

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th & 17th October 2021



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

The week ahead

Saturday 16 th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 17 th	10:15am 12 noon	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 18 th	10am	St Luke, Evangelist
Tuesday 19 th	10am	Mass
Wednesday 20 th	10am	Mass
Thursday 21 st	10am	Mass
Friday 22 nd	11:30am	Mass
Saturday 23 rd	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 24 th	10:15am 12 noon	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions:

Fr Seba is available to hear confessions. Please call the Parish office (020 3105 8577) to book your appointment.



Prayer to St Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son;

In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen



Synod 2021-2023

This Sunday, 17 October 2021, Archbishop John Wilson will launch the Synodal Process in Southwark with a livestreamed Mass at St George's Cathedral (10am – <https://youtu.be/aiCHG9JugaY>). Please see letter attached for more information. A letter from Archbishop John Wilson – Opening of the Synod – can be found on the '[Announcements](#)' page on St Joseph's website.



Liturgy

First Reading: - Isiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 Rv22 – May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you..

Second Reading: - Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Acclamation: - John 14:5 – I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Gospel: - Mark 10:35-45

Notre Dame School News

Bless our school as we learn together. Nourish our lives with love and joy. Let this be a happy school always, where all are welcomed and respected. A place where we can pray, worship and work together. Amen.

This week at Notre Dame we had a very special visitor, The Governor of Ondo State, Arakunrin Akeredolu. The Governor came to visit the Greenwich Borough as part of the Celebration of Black History 365. He came to speak to the children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and spoke about his role as the Chairman of the South West Governors Forum and being the leader of the entire South West. The Governor is known as a very hard working and exemplary leader who is motivational for young people. The children were very excited to meet him and hear of his success story and how he reached for the stars. He spoke about his work and the impact he has had on other people's lives. The children were engaged and inspired by him and asked thought-provoking questions.

Year 5 & Year 6 went to Mass at St Joseph's church for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. It was lovely! The children listened to the Gospel and had time to pray and reflect. They represented the school beautifully and they should be proud of how they behaved.



Information

Wine Raffle

The wine raffle was drawn last week, and we have a winner! Well done Phil! Our next wine raffle will take place on Sunday 19th December and tickets will be sold over the weekends of 4th & 5th and 11th & 12th December.

100 CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the 100 Club. Just a reminder that subscriptions for October need to be in now. Ann will be at the back of the church at the beginning and end of 10:15 am Mass and at the beginning of 12pm mass as usual. If anyone can volunteer to sign people up at the end of the 12pm Mass and the 6:30pm Vigil Mass, please contact Ann – 07713 021 641. Thank you.

International Mass and Food Day

It is proposed that on Sunday 5th December 2021 our parish will have an International Mass at 11am, followed by a reception of international food in the hall after. We will all be asked to provide a dish from our country of origin – which ever you feel that is. As usual this will need everyone’s help to make this happen. It would be great to get a group of people together as from today to organise this event. Please give your name to Fr Seba or fill in your name and phone number/email address on the list at the back of the church and look out for further information. **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS ON 5TH DECEMBER AT 11AM**

Diocesan Assembly

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission Autumn Assembly 2021 entitled ‘COP26: What next?’ in a continued response to the huge environment issues of our time. At Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill, Saturday 20th November from 10am onwards. Entrance is free. Everyone welcome. Email jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk to reserve your place. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Volunteers needed

The Passage, a Catholic Charity working with homeless people, has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19 October (from 7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people, they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk **020 7592 1886** (07928 703131)



Saint of the day

St Ignatius of Antioch



Patron Saint of the Church in Eastern Mediterranean & North Africa.

Although not the most famous Saint Ignatius in the Church, today’s saint was the first to offer a theology of martyrdom. He also wrote seven famous letters enroute to his ritual death in Rome, which set forth, with surprising vigour for so early a Christian, some fundamental Catholic beliefs. Saint Ignatius was a successor to Saint Peter as Bishop of Antioch in Syria. Antioch is an ancient ecclesiastical see where the followers of Christ were first called Christians. Bishop Ignatius was arrested in Antioch and, for unknown reasons, was transported across half of the empire to Rome for punishment. During this long trek, Ignatius wrote seven hastily composed letters to seven cities. He also visited with Saint Polycarp, who referenced Ignatius’ letters in a subsequent letter of his own. Ignatius’ letters, perhaps miraculously, have survived. They paint a vivid picture of first century Christianity and prove that what an educated bishop believed in 110 A.D. is essentially what Catholics believe today. Ignatius became what he celebrated; a living sacrifice offered to the Father. Although Ignatius’ body was ripped to pieces, some few bones were picked out of the grains of sand and brought back to Antioch. They are now found in the Basilica of San Clemente in Rome.

Liturgical Colour: Red

General Information

Sick, Housebound, Anniversaries and Funeral Services

Please continue to keep the sick of our parish family in your daily prayers. We continue to remember those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please write your intention down with all the details, together with the Mass stipend, and put it through the Presbytery door. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office on 020 3105 8577 or email shootershill@rcaos.org.uk – Mass intention envelopes are available at both exits of our church.

Home blessings

If you would like Fr Seba to visit your home to bless it, please call the Parish Office, send an email or speak to him after one of the Masses.

Collections

10 th October 2021	
First Collection	£457
Second Collection <small>(Hall Fund)</small>	£156.28
Votive Candles	£52.45
Holy Souls box	£155
Wine Raffle	£40
Flowers Box	£30
Total	£890.73

This week's second collection is for The Church Hall Fund

If you cannot attend mass, please visit our [website](#), and click the **Donate** button. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to tick the 'Gift Aid' box. God bless, Ave Maria.

HOLY MICHAEL PRAYER



St Michael the Archangel. Defend us in the day of our battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits who wander around the world seeking the ruins of souls.



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For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission

A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The overall theme is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission".

Pope Francis has called upon Catholics across the whole world to thoughtfully consider our own personal experiences of three areas of Catholic life of Communion, Participation and Mission

It's an invitation for us, as Catholics, to 'walk together' and every member of the Church has the right to speak, and the obligation to allow those charged with the work of discernment the freedom to do so. For the first time, the Synod Office in Rome has produced a comprehensive process which encompasses the stated aim of the Holy Father that the Church in today's world should have a vision of missionary communion orientated to evangelisation.

The Process

The process begins in the Particular (or Local) Church and then moves to the level of the Bishops' Conference. From there, discernment takes place in the Regional Area – for England and Wales, it would be steered by the European Council of Bishops' Conferences (CCEE) – before moving to the Universal Church with the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in 2023, sub et cum Petro.

You can read more on the [Bishops' Conference Synodal Process](#) page. You can also download a printable PDF of this information. In addition, they have answered some [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the Synodal Process and [suggested approaches to the Synodal Pathway](#)

Your parish is looking for one other delegate to represent us in this mission

Please speak to Fr Seba if you feel you can be this person. It will be a very rewarding experience

The rest of the parish will support you in any way we can and pray for your ministry

This Sunday St George's Cathedral, Southwark will celebrate the Opening of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in local Churches; our 10am Mass is a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and will be live streamed. Live stream to begin at 9.50am on Sunday 17 October. You can catch up with this on YouTube -

<https://youtu.be/aiCHG9JuqY>