



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.
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Eighteenth Sunday 6th to 12th August 2023
Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

9.00am Intentions: IN HONOUR OF GOD THE FATHER.

11.00 am Intentions: IN HONOUR OF GOD THE FATHER, St. Cecilia Choir & Voice of Africa Choir (Special intentions), Madam Mary Omogbemile Borisade (11th Year Anniversary of her passing).

6.30pm Intentions: Mama Feza & Papa Clement Kamwanga (Death Anniversary), Bijundi Bashige (50th anniversary).

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 7th: Father's day off—No Mass.

Tuesday 8th: Tiann Awele Odogwu (B'day), Peter Niemogha (B'day).

Wednesday 9th: Richard Chibuike-Richard (B'day)

Thursday 10th: All parishioners.

Friday 11th: All parishioners.

Saturday 12th: 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 23rd to 29th July Offertory Collection & DONA

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| 1st Collection & Gift Aid: £1,007.48 | Thank you |
| Retired Priests: £10.79 | Thank you |
| Mass stipend: £50 | Thank you |
| Votive Candles: £300.77 | Thank you |
| Holy Souls: £47.23 | Thank you |
| Poor Box: £41.11 | Thank you |
| Parish Restoration: £162.72 | Thank you |
| Tithe: £360.36 | Thank you |

Total: £1,980.46

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>



ALL MEMBERS OF VOA ARE WELCOME

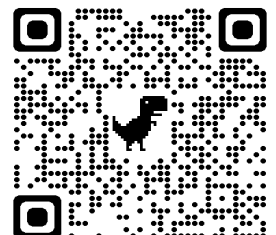
Today we are privileged to have members of the Voice of Africa Choir who will leading the singing at our 11.00am mass today. We thank you for coming and may God bless you all. Amen.

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.

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

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-redeptford.org.uk/Baptism)

Right to Life

6th (Transfiguration of the Lord) - "The intrinsic human dignity that elevates all human beings is sometimes masked by outward appearances. Let us pray that the human dignity of those with disabilities, the homeless, and the unborn is always respected and protected. Lord hear us".

13th (19th Sunday of Ordinary Time) - "As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this coming Tuesday, let us pray to imitate Our Lady's spirit of welcome and charity, especially at the announcement of a new pregnancy. Lord hear us".

20th (20th Sunday of Ordinary Time) - "Let us pray for all those who work for the protection and enrichment of human life, that they might maintain a positive approach to lending their support in difficult situations. Lord hear us".

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.** <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.**

Gospel Reflection for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. In today's gospel we see him recognise that Peter James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and gave them a glimpse of the glory they would one day share. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. Peter, eager to keep hold of the vision suggested erecting three tents! It wasn't such a silly idea, for although three tents could not hold the vision, Peter recognised the importance of keeping it, even if it was only as a memory. He recognised that the vision could motivate him from then on.



Professional life mentors and motivational speakers could give us a few clues when it comes to staying motivated. The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. People on a diet have a vision of themselves three stone lighter. Students struggling to sit at a desk and revise on a hot sunny afternoon motivate themselves with a vision of that much sought after career. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war, or simply to improve the life of one other person. The second most important piece of advice is to imbue that vision with a passion. It's no good having a lack lustre vision, we need a vision that will make us feel passionate about our goal, something that we can conjure up in our mind's eye and make us leap into action.

We tend to think of visionaries as some kind of mystics, but a visionary is simply a person with original ideas about what the future will or could be like. With God's help, it's in us all!

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The Our Lady, Queen of Peace Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday 28th August 2023**. This year we have the great privilege of having Fr Zvonimir Pavičić OFM, the parish priest of St James, Medjugorje to lead the pilgrimage. Parishioners will arrange own transport. If you would like to attend and have space in your car to take passengers or have no transport, please let Father know. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Evening Prayers at St Patrick's Church

Fr Zvonimir will also lead an evening of prayer at St Patrick's church, Soho Square, W1D 4NR on 30th August 2023.

6.30pm Rosary followed by talk by Fr Zvonimir
7.45pm Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction.
9:30pm End

Bitesize

The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps — we must step up the stairs.
Vance Havner