



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.  
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### Thirteenth Sunday 2nd July to 8th July 2023

**9.00am** Intentions: Memuna (God's protection), Kyar (Birthday), Esere (Birthday), Anne-Marie Onyeneke (RIP).

**11.00 am** Intentions: All parishioners

**6.30pm** Intentions: Olivia Chin, Thanksgiving.

### 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 3rd:** Father's day off—No Mass.

**Tuesday 4th:** Otoebu Midagbobodji (Holy Souls).

**Wednesday 5th:** All parishioners.

**Thursday 6th:** All parishioners.

**Friday 7th:** All parishioners

**Saturday 8th:** The Blessed Virgin Mary.

**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 18th—1st July Offertory Collection & DONA

1st Collection & Gift Aid: £873.05 Thank you

2nd Collection : £197.18 Thank you

Mass stipend: £99.79 Thank you

House repairs: 4.92 Thank you

Tithe: £140 Thank you

Other (Seminarians in Africa: £20 Thank you

**Total: £1,334.94**

2nd collection for 2nd July is Peter's Pence.

(Collection for next week 9th July will be for Stella Maris)

### Parish Roof Repairs Update

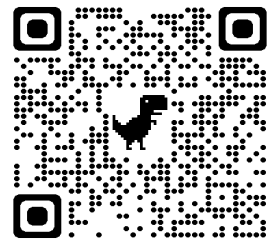
The repair work has started and may continue for the next four to six weeks. I have informed the company to take photos before and after. These photos will be displayed on the parish notice board when the work is completed. I wish to thank you all for the support you gave to this parish project.

### 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

There will be a meeting of the parish Finance Committee meeting next Friday, 7th 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](mailto: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](http://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.

### Peace Action for July

**9th July** is Sea Sunday. On this day we support the seafarers who face danger and poor working conditions to bring us food and supplies.

**18th July** is "Nelson Mandela International Day" in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom. Read 'Higher Than Hope,' the Authorized Biography of Nelson Mandela.

As the school term rattles to an end, remember to buy your teacher a 'Fairtrade' gift.

## Do Something Simple

So how do we best succeed in being people of God in the world? Jesus' advice is "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Surely this advice is too hard to follow. Does Jesus expect us to abandon our parents our children and our families in favour of a Christian crusade? On closer inspection this is not quite what Jesus may have meant. The advice in today's gospel is that Jesus should come first, and that no worldly matters should get in the way of God. No love should be greater than the love we have for God. What is the point of becoming obsessed with houses, cars, university results and the best pension deals if we are only to lose our physical lives at the end of the day anyway? The Word of God we are told, will last for eternity. It's not difficult to know where our priorities should lie and yet it is still easier said than done. We are part of the physical world after all, and transcending physical comforts is a tall order. It seems altogether too difficult, and yet would Jesus really ask something of us if we weren't capable of giving it?



The tendency in today's world is to notice and reward the grand gestures. While discipleship certainly includes such great acts as laying down one's life for Christ, it also includes such everyday simple acts as hospitality and charity. Jesus was surely an expert psychologist when he said "...And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." It's with relief that we learn that God asks no more of us than we are individually capable of. We are all capable of doing something, however simple. Do something simple for God

### St Thomas the Apostle—3rd July

Saint Thomas is best remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection. We will remember Thomas for his nagging doubts and his insistence for physical proof. In all, Thomas has provided wonderful opportunities for Christ to teach us important and eternal truths.

*"Cast away all disquieting doubts and learn to triumph over old weaknesses as St Thomas did, who by his ignorance hath instructed the ignorant, and by his incredulity hath served for the faith of all ages.*

Stella Maris Sunday is on 9th July 2023

Stella Maris is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK. There will be a second collection at all the three masses for the apostolate of Stella Maris