



# St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest:

Fr. Hyacinth Igwenagu Ogbodo CSSp

### Assistant Priests:

Fr. Oliver Ejike Ugwu CSSp

Fr. Vincent Nnatuanya CSSp

### Parish Secretary:

Miss Vijitha Alfred

### Hall Manager:

Mrs Maggie Rea

Tel: 07885 353105

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### MASS TIMES:

Daily at 10am

Saturday (Vigil) at 6.30pm

Sunday 10.15 & 12noon

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

Devotion/Confessions

### ROSARY:

Mon-Fri 9.30am

Sun 9.20am

### PARISH TEL:

020 3105 8577

### PARISH E-MAIL:

shootershill@rcaos.org.uk

### PARISH WEBSITE:

stjoseph-shootershillrcaos.org.uk

### OFFICE HOURS:

Wed 10am-1pm

### FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/StjosephsSH>

## **MASS INTENTIONS: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

05/04/2025 Saturday 6.30pm	People of the parish
06/04/2025 Sunday 10.15am	Birthday blessing for Mary Doolan
06/04/2025 Sunday 12.00noon	People of the parish
07/04/2025 Monday 10.00am	Holy souls
08/04/2025 Tuesday 10.00am	Holy souls
09/04/2025 Wednesday 10.00am	Holy souls
10/04/2025 Thursday 10.00am	Holy souls
11/04/2025 Friday 10.00am	Holy souls
12/04/2025 Saturday 6.30pm	People of the parish
13/04/2025 Sunday 10.15am	People of the parish
13/04/2025 Sunday 12.00pm	People of the parish

## **THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION – April**

For the Use of New Technologies Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

1 <sup>st</sup> reading	Isaiah 43:16-21	'Behold, I am doing a new thing, and I will give drink to my chosen people'
Psalm	Psalm 126(125): 1-2b.2c-3.4-5.6. R.3	What great deeds the lord word for us indeed, we were glad.
2nd reading	Philippians 3:8-14	'For the sake of Christ, I have suffered the loss of all things, becoming like him in his death '
Gospel Acclamation	Joel 2:12-13	Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful.
Gospel	John 8:1-11	'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw stone at her '.

## **NOTICES**

**SUPPORT YOUR PARISH** It depends on the generosity of all the parishioners to enable the parish to continue and flourish. We encourage parishioners to become involved by volunteering and contributing financially.

**REPOSITORY** The repository is open after Sunday masses. Please get your sacramentals.

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**SCHOOL:**

Notre Dame Catholic  
Primary School  
Tel: 020 8854 0585  
Website:  
www.notredame.greenwich.  
sch.uk

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:**

The children's liturgy is suspended due  
to the hall closure.

**COLLECTIONS:**

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March**

1st collection: £347.87  
2nd collection: £127.58  
(Hall fund)

**12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April**

Good Friday holy places  
**Vietnamese mass** -£200.00

**100 CLUB:**

The winner of the March draw is  
Tommy Rae -CONGRATULATIONS!  
The total amount to the parish in  
January was £455. **THANK YOU**

**PARISH BANK DETAILS:**

Name: RCAS Shooters Hill  
Sort Code: 60-50-01  
Account No: 36002445

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

To save on printing costs, we only print a  
double-sided copy of the weekly  
newsletter. There is a longer version on  
the parish website with much more  
information – please take a look.

**FR HYACINTH'S FAREWELL FROM SHOOTERSHILL-** We are planning for a  
farewell get together for Fr. Hyacinth on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 3pm. Please  
we need food and drinks for this event. Also, there will be a second collection  
for Fr. Hyacinth on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Thanks for your generosity.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of April is Palm Sunday, which marks the  
beginning of Holy Week. We encourage our parishioners to come to mass a bit  
earlier to join in the blessing of the palms.

**EASTER TRIDIUUM PROGRAMME:** Maundy Thursday (Mass of the Last Super)  
8pm, Good Friday 10am (Stations of the Cross) 3pm Solemn Liturgy, Holy  
Saturday 8pm, Easter Sunday 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. We encourage our  
beloved parishioner to please take note of these dates and endeavour to take  
part in the activities of the Easter Triduum.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During this period of lent, we shall have stations of the cross every Friday  
after the morning mass.

**PARISH EASTER RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM This  
is the opportunity for ALL parishioners to receive the sacrament of  
Reconciliation during Holy Week in preparation for Easter. The service will start  
with Stations of the Cross at 7pm, led by our Confrimandi, followed immediately  
after with the opportunity to go to confession.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Our second collection this weekend is for Hall fund. Thanks for your generosity

**TEMPORARY PARISH HALL CLOSURE**

With great sorrow we would like to inform that St Joseph's hall will be  
temporarily closed due to worsening wall cracks and falling plaster. The  
diocese's surveyors have advised it is unsafe to be used. They will assess it,  
and reopening will be decided later and updated soonest. Health and Safety  
comes first and the community's safety is paramount. Please inform  
everyone who uses the hall.

**CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION**

Please it is now time to submit the outcome of our reflection on the called to  
bear fruit consultation which has been on for some weeks. A booklet on this  
was handed out to us after mass at the start of the consultation and this  
booklet outlines the process of submitting the results of our reflections.  
Thanks to our parishioners who took part in this important process.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

We have very few Mass Intentions in the register for 2025. Please book your masses.

**ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD 7 JUNE 2025.**

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). **The event itself is free.** Our parish is putting on a coach for the day itself, so to join our parish coach, please contact [shootershill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk) We shall get back to you on the cost of the coach.

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK:** Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Sign up today <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

**CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION**

A booklet on this has been handed out to us after mass few weeks back. This booklet outlines six key themes for reflection, I appeal to our parishioners to gather in small groups as works best in our community. Please let us come together prayerfully to reflect on these and share your insights with the called to bear fruit team. Thanks to our parishioners who have started meeting.

**ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL** is working with Songs of Praise for their Easter programme on Saturday 15 March 2025 from 1-4pm. To apply for free tickets, click here <https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359>

**THE SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION** will be sending daily reflections during Lent to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus. These reflections will allow us to hear the readings a new, looking at where they resonate in our own lives and how they can draw us nearer to God. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning here [https:// www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/lent2025-reflections/](https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/lent2025-reflections/)

**THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE.**

A walking pilgrimage for England & Wales for the 2025 Jubilee with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas in Nottingham. Read more <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-pilgrims-of-hope-walking-pilgrimage>

**THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** will take place from 10th to 18th March 2025 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society's Patron, with a

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special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are at 10am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11am. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website <https://millhillmissionaries.com/novena/> Evening Prayers at 7pm daily available on Mill Hill Missionaries – YouTube

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** Is on Friday 14th March. It is a day when we are asked to pray and make a Lenten sacrifice by eating simply and giving generously. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Lent is a way for us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' this Jubilee Year, by giving practical help to people affected by war, poverty and climate change, so they can build hope for their future. Collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave Mass to gift aid your donation, or give on the CAFOD website—<https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/virtual-envelope>

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**EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish every Sunday, between 9am -10am before the 10.15am Mass.

**PARISH LEAD INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Parish Lead supports the renewal and growth of their parish by intentionally accompanying the volunteers within their parish. Last year we had online sessions sharing about the role and giving some training. We have now scheduled some further sessions for February 2025 11 February 12:30pm, 12 February 7:30pm, 18 February 12:30pm, 19 February 7:30pm  
To sign up click here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/parish-lead-info-sessions>

**GIFT AID DONORS**

If you have recently started donating via standing order or are putting loose cash into the collection and you are able to gift aid your monthly offering, please complete a gift aid form online on [forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/](https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Please do not put foreign coins or other tokens in the weekly collection as this causes problems for our counting team and when banking cash.**

**WOOLWICH COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

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The charity FoodCycle run a Community Kitchen out of Woolwich Common Community Centre each Friday where they serve a free 3-course meal to anyone who comes in. With large amounts of people in the area struggling to afford food or feeling socially isolated, they find it a really good way to support the community. They are currently looking to get more volunteers to keep the service running.

**Prayer for the repose of the boy's soul**

We heard about the tragic fatal stabbing of a 14-year-old boy on a Bus in Woolwich this afternoon. Bishop Cutting the Bishop of Woolwich had a telephone conversation with Rev Jesse van der Valk Rector of St Mary Magdalene Church in Woolwich. Rev Jesse informed the meeting that his Church will be open tomorrow evening Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January between 7pm and 8pm. All are invited to pray for the repose of the boy's soul and that God in His infinite mercy may comfort and console his grieving family and friends. St Mary Magdalene Church address is 1 Greenlaw Street Woolwich London SE18 5AW

**GOVERNOR VACANCY**

Christ the King Sixth Forms are currently seeking new volunteers for their Governing Body, particularly applications from practising Catholics. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more information.

**CONTACTLESS MACHINE**

Recently, the wire to the terminal has been pulled out which means people cannot use it. **PLEASE DO NOT LET CHILDREN TOUCH THE MACHINE.**

**THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs) for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is **4th November 2024.**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES**


If you are using gift aid envelope numbers 52 or 59, please make yourself known to Mary Gadd (Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator) or email the office.

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	<p><b><u>PARISH DIGITAL TEAM</u></b></p> <p>Our new digital team will manage the Parish’s website and digital channels including the new screen displays. We are inviting our young people to join the new digital team. If you have an interest in technology, do join the team by contacting Paddy on 07361-621-953 (WhatsApp) or 07957-143-856 (SMS). You can also contact our Parish Priests or any of the Parish Teams.</p> <p><b><u>SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH</u></b></p> <p>The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has re-launched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please sign up to our network at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork">tinyurl.com/scysnetwork</a></p> <div data-bbox="584 645 858 797"></div> <p><b><u>WELCOMERS GROUP</u></b></p> <p>Would anyone like to join our existing Welcoming Group? It is hoped to start a rota again so all Masses during the weekend will have at least 2 people to welcome people, answer queries and <b>smile</b> before and after Mass. They will be expected to arrive 15 mins before Mass and leave approx. 15 mins after and have a basic understanding of our parish. <b>If you feel you can help with this please give your details on the form on the notice board.</b></p>

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