



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Deptford.
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Twenty-sixth Sunday 1st to 7th October 2023

9.00am Intentions: All parishioners.

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 2nd: Father's day off—No Mass.

Tuesday 3rd: Francis Selemo (**Holy Souls Mass**).

Wednesday 4th: All parishioners.

Funeral Mass for Zachary Oyo at 11.00am

Thursday 5th: All parishioners.

Friday 6th: All parishioners.

Saturday 7th: All parishioners.

Confession: Saturdays at 10.40am - 11.30am and by appointment.

Parish Office Hours:

9:30am - 1:30pm Tuesdays to Fridays.

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, Building Fund, Presbytery, Poor Souls etc.

Please use the online Mass Booking form if you pay Mass via bank transfer or DONA.

Mr. Zachary Oyo Funeral Mass

The funeral mass for the late Mr. Zachary Oyo, will hold on Wednesday **4th October at 11.00am**. Burial will be at Grove Park Cemetery at 1.30pm. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

Sunday 17th to 23rd September Offertory Collection & DONA

1st Collection & Gift Aid: £942.92

Thank you

2nd Collection: £273.80

Thank you

(Catholic Agency for Evangelisation)

Mass stipend: £34.66

Thank you

Building Fund: £40.31

Thank you

Thanks Giving for Roli: £397.38

Thank you

Lectern: £48.75

Thank you

Total: £1,737.82

*2nd Collection for this week is for the **Building Fund***

Contribution/Donation to the Parish

Parishioners who wish to contribute to support the church can choose the different ways to donate. More information can be found on parish website under Donate https://ola-rcdeptford.org.uk/?page_id=24

Bank Transfer

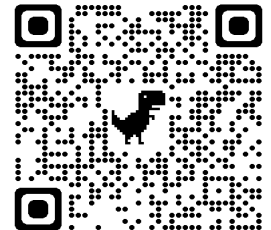
Account name: **RCAS Deptford**

Sort Code: **60-13-10**

Account number: **42-11-11-53**

DONA

Please use DONA Contactless device in the church and Narthex, or scan the QR code above:



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www.easyfundraising.org.uk



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 **Mass Bookings** form on the top menu on our website https://ola-rcdeptford.org.uk/?page_id=157



Dates for your Diary

15th October: MSP Mission Appeal Day.
19th October: Baptism Preparation Programme .
22nd October: UCM Enrolment Day.
28th October: Baptism in Church at 2.00pm.
5th November: SMA Mission Appeal Day.
25th November: Baptism in Church at 2.00pm
16th December: Baptism in Church at 2.00pm

All baptism forms should be completed and returned two weeks before your chosen date. Baptism preparation is mandatory for parents of all candidates for baptism. Please if you cannot attend this mandatory baptism preparation session, try consider moving your chosen baptism date to

Rosary Month — October 2023

At the heart of every mystery of the Rosary is Jesus. As we pray, we walk through His entire life. We begin with the Joyful Mysteries from His conception and early years, the Mysteries of Light from His public ministry, the Sorrowful Ministries from the brutal end of His life, and the Glorious Mysteries from the heavenly events that followed His death, starting with His Resurrection. However, as we walk through the life of Jesus, we are not alone. We walk this road with the most wonderful companion: His Mother. It is through Mary that Jesus desires us to come to Him, and therefore it is through her eyes and in her company that we look at His life while praying the Rosary.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day: *Friday 6th October*

On Friday 6th October, we are asked to fast, and to put the proceeds of our fast in the donation envelopes provided at the back of church. If you are a UK tax payer, don't forget to fill out the gift aid section. Bring your donation envelope back next Sunday or soon after. By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by disease and poverty, displaced from their homes and communities by the climate crisis.

St Thomas More Comprehensive School Open Days

Date: 10th to 12th October @ 9:30am—2:30pm
Address: Footscray Road, Eltham, London, SE9 2SU
Email: enquiries@stmcomprehensive.org. Tel: 0208-850-6700 Website: www.stmcomprehensive.org

Peace Actions for October

- Pray the Rosary for peace especially during the 'Week of Prayer for World Peace' from 15th October
- Commit to stewardship of the planet and respect for God's creation on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

The Definition of Insanity: There's a well-known saying that goes, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." We all know what it's like to have endless good intentions, but the good intentions are worth little if we don't actually roll our sleeves up and get things done. A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get around to it.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle with those repetitive behaviours that inevitably lead to the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.

"Pub Talk" with Professor Stephen Bullivant

Professor Bullivant is Professor of Theology and the Sociology of Religion and Director of the Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society at St Mary's University. Professor Bullivant will address the subject: "**Is Britain a Christian Country?**" with plenty of time for Q&A and discussion afterwards. The talk will be in the upstairs room of the Windsor Castle pub. Doors open at 6pm, with the talk due to begin at 6.30pm. The event is free to attend but people need to register in advance on Eventbrite as spaces are limited https://catholicunion.org.uk/eventslist/pub-talk-with-professor-stephen-bullivant/?mc_cid=86f86ed9a7&mc_eid=e1cdd58d59