



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.
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Fourteenth Sunday 9th July to 15th July 2023

9.00am Intentions: Memuna (God's protection).

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 10th Father's day off—No Mass.

Tuesday 11th: All parishioners.

Wednesday 12th: All parishioners.

Thursday 13th: Henry Cherwube Odogwu (B'day).

Friday 14th: All parishioners

Saturday 15th: Justina Ukaegbu (B'day), Judith Nneka Ukaegbu (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 use the online Mass Booking form if you pay Mass via bank transfer or DONA.

Sunday 25th—1st July Offertory Collection & DONA

1st Collection & Gift Aid: £948.81

Thank you

Mass stipend: £89.75

Thank you

Church restoration: 14.70

Thank you

Tithe: 217.11

Thank you

Total: £1,270.37

2nd collection for this Sunday (9th July) is for Stella Maris.

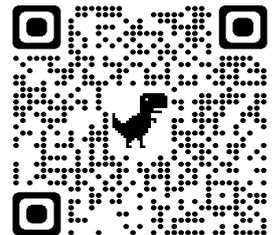
Parish Roof Repairs Update

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.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting 14th July 7pm

There will be a meeting of the parish Finance Committee meeting next Friday, 14th July 2023 at 7.00pm in the church. Fr. Cosmas looks forward to meeting all members both old and new.

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 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.



Out of the Mouths of Babes

How often do we laughingly say, "...Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be

very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we?

When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Sea Sunday 9th July 2023

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you