 am Intentions: Chisom Nnadika (B'day), Maryann David (B'day).
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 17th Father's day off—No Mass.
Tuesday 18th: All parishioners.
Wednesday 19th: Isiah Nnambi Odogwu (B'day).
Thursday 20th: All parishioners.
Friday 21st: Lottoana Tobecharwu Odogwu (B'day).
Saturday 22nd: All parishioners.
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 2nd to 8th July Offertory Collection & DONA

1st Collection & Gift Aid: £940.63	Thank you
2nd Collection & Gift Aid: 200.28	Thank you
Mass stipend: £79.25	Thank you
Church Restoration: 17.90	Thank you

Total: £1,238.06

Parish Roof Repairs Update

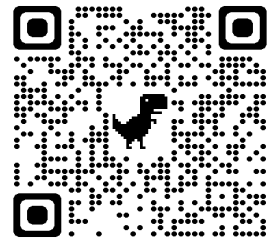
The repair work has started and may continue for the next four to six weeks. I have informed the company to take photos before and after. These photos will be displayed on the parish notice board when the work is completed. I wish to thank you all for the support you gave to this parish project.

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.

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 two weeks before your chosen date. Forms can be downloaded from website page Baptism (www.ola-rcdeptford.org.uk/Baptism)

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities

This seminar will take place at the **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023**. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For more information and registration, please use this link or scan the QR Code above:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. Or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. **Registration is FREE.**

On-line Mass Bookings

We would like to remind parishioners to use the online mass booking form when you are paying mass via DONA or bank transfer. There have been a couple of mass bookings via DONA with no accompanying bookings. Your mass will not be said if we do not have the information. You can find the form on the top menu on our website <https://ola-rcdeptford.org.uk>.

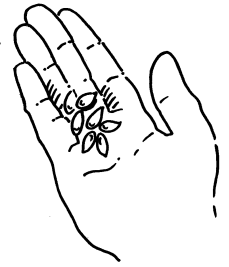


Save the Date

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.

Listen, Reflect, Respond

Today's gospel reading focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word. The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word is received or not received. The seed sown on the path that grew quickly but was stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand it. The Word eludes us. The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with. The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it, but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit. Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results.



The Bible, and the teaching contained in it, is God's legacy to us, so how do we go about listening? Do we listen to the Sunday readings in a negative state of mind? Are we expecting to be bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? Do we ever take home the Mass sheet to reflect on the readings we have heard at Mass? Do we ever consider how the readings should be impacting our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently?

It's obvious that a seed needs fertile ground to grow. Similarly, it's obvious that we need fertile hearts and open minds for God's Word to seed and bear fruit. Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond.

Standing Together—16th July

Standing Together Sunday is an opportunity for churches across Britain and Ireland to unite in prayer and lament, and to stand against the increasing levels of serious youth violence. The hope is that Standing Together Sunday will inspire an increasingly passionate response of love and practical action from the Church towards the young people and families whose lives are devastated by the realities of youth violence. In your prayers today remember families whose lives have been devastated by violence.

Holiday Food banks

Foodbanks usually see an increase in demand for emergency food for children during the summer holidays. Over a third of all food distributed by the foodbank network throughout the year goes to children, but there is extra financial pressure during the school holidays for families who rely on free school meals during term time, amounting to between £30 and £40 a week per child. If you regularly donate to foodbanks, consider donating more in the school holidays. If you have never donated to a foodbank, now is a good time to start.