



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.  
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### Nineteenth Sunday 13th to 19th August 2023

**9.00am** Intentions: Juliette Olasiyan (B'day).

**11.00 am** Intentions: Alejandro Ospina (Thanks Giving & Farewell), Zukora Adetunji (B'day), Obianamma Ekwuozov (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 14th:** Father's day off—No Mass.

**Tuesday 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday 16th:**

**Thursday 17th:** Odufa Irumekhai (B'day).

**Friday 18th:** All parishioners.

**Saturday 19th:** 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 30th July to 5th August Offertory Collection & DONA

1st Collection & Gift Aid: £901.77

Thank you

Mass stipend: £124.76

Thank you

Stole fees: £35.62

Thank you

Parish Restoration: £104.92

Thank you

Tithe: £48.75

Thank you

**Total: £1,215.85**

### Contribution/Donation to the Parish

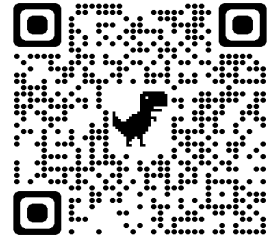
Parishioners who wish to contribute or donate to support the church should use the parish bank account below:

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.

### St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, 14th August

In 1941, Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and was eventually transferred to the prison at Auschwitz, where he carried on ministering to his fellow prisoners in secret. In order to discourage attempts to escape, the prison had a rule that for every escapee, ten other men would be put to death. In July of 1941, a man from Kolbe's bunker disappeared. Ten men were chosen to be starved to death. One of those chosen, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was especially devastated because he had a wife and family, and he had hoped to return to them someday. Father Kolbe volunteered to take his place. His offer was accepted.

Maximilian Kolbe is honoured as the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement. Pope John Paul II called him "The patron saint of our difficult century."

***"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13.***

**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**

17th August: **Baptism Preparation Programme (mandatory)**

26th August: **Baptism in Church at 2.00pm.**

19th Sept.: **Baptism Preparation Programme (mandatory)**

23rd September: **Baptism in Church at 2.00pm.**

15th October **MSP Mission Appeal Day.**

22nd October **UCM Enrolment Day.**

5th November **SMA Mission Appeal Day.**

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))

**Jesus Christ: Past, Present & Future (Theology course)**

In this year-long theology programme we take a sustained look at Jesus and what Christians believe about him. Jesus belongs to a particular place and time in history. So how did the first century Palestinian carpenter known as 'Jesus of Nazareth' become the 'Jesus Christ' of Christianity, the 'eternally begotten Son of the Father', the 'Word made Flesh'?

Saturday, 14 October 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, 25 November 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, 13 January 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, 9 March 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, 11 May 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, 29 June 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm

**More information about this and other courses and how to sign up can be found on the parish Bulletin Board [https://ola-rcdeptford.org.uk/?page\\_id=481](https://ola-rcdeptford.org.uk/?page_id=481)**

**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. Your mass will not be said if we do not have the information. **Please enter the name of the person in DONA and in the bank reference.** You can find the form on the top menu on our website <https://ola-rcdeptford.org.uk>



**Gospel Reflection : Rock The Boat**

What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life safely?

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not previously have considered or initiate a local community project .... a global one even! We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't had obeyed the call to walk on water, he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life changing support. So too if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith.

It's said that the safest place to be is not in the boat at all; the safest place is out on life's seas, because that's where Jesus is!

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August**

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

**Bitesize**

You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith.

*Mary Manin Morrissey*